

NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, 13TH MAY 2023

Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge this superbly run show. Thanks go to my very able stewards, Steve and Tim. Thanks to everyone who had entered and especially to those who breed showing is not really your thing as you do some amazing things with your Aussies in agility, obedience, etc. All dogs were clean and well presented, I didn't have to clean my hands at all. Bites were all good but did notice a few missing pre-molars. I am not a tooth fanatic but something to be watched. Tails were well carried by all.

JUNIOR HANDLING – 12-16 years

1st – Lauren Bridges – such a talented young lady who builds such a rapport with her dogs. Having watched Lauren handle since she was 'small' it is so rewarding to see her become so accomplished. Listened to all my instructions and followed them exactly, keeping an eye on her dog at all time. Best Junior Handler in Show.

2nd – Francesca Wilson – another promising young handler who also has a good rapport with her dog. Followed my instructions well, just not quite so tidy finishing in front of me.

3rd – Hannah Whittingham

Dogs

MPD (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: TIMPERON'S Louiston Outlander with Triforce – well grown nearly 9 month old blue merle. Superb temperament and enjoying his day out, as he should Well proportioned head with flat skull. Neat, well set ears and correct obliquely set eyes. Moderate length of neck into well placed shoulders. Straight front, with moderate bone and good feet. Good depth of chest for age, topline good. Firm toppling and well muscled hindquarters with neat hocks. Moved well all ways once settled – it was his first show after all. Must have a very bright future. Had no hesitation in awarding him BPIS.

2nd: JARRAM, JARRAM & WHITTINGHAM's Chalksville Strike A Deal With Kashaella. Almost 9 month old black tri. Head developing well for age with correctly set ears and dark eye . Well balanced with a pleasing outline. Firm topline and well muscled for age. Moderate angles front and back and good width of chest. Moved soundly always. Well presented and handled by his young handler.

3rd Land & Gittins – Soloyal Kiss Artist around Casmawllan

PD (3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: TIMPERON'S Louiston Outlander with Triforce

2nd: SUCH's Soloyal Kiss of Deaf NAF – 9 month red merle boy presented well but slightly of coat. Masculine head with an alert expression and well set ears. Well boned front and neat feet. True well boned front, pleasing body shape with firm topline. Moved well but could firm up in front but is young yet and needs to mature.

3rd : JARRAM, JARRAM & WHITTINGHAM'S Chalksville Strike A Deal With Kashaella.

JD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: PUGH, McTAGGART & MACKENZIE's Northbay Xsells Can't B'leaf My I's (IMP) – 13 month blue merle. Pleasing junior male who had a very good outline when viewed from the side. Good head, with a moderate stop and well placed ears. Good neck of medium length. Good front with well boned legs and neat feet. Firm topline. Short in loin with well muscled hindquarters. Moved well around the ring, covering the ground well. Lovely well marked blue merle. Just needs to mature.

2nd: HEGGIES's Winstead Brave New World (Imp) – black tri of similar age to 1. Pleasing head and expression with good ear set and width to skull. Good angulation front and back with a firm topline and well muscled hindquarters. Moved well but needs to tighten coming and going which I am sure he will as he matures. Well presented. Very much a junior at the moment as he should be, I am sure these two will swap places many times. Promising youngster.

(3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: PUGH's Aussiepride Veni Vidi Veci at Shloyan (Imp) – Black tri coming up to 2 year old. Please head and expression with well carried ears. Good reach of neck and shoulders, level topline, good spring of rib. Good feet, felt he could tighten in pasterns a little but at this age still has a lot of maturing to do. In good condition and well muscled hindquarters. Moved well around the ring with a good side gait, needs to tighten up coming and going. Well presented and handled.

2nd: DOWNES's Damani Dream Miramax – red tri of similar age to 1. Pleasing head and expression with good ear set. Short strong neck into good shoulders and front. Level topline held on the move with good width to hindquarters. Out of coat at present but what he had was a good colour and texture. Good angulation front and back with a firm topline and well muscled hindquarters. Once settled, moved OK.

3rd: HARVEY'S Gemthorne It's a Hotspell

ND (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: TIMPERON'S Louiston Outlander with Triforce

2nd: SUCH's Soloyal Kiss of Deaf NAF

3rd: WHITE'S Franmar Devil's Desire

PGD (8 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: SIECZKAREK's Breeze Big-Heart Melodia Fleita (Imp) – Good sized red tri male. Masculine head with good stop, well set ears and a pleasing expression. Well laid shoulders into good front and neat feet. Strong level topline and broad croup, slight tuck up. Moderate angulation all through. Well handled and presented, moved well around the ring.

2nd: JARRAM, JARRAM & WHITTINGHAM's Chalksville Azrael at Kashaella – red merle with a pleasing head and expression. Looks balanced from side profile. Good head proportions and expression. Well boned with a good front and feet. Well bodied in good condition, moved well around the ring with a steady side gait.

3rd: WRAY-RAMSDEN's Caronlea Celtic Fire Starter for Takhisis (AI) (Imp)

LD (10 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: WALSH's Birkcross You Blu Me Away – aptly named young dog, at just over 18 months this blue merle but did not look out of place in this class. Excellent breed type, well balanced head with correct stop, pleasing expression, alert with well set ears. Enough reach of neck into well laid shoulders, straight, well boned front and excellent feet. Held topline well on the move, well muscled hindquarters, with neat short hocks which enabled him to move very easily around the ring. Excellently handled and presented, this young dog has more to come as he matures. Had no hesitation in awarding him the DCC and BIS.

2nd: HELLEWELL's Franmar The Thriller – at 4½ years old this boy is coming to maturity. Quality dog with a balanced outline and excellent proportions. Masculine head with well set ears and correct shaped eye. Well laid shoulders and excellent front, well bodied with good spring of rib. Sound on the move in all directions with a steady, easy movement. Well presented and handled. Was splitting hairs here for first place. Pleased to award him the RCC.

3rd: SIECZKAREK's Breeze Big-Heart Melodia Fleita (Imp)

OD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: DOUGLAS, LEONARD & ALLAN's Allmark Boom Boom EUJW22 – just over 2 this black tri male has a very appealing outline. Excellent masculine head with good stop and well set ears. Good eye shape and alert expression. Straight front and good feet. Level topline and well sprung ribs. Strong hindquarters. Well presented and handled to get the best out of him. Was in my final shortlist for CC and RCC and close up

2nd: TIMPERON's Triforce Alchemist – lovely black tri with lots to like about him. Has a lovely masculine head with almond shaped eyes and defined stop. Excellent front and rear angulation with a balanced overall shape. Moves well in all directions. Rather an abundance of coat but it was well presented and of good texture.

VD (6 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: MEE's Ch Lamintone Cloud Burst ShCM – lovely class of veteran males. This 10 year old blue merle certainly doesn't know he's that age and could definitely show the younger ones a thing or two about movement. Nicely balanced with a good height to length ratio. Excellent head shape with correct eye and ear shape and placement. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulders to straight front and excellent feet. Firm topline and well conditioned body. Very well handled (actually I don't think he needed a handler). BVIS

2nd: McTAGGART'S Jack To A King Des Terres De Khairyaca (Imp) ShCM - almost 9 years old and another who doesn't think they are a veteran. Well built with good muscle tone. Masculine head with well set ears and a dark eye. Well laid shoulders with a good front. Good body proportions, moved well around the ring.

3rd: SUCH's Soloyal Valentino ShCM

Special Open Red (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: BROWN's Rudi Labakan Slovakia (Imp) – 3 year old Red Merle lovely head and expression, alert but calm outlook. Well used ears, strong neck of moderate length into well placed shoulders. Well boned straight front and good feet. Good body proportions with level topline and broad croup. Lovely colour and well presented coat.

2nd: ZETTIN's A Song of Fire of Moon and Stars – 2 year old red merle. Not as mature as 1 and looked slightly long in body when viewed from the side. Well presented coat. Moved out well around the ring and well handled.

Special Open Blue Merle (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st HELLEWELL's Franmar The Thriller

2nd: ZETTIN's Ch America's Blue Sweetheart of Moon and Stars – well marked blue merle. Not the maturity of 1. Lovely head and expression. Could have a better reach of neck, well presented and handled. Level topline and moved around the ring well.

3rd: HEGGIE's Talard Welcome To the Jungle

Special Open Black (10 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: DOUGLAS' Ir Ch Liskarn Secret Carbon Copy for Talard – Black Tri with good head proportions his almond eyes alert expression. Ears well placed. Length of neck adequate leading into a well laid shoulders and good front. Well proportioned body with a level top line which he held on the move which was good in all directions. Well handled.

2nd: ROBERTS' Moves Like Jagger Elvikam of Dreamtale (Imp) – Masculine head of good proportions, ear set could be higher. Good front with neat feet. Well sprung ribs. Good topline and well muscled hindquarters. Presentation was good and he moved well.

3rd: SUCH's Soloyal Valentino ShCM

Special Open Red (6 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: KNOTT's Shalako's Come Hellr High Water (Imp) - well marked rich red tri. Lovely head, eye and expression, good layback of shoulders and firm quarters. A happy boy and enthusiastic on the move covering ground and keeping his level topline. In good coat and condition.

2nd: SIECZKAREK's Breeze Big-Heart Melodia Fleita (Imp)

3rd: MCKINNON's Dialynne Enzo Ferrari

Special Open Working (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: KNOTT's Lyveden Rairock Rebel – at 12 years old was very sound and a good example of how an Aussie can still look good at this age. Masculine head with kind expression, good reach of neck, straight front and good body proportions moved well around the ring.

2nd: STOPFORD's Amberslade Catch the Dash – super fit boy who clearly loves his obedience. Tall, rangy dog with a finer head than one. Super temperament, moved well round the ring.

Bitches

MPB (7 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: BRIDGES' Liskarn Its In The Bag – 6th month red merle. Very much a baby but has real ring presence and a look at me attitude. Pretty head, with a pleasing expression, well set ears, good stop. Moderate length of neck, good shoulders and straight front and good feet. Well bodied for age, held her topline well on the move. Good angulation all round and a steady, easy gait around the ring. Sympathetically handled. Has a bright future.

2nd: KILLILEA's Louiston Do You Copy Majesix – older girl at 8 months, this black tri has lots of promise. Feminine head with good expression, good width to skull, dark expressive eye. Good front and topline, well presented coat and presentation. Good angulation and moved well from all sides, not as steady as 1 but time and maturity will help.

3rd: SMITH's Birkcross Curtain Call

PB (6 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: SUCH's Soloyal Kiss My Assets – BPB, RBPIS – 9 month old blue merle, such a lovely head and expression. Straight front on good feet and well laid shoulders and overall well proportioned. Well bodied and a level top line. Balanced in angulation front and rear and thus moved well around the ring.

2nd: HODGES' Jopium Fire 'N' Ice – baby 6 month old. Very pretty puppy and another with a good head and expression for her age. Lovely clear colour. Well balanced and in proportion overall, good reach of neck and front. Balanced body proportions. All in all, a very promising puppy.

JB (6 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: BOTHWELL's Norcis Summer Truffle – Best Junior in Show - super feminine red merle who catches your eye immediately. Very well balanced with good height to length body proportions. Excellent head of good width and a moderate stop. Good eye shape and ear set. Well laid shoulder into a straight front with strong bone for her size. Excellent body proportions with a short loin and moderately angled rear. Good double coat which was well presented. Steady mover, initially slightly unsettled due to litter sister in class but then really got into her stride.

2nd: DOUGLAS' Winstead Change of Heart for Talard (Imp) – this girl has mischief written all over her. Lovely red tri of great shape. Well proportioned head with good stop, well used ears and alert expression. Strong moderate neck into well laid shoulders, straight front and good feet. Excellent topline and broad croup with well muscled thighs and short hocks which she used to move easily around the ring. On the day felt 1 was slightly more mature of the two but both of these girls are ones for the future.

3rd: DAVIS & WALSH – Rosschell Maid of Crystal

YB (3 Entries) Abs:1

1st: BOTHWELL'S Norcis Dusky Disco – more settled in this class. Litter sister to winner of Junior and many of the same qualities. Different head shape to her sister but still balanced and in proportion. Has a pleasing outline with good substance and bone. Level topline and well muscled hindquarters with short hocks. Her moderate angulation appeals and she moves well.

2nd: HARVEY'S Gemthorne Swirling Snow larger girl than 1 but in proportion. Has a well balanced head and outline. Excellent substance and bone for her size. Pleasing outline with moderate angles front and back. Firm topline and good hindquarters, moved out well. Needs to mature.

NB (6 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: SUCH's Soloyal Kiss My Assets

2nd: HODGES' Jopium Fire 'N' Ice

3rd: COUTTS' Amberslade Catching Angels

PGB (8 Entries) Abs: 5

1st: BASSETT's Dialynne Leave Your Mark at Starlink a very smart rich red 2-year-old who has an eye catching outline and is in great condition. Appealing head of good proportions. Moderate length of neck to good shoulders and excellent front with good bone and feet. Well made body in good condition, with a well presented coat. Free and easy on the move.

2nd: KING's Altusi Aryan Mist – larger girl than 1 good blue merle colour. Balanced in appearance with a good head and expression. Good body proportions and level topline. Moved well around the ring with ease.

3rd: WOOD's Tracyellie Smoothmoves

LB (8 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: McDEVITT's Caronlea Tequila Sunrise – absolutely loved this red merle bitch as she came in the ring. Feminine but of good substance and such a well balanced outline. Excellent head with good stop, alert expression and good width to skull. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulders Excellent body with good spring of rib. Short, muscular loins. Excellent rear angulation. Super mover from all angles and covers the ground well. Well presented coat of good colour and well handled. Pleased to award her the BCC, her first, and RBIS.

2nd: ROBERTS' Magical Love Elvikam (Imp) – another quality girl who I have admired in the past. A little out of coat today but what she had was of a good colour and well presented. Pleasing head of good proportions. Moderately angulated all through with sound, level top-line, she was balanced and effective on the move. Good body proportions, correct depth of chest and rib. Well muscled and in great condition.

3rd: SIMMONS' Allmark Dance with Diamonds

OB (9 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: DOUGLAS' Ch, Ir Ch Talard Keep Your Pokerface – Lovely blue merle girl of excellent type. She has a smooth effortless gait when going around the ring. Appealing and feminine head, of good proportions. Well laid shoulders into straight front and good feet. Firm, level topline with correct body proportions. Well muscled and in excellent condition, she was well presented and handled to get the best out of her. Was pleased to award her the RBCC.

2nd: WALSH's Ch Birkcross Mines A Tia Maria TAF – Black tri, presented in great condition and well handled. Is well balanced overall with an attractive head, with well set ears and expressive eyes. Moderate length of neck into good shoulders. Well proportioned body and good angulation all round. Moved well but with not quite the verve of 1. A worthy champion.

3rd: BLYTON's Wispafete Light My Fire

VB (7 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: CHALLENGER's Lyveden Rairock Rhythm 12 year old in great condition. Feminine head with correct stop and well set ears. Good neck and shoulders, with a firm level topline. Good depth of brisket. Well sprung ribs and short loin. Moved soundly around the ring.

2nd: MEES's Lamintone Dare to Dream AW(B) R16Ex black tri 8 year old in superb condition. Alert expression on feminine head with good expression. Well proportioned body with level topline. Good front and rear angulation, moved well around the ring.

3rd: VENTON's Little Red-Cap Du Chemin Des Korrigans (Imp)

Special Open Red Merle (7 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: BLYTON's Wispafete Light My Fire – lovely colour, this 3 year old was excellent in outline with good angles front and rear. Good reach of neck, lovely feminine head, good eye and ear. Good depth of chest. Moved out well from all sides. Well handled.

2nd: CHALLENGER's Ch Lyveden Texas Rose JW – another lovely well marked red merle of 8 years old. Feminine head of good proportions with good shoulders and front. Firm topline and good muscle tone moved well around the ring.

3rd: BOTHWELL's Norcis Summer Truffle

Special Open Blue Merle (5 entries) Abs: 1

1st: GIBBONS & SATHERLY's Wispafete Belongs to Music – 2 year old blue merle in lovely condition. Balanced feminine head and dark expressive eyes, good ear set, very good front and feet, well proportioned and balanced body, nice bone, level top line. Strongly well muscled hindquarters. Moved out well with reach and drive very well handled as I would expect.

2nd: COUTTS' Amberslade Delaware – another well marked blue merle of reasonable proportions. Moved well with a steady gait.

3rd: WOODHOUSE's Bollinchip Coloradoblue

Special Open Black (6 entries) Abs: 0

1st: GIBBONS & SPENCER's Wispafete Once Upon A Dream – Black tri with a well balanced outline with good depth of chest and spring of rib. Moderate bone and well shaped feet. Pretty feminine well shaped head with good eye and ear set and shape and moderate stop. Well laid back shoulders and firm topline. Moved out well from all sides with good rear drive and handled to good effect.

2nd: BROWN's Shulune Secret Storm Over Shepwood – overall larger bitch than 1 but well balanced. Lovely colour with good markings. Well shaped head with alert expression. Well presented and handled she moved well from all angles.

3rd: SIMPSON's Amberslade Santa Ana Breeze at Javison

Special Open Red (2 entries) Abs: 0

1st: BASSETT's Dyalynne Leave Your Mark at Starlink

2nd: ROBERTS' Magical Love Elvikam (Imp)

Special Open Working (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: WILEY's Trijem Mischief Managed – Very smart black and white girl. Lovely shape with a pleasing outline and good proportions. Appealing head and expression with such an alert expression. Firm topline and well conditioned body with good spring of rib. Moved true in all directions

2nd: MEES's Lamintone Dare to Dream AW(B) R16Ex

3rd: SIMPSON's Rannaleroch Chilaca at Applecreek Beg Ex

Judge – Melanie Harris