

Okehampton & District Canine Society – 22nd April 2023

I would like to thank the committee for their kind invitation to judge their show and for their hospitality on the day. A big thank you to the exhibitors who accepted my decisions so sportingly and created a lovely, friendly atmosphere.

P (2, 1a) 1. Moore's Frecia Golden Salute At Santaria. In profile, this 9-month-old sable and white chap has a good reach of neck, falling into his withers, leading on to a level topline and sweeping over the loin. On examination, his head is sweet and refined. One of his ears was frustrating his handler today – I am sure a lot of Sheltie exhibitors have shared in a similar frustration from time to time, however the tip is there and he did present this during his time in the ring. Very much a youngster; I will be interested to see how he matures in, say, a couple of years' time when he is eligible for the higher classes. **BP**

SY (3, 1a) 1. Robinson's Lavika Moonlight Storm. A beautifully presented tri colour male who had just reached a year old. Delighted to see this youngster who I have admired as a puppy and he did not disappoint on closer examination. He trotted into the ring with a 'look at me' attitude. Ice white frill, chest, forelegs, hocks and legs, contrasting against jet black, fitted coat. Tan trimmings completing the picture. Of correct size, his handsome head carried proudly by his arched muscular neck. Chest deep, forelegs straight and in good bone. Flexible pasterns and padded feet, combined with the above, ensured he covered the ground with ease. The combined picture was that of balance and beauty. He was enraptured to be in the ring in the classes, but he settled in the challenge and pulled out all the stops to clinch best of breed. **BOB**

2. Mitchell & Fiddock's Keycharm Cha Cha Cha At Lowenek. Sable & white pretty, feminine bitch, who had also just reached a year old. Similar to 1, she was of correct size. Skull flat, almond shaped eyes of correct placement. Small ears tipping forward. Cheeks flat. Correct dentition. Good spring of rib and nice turn of stifle. Tail of correct length, free of kinks and carried low.

PG (3, 1a) 1. Robinson's Lavika Lateca. Ultra-feminine sable and white bitch of 15 months. Coat fitted and well presented. Elegant shape in profile. Appealing head and expression. Cheeks merging into well rounded muzzle. In excellent bone and substance. Forelegs in good, but by no means strong, bone, thighs muscular and distinct turn of stifle. Well-schooled and did not disappoint on the move.

2. Waldron's Frecia Golden Times. Four-year-old feminine sable and white bitch. Dark almond shaped eye, correctly placed. Wedge shaped head when viewed from above. Shoulders laid back. Good turn of stifle. Tail to hocks. Nice size.

L (3, 2a) 1. Waldron's Frecia Good Times.

O (5,1a) 1 Robinson's Lavika Lucid Dreams. What an exquisite colour blue on this pretty, two-year-old bitch! Great reach of neck, lovely lay back of should, level topline. Coat fitted muscular thighs, turn of stifle, hocks well let down, flexible pasterns. In good bone. Lovely and balanced in profile. **RBOB**. Delighted that she was ultimately awarded Best Reserve Best of Breed in Show

2, Moore's Jacanshe Be Our Guest At Santaria JW. Five-year-old, masculine tri colour male – his coat raven black, full and abundant. Correctly placed ears tipping forward. Rounded muzzle. Good chest, in good bone, well sprung ribs. Legs straight from the front. Oval feet. Thighs muscular. Lovely, distinct turn of stifle.

3. Mitchell & Fiddock's Milesend Thistle At Lowenek

Donna Linford
Judge