

THE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

# Sheltie Showcase

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Sunland Style N Action

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# ***MAJOR SHOW RESULTS***

## ***Crufts 2014***

Judges:

Mr M J Ewing (Dogs) UK

Mrs L J Roberts (Bitches) UK

The Bitch CC and BOB went to  
**Ch Mohnesse Remember Me JW**  
(below).

The Dog CC RUBOB went to **Ch**  
**Edglonian Singin The Blues** (left).

(Photos: Hilary Gamble)



**Crufts will be held from the 5th to the 8th March in 2015. Sheltie judging will occur on Fri 6th March. The judge for dogs: Mrs D Rowan and the judge for bitches: Mrs G Partridge - UK.**

Breed Showing Group

Day 1 - Thursday 5 March 2015 - Gundog

Day 2 - Friday 6 March 2015 - Working & Pastoral

Day 3 - Saturday 7 March 2015 - Terrier & Hound

Day 4 - Sunday 8 March 2015 - Toy & Utility

### ***English Shetland Sheepdog Club (ESSC) Championship Shows***

The Champ Show in 2014 (11th Oct) saw Best in show and Bitch CC go to Ch Tachnamadra Evisu and Runner up in show and Dog CC go to Sheltysham Rose Wood.

The Summer Centenary show saw Best in show and Bitch CC go to Ch Tighness Three Steps T'Heav'n and Runner up in show and Dog CC go to Ch Rannerdale Buggy Malone.

Winners for the Spring show were Ch Mohnesee Remember Me JW (Bitch CC and Best in show) and Swe Nor Ch Shellrick's You May Me Luck (imp Swe) (Dog CC and Runner up in show).

### ***American Shetland Sheepdog Association (ASSA) National***

The ASSA will hold their next National from the 18th to 25th April 2015 at Fredericksburg, VA. In 2014 Best of breed went to GCh Solange Onstar.

### ***The Westminster Kennel Club 139th Annual Dog Show***

The next Westminster show will be held on the 16th and 17th February 2015. Winners from 2014 were: Best GCh Grandgables The Frat Boy, Opposite GCh Starphire Ollietta.

### ***Central Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship (NZ)***

The Central Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship 40th Anniversary shows were held on the 10th May 2014. In 2015: 23rd May.

**First show** Judge Cheryl Lockett (UK):

Aus Sup Ch & NZ Gr Ch Beauideal Rock My World, Bitch CC, Best in show.

Eastonia Summer Hazz, Bitch RCC, Res Best in show.

Ch Eyespy Guns A Blazing, Dog CC.

**Second show** Judge Johnny Andersson (Sweden):

Aus & NZ Ch Lyndream Magical Interlude, Bitch CC, Best in show.

Aus Sup Ch & NZ Gr Ch Beauideal Rock My World, Bitch RCC, Res Best in show.

Ch Shelton So Cloudee, Dog CC.

### ***South Island Sheepdog Club Championship (NZ)***

In November 2014, Ms Ashlea Stanton (WA) judged the South Island Champ Show.

Ch Shatrin Legally Blonde (imp Aust) Bitch CC, Best in show.

Ch Shelton Troupador Dog CC, Res Best in show.

Aust & NZ Ch Nedsur U Know U Love Me, Bitch RCC.

Ch Romanoc Kiwi Crusade, Dog RCC.



## Madeleine Lund, Starbelle Shelties (Sweden)

**CV: Madeleine Lund, Starbelle Shelties, Sweden** has bred and exhibited Shelties since 1972. Her breeding is known for a strong bitch line with seven generations of Champions. A small kennel of today only 5 dogs, all living as family pets. She served on the Swedish SSC Committee on several occasions. Today a life Honorary Member. Initially responsible for the Swedish Club Archives. Judged Open Shows in Sweden and England. Author of a Sheltie Pet Owners Guidebook and the first Swedish Standard Elaboration plus many articles on breed history and English Dog Shows. Also produced homemade amateur videos on head & expression, construction & movement. Delegate at many Breed Seminars (lectures, hands-on) both at home and abroad. For the Centenary 2014 Madeleine wrote & directed a live comedy drama & play about the early breed pioneers and the beginning of the breed.

♦ *Madeleine has provided her thoughts on the following questions. Thank you Madeleine.*

**1. WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN SHELTIES?** As a child I was a fanatic "Lassie fan" - but finally was only allowed to have the smaller version, my first pet Sheltie in 1960.

**2. WHEN DID YOU ESTABLISH YOUR PREFIX AND HOW DID YOU COME TO CHOOSE IT?** In the early 70's, while graduating from University studies in a French-speaking country, I wished my kennel name STARBELLE to originate from the image of a bitch looking like a "star" and "belle" meaning beautiful in French.

**3. HOW DO YOU FEEL THE BREED HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS? WHAT WOULD YOU SAY THE BREED NEEDS MOST IMPROVEMENT ON TODAY?** From my early years there have been great improvements in breed type, coats and temperaments. But today we still see worldwide poor shoulder angulation and short necks. And recently also broad round coarse back-skulls, that are far from what the Standard asks for. Strangely enough neither breeders/exhibitors nor judges seem to bother. This certainly is a point that should be of concern.

**4. WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SHOWING EXPERIENCE?** Winning the ticket and/or BOB/BOS at an important dog show under a well-known breed specialist with a homebred Sheltie is always satisfactory. For me, having insisted on breeding an unbroken female line, making up seven generations of Champion bitches has certainly given me a special thrill.

**5. WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS IMPORTANT IN CONDITIONING A DOG FOR THE SHOWRING?** Many Shelties are wrongly fed, either too fat or too thin. Use common sense! Feed from a proper first class dog food product, adapted to each individual dog's need. One has to exercise in order to keep any dog in hard fit condition with adequate muscles. Personally I have always preferred biking with my dogs trotting beside in slow pace on a lead for a couple of miles. This I have done during many years on a daily basis.

**6. WHAT DOG HAVE YOU ADMIRER THE MOST PAST/PRESENT AND WHY?** From the 70's I remember Ch Midnitesun Justin Time for his excellent breed type and exquisite expression. In recent years I admired Ch Evad Sommer Shadow as he won BOB at Crufts in 2005. A superb sire with many top winning offspring. I had the privilege of using him at stud twice.

**7. WHAT BITCH HAVE YOU ADMIRER THE MOST PAST/PRESENT AND WHY?**

Ch Lythwood Stage Wispa at Tegwel (born -93) was a charming Sheltie of top quality with a lovely outline and movement. Also a top brood bitch producing a record of well-known champions. In recent years I met Ch Keltiehope Summer Breeze at Stevlyn, a double Crufts CC winning sable bitch. A terrific showgirl of marvellous breed type. To me she looks the ideal to aim for.

**8. THE BEST THING ABOUT OWNING A SHELTI IS...**They are extremely affectionate, gentle and polite, willing to please, quick learners and obedient pets. And a beauty to watch running down the fields. I couldn't think of a nicer constant companion.



Int & Nordic Ch Starbelle Tamara

*Madeleine Lund*  
*Starbelle Shelties SWEDEN*  
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# ***11th Shetland Sheepdog National - Australia***

The next Australian Sheltie National will be held in SA (Adelaide) on the 3rd and 4th of June 2015.

Venue: David Roche Park, Cromwell Rd, Kilburn.

Confirmation Judge: Mr Michael Ewing (UK) (Sommerville shelties).

Obedience judge: Mrs Cathy Millington.

Agility & Jumping trial judge: Mrs Noelene Chapman.

The last National to be held in SA was in 2000. Best in show and Dog CC went to Ch Dancerwood Love Inspiring, and Runner up in show and Bitch CC was awarded to Ch Shelmana Ice On Fyre (Judge Mr Derek Rigby, UK).

## **Did you know?**

From the **American Kennel Club rules/regulations (AKC website):**

### **Multiple Sired Litters**

The American Kennel Club allows for the registration of litters with more than one sire. This is effective for litters whelped September 1, 1998 and forward. Parentage must be determined using the AKC's DNA Profile Program prior to registration, and special fees apply.

The Multiple Sired Litter (MSL) requires that all potential sires have a DNA profile on file; this includes frozen semen collected prior to October, 1998.

## ***Not Just Acting...***

Most of us would have by now seen the dog show 'mockumentary' "**Best In Show" (Movie)**. The dog stars of the show were in fact real life show dogs....

- Can Ch Arokat's Echobar Take Me Dancing - **Beatrice** the Weimaraner
- Can Ch Urchin's Bryllo - **Winky** the Norwich Terrier
- Can Ch Quiet Creek's Stand By Me - **Hubert** the Bloodhound
- Can Ch Rapture's Classic - **Miss Agnes** the Shih Tzu
- Can Ch Symarun's Red Hot Kisses - **Tyrone** the Shih Tzu
- Can Ch Exxel Dezi Duz It With Pizaz - **Rhapsody in White** the Standard Poodle

## ***Some Trivia...*** (source: Fun Trivia website)

1. What happened to the couple's Weimaraner after it came into the ring?
2. What was the name of the toy that the Weimaraner liked so much and after they lost this toy, what toy was used as a replacement?
3. What was the name of the Dog Show?
4. Who won BIS?
5. What was physically different about Mr Fleck?
6. Harlan Pepper has an obsession for a type of food. What's the food?



*Answers 1. Attacked the judge 2. Busy bee; A plush rooster toy 3. Mayflower  
4. Winky 5. Two left feet 6. Nuts*

## **Training motivator**

This recipe is courtesy of Croydon & Dist. Obedience Dog Club (Vic), and is said to be an incredibly good motivator for training: sardine slice.

- Preheat oven to moderate. Line a sponge sandwich tin (or similar) with baking paper. Put into a blender/food processor 3 large eggs, 1/2 cup SR flour (preferably wholemeal) and 1 tin of sardines in olive oil. Process until well mixed. Pour into tin and bake for about 15-20 mins until golden. Use within a week or freeze some of it.

# High Honours

## Gr Ch Daydream Darien (ROMA)

*'DUSTY'*

Sire: Ch Daydream Hart O Gold      Dam: Ch Edenmist Black Charisma

DOB: 7/1/1996



'Dusty' achieved many **Best In Show** awards at all breeds level and speciality level. His first all breeds at just over 7 months of age and his second at 10 months. He then won Pal Puppy of the year in NSW. The prize for this was a trip interstate with accommodation.

This paved the way for us to attend the **1997 5<sup>th</sup> Victorian National**.

We are extremely proud of all our dogs' wins, but this was the most prestigious of all. **Runner Up Best In Show in a record entry that still stands today**. He won from the junior class against top quality competition. We could not have been prouder.



## ***'DUSTY'***



*At 9 weeks*

He had some funny ways about him. We always knew when it was going to rain. He would stand out in the yard and bark at the sky. Sure enough, within 10 minutes it would rain. We could go to shows and could be gone for days interstate but he always knew when he was nearly home. He would stand up and twirl and bark. No matter which way we went or returned, he always sensed where home was.

'Dusty' did us proud both in the ring and as a sire. He produced **20 champions in limited stud**. Three of these belonged to us and were all Specialty or Semi Specialty BIS, group and in show winners: Ch Daydream Hearts On Fire, Ch Daydream Wild At Heart and Ch Daydream Burning Embers.

Other progeny that excelled in the ring were Multi BIS & BISS Gr Ch Brashelle Back Chat, BIS Ch Hatztoo Hear Em Whisper and BIS Ch Hatztoo Hidden Agenda.



*Dusty will always have a special place in our hearts.*

**Breeder & Owner**

*Deirdre Bolwell*





# High Honours ✦

## Int Nordic Fin Aust NZ Ch Riabel Son Of A Gun (exp Swe)

'Jimmy' DOB: 6/1/1992



Jimmy achieved his Australian Championship title with Victor Hugo (Ronas Hill), and then travelled to Sweden where Birgitta and Per Svarstad (Moorwood) campaigned him to his many titles, and where he lived happily into his old age.

The first and only NZ bred sheltie to be bestowed the honour of International Champion - Jimmy was a true star.

Photo: V Hugo

His Sire Aust, NZ Ch Edenmist Rush N Roulette (Elvis) and Dam Maidrin Mhairi Dhu (Mandy) had two litters together, the first producing 6 puppies, and the second 7. The only male, and clear standout from the start of the first litter was NZ Ch Riabel Crown N Anchor (Andy). In the second litter, it was Jimmy who shone the brightest.

Jimmy also excelled as a sire, with **13** Champion offspring in total. Among these: Int Nord Ch Moorwood Caribbean Blue, Isl Ch Moorwood Handsome Future, It Ch Moorwood Carribbean Night Rider and Swe Ch Moorwood Properly Fashioned.



Aust, NZ Ch Edenmist Rush N Roulette	Ch Nigma Nikoli	Ch Nigma Nobel
	Aust, NZ Ch Lubrabend Wine Nroses	Ch Nigma Nostalgia
Maidrin Mhairi Dhu	Raydell Royal Beau	Ch Jentam Sonsuki Tequila
	Maidrin Memories	Ch Lubrabend Lady Kathryn
		Aust, NZ Ch Paramali Beau Jangles
		Raydell Remember Me
		Shellwood Sultan
		Maidrin Mystic Melody

***An inspirational dog - Jimmy  
will be remembered fondly***

Breeders  
***Barbara Hodson &  
Sandy Stowell***

## **In the Ring: The Life of a Dog Handler - Life's more than one bitch for the professional dog handler** By Barbara McClarty. Source: moderndogmagazine.com

North America is home to some of the world's best professional dog handlers. Some, with earnings in the six-figure bracket, are more respected than even the show judges they compete in front of. What makes these handlers so special? Why do people hire them? And is it really as glamorous as portrayed in the televised airing of the Westminster Kennel Club show?

Handlers with clout have been known to make a judge change his or her mind after awarding the "wrong" dog a ribbon. The presence of a known handler at ringside can cause some competitors to simply turn on their heels and head home without ever stepping into the ring. Some say it's politics. Others say it's skill and the ability to attract the best quality dogs as clients. However it is viewed, professional handling is a tough job that is not without its rewards. But while it can be glamorous, it can also be incredibly humbling. Scott Price's day starts at 4:00 A.M. One of the Pacific Northwest's most successful handlers, he can afford to be choosy, and he may have as few as five or as many as ten dogs on a given circuit. Today, he is on the I-5 highway traveling to southern Oregon for a four-day show. He will be driving for much of the day.

Once at the show site, he will begin setting up exercise pens, grooming tables, dog crates and chairs. All the dogs will need to be exercised. Then the grooming will begin. "Every dog gets groomed," declares Price. Regardless of whether it is a long-haired breed or not, each dog will enter the ring looking its very best.

He will return home in five days to Mt. Vernon, Washington to drop off three dogs, pick up five more and get back on the road for another 400-mile journey and four more days of shows. He will see his wife only briefly in the next two weeks.

Price is a tall, lanky redhead who some rivals would argue has looks in his favour, giving him an added advantage as a handler. But for his clients, such as breeder Kathryn Tominey of Richland, Washington, it is how he treats her dogs that is important. "I hired a few handlers before Scott, but he really got along well with my dogs and he always followed through," she says.

For clients such as Tominey, the professional handler plays a vital role in showing their dogs. "I'm inept," she confesses. Knee surgery prevents Tominey from keeping up with her fast-moving Rhodesian Ridgebacks in the ring. "Even if I could move well, I never knew what was going on in the ring. I had no situational awareness and had enough trouble being aware of what the dog was doing, let alone the judge. No amount of practice made any difference. I just didn't have any talent for it."

For other clients, the issue is time. Many owners can't afford to be away from their homes, jobs, families, or other dogs to attain a conformation championship on one individual. For those owners who live in remote areas, getting to shows can be costly and inconvenient. Hiring a professional handler can actually be less expensive than finishing a championship on the dog oneself.

On the Canadian side of the border, Beth Hilborn is also preparing to leave for a show. She has been showing dogs since she was a teen and is a well-known fixture at British Columbia's top shows. Dogs love her and it is evident in the ring. This seems to be the common element with the really successful pros.

Hilborn recalls going, after many years, to visit a dog that she used to show. "He greeted me hysterically," she remembers, "then jumped in the truck and assumed he was going to the show." It's these moments that make the job so rewarding.

Price similarly recalls one of his favourite stories: "I have a Boston Terrier client. The owners are retired. She's in a mechanical wheel chair and is in ill health. This last week at the Boston Terrier Specialty, we won Best of Winners. These clients were so happy-you could see them light up for the entire weekend and I know that win made their month. I turned to my assistant and said, 'This is why I do this.' It's those kinds of clients that make it worthwhile." A dog owner can expect to pay between \$60 and \$100 per day plus expenses. But a handler can make up to \$2,500 in one shot if the dog they're showing wins Best in Show at, say, Westminster, the most prestigious dog show in North America.

Price admits that while readers may be surprised at the six figure incomes of some of the big names, the pay is hardearned. These are full-time handlers and many also run boarding facilities. The work is mentally and physically exhausting. "It's hard on your body," Price says. "Nothing in dog shows is light or easy. Even with a little Brussels Griffon, you put in miles every week on concrete; you have to move quickly and you're in charge of people's love, joy and possessions."

These six-figure incomes, however, are not the rule but the exception. Some clients can afford top dollar. Some dogs are so pampered, they are chartered on private planes between top shows. It's difficult for the average owner-handler to compete with these odds. The dog that is relaxed, more experienced, and more expertly presented will have an advantage in the ring. These are the dogs that go on to demand top stud fees and premium prices for puppies. Owning or breeding a top dog also boosts the credibility of a kennel. For others, it is just about the sport of it and there is no financial reward of any sort.

Dog owners should be aware that the lure of the Best in Show ribbon has cost some fanciers to sink their entire life savings into campaigning a dog. Campaigning is when the dog enters every show possible with the goal of winning Best in Show or achieving top ten status. In those instances, the fame is never worth it.

On the positive side, a good professional handler such as Price or Hilborn will work together with their client on a strategy. They care about the dogs' happiness and both handlers agree that the ideal place for a dog is at home. They work hard to make sure that their clients' dogs are at home as much as possible. In some instances it's not feasible, but knowing that the dogs are in competent, caring hands makes the separation a little easier.

And what did these professionals have to say about the movie Best In Show? Hilborn, who actually appears in the film, thinks it's a great spoof, that it has "a strong grain of truth running through it." Price says that it is "exactly a dog show. ... Every character exists." When asked which character he is, Scott Price laughs from his cell phone on the I-5: "All of them."

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## **Puppy Development by Guy Mauldin (Kismet shelties, US).**

In 1978, a series of articles were written by prominent US sheltie breeders on puppy development. One such breeder was **Guy Mauldin (Kismet shelties, US)**. Below is an excerpt from the article. Full article supplied by Marilyn Marlow (Cameo Shelties, US).

### **The importance of a clean head.**

The major virtues we expect from our dogs are good heads with good expression, neck, elegance and decent movement. There are varieties within these areas, but the overall look is quite similar. Because of the importance we place on profile, we are extremely selective with regards to head detail in the dogs we keep. The details that are most important are parallel head planes and balance of length of foreface to back skull. We want a super flat top-skull with no ridges or holes. We want a well rounded muzzle that blends smoothly into the cheeks with the correct finish of underjaw. We want a head that is clean both ways - in profile and face-on.

We can accept somewhat less strength of foreface in bitches. There are so few dead perfect stops that we feel that this is a give-and-take area. However, I would never accept a dish face.

We do not have a growth chart. We used to go by some of the other charts; however, our pups were normally larger than these charts and didn't go over. We have had very little problem with oversize. The things we look for on a puppy to discard for size is head size out of proportion to the rest of the body, extremely large feet and deep set eyes. We don't discard the one with all the bone as this is not necessarily an indication of size.

### **What we look for at birth.**

At birth, we like our puppies to have good stops, very flat skulls and full muzzles with strong underjaws. The head should be rectangular. At about three months, heads may become a little domed - but that is something we don't worry about. We are so strong in our selection of individuals used in our breeding program that we know this is a temporary thing in our line.

Also at three months, it is permissible for the foreface to diminish. It will have filled in again by a year to a year-and-a-half. Expression is also important to us. If the eye is set in the head correctly, and is dark, we can accept varying amounts of size. However, we would not accept the extremes of really large or small.

### **The fall-apart stage.**

Generally, the fall-apart stage for our puppies occurs around five or six months. Usually, they don't get themselves back together until after a year of age. You can usually determine which youngsters will go through this stage. Some never fall apart; but continue to stay good and slowly mature.

We think that front and rear angulation go through stages and improve with age. Length of hock is usually something that never improves. We try to eliminate those with defective hocks as early as possible.

### **Four check points.**

The checkpoints we set for looking at virtues in our puppies are six weeks, three months, four months and one year.

By four months we have eliminated everything that is definitely not going to make it. You can still be wrong, but the majority that make it to four months are going to be acceptable quality to show.

After four months, we just sit tight and wait. Normally dogs from our line are ideally ready for the show ring at 18 months to two years. However, Conquistador and Status Quo were exceptions to this.

We have some variations within our overall type, but a Kismet dog is still recognizable from its overall outline. Head details may be slightly different, but most all of our dogs have "neck" and elegance. And, we feel that most of them are better than average.



## BRIGHT FUTURE

### ***Lyndream Get Off My Cloud***



Photo: Lyn Van

DOB: 11/06/2014

**Lyndream Get Off My Cloud, 'Gus'** combines the quality pedigrees of both his sire: NZ Ch Snabswood Saint He Aint (imp UK) and Dam: NZ & Aust Ch Lyndream Magical Interlude (pictured below right). The first offspring of his sire to be born in Australia, high hopes are held for 'Gus'.



***Breeder & Owner Lyn Pearson***







## BRIGHT FUTURE

### *Sheltastic The Illusionist*

*Fynn*



*Owner*  
*Shelley Wildman*

**Sire: Trs Karma Tri Hokaspokas (imp USA)**  
**DOB: 13/5/2013**

**Dam: Kismet Magic Dust**



Photo: Animal Images Photography

Fynn is a born showman. His playfulness and confidence make him a joy to handle in the ring.

Fynn's recent notable wins include **Junior in Show** at both the **Perth Royal Dog Show** and the **SSCWA Championship Show, 2014**.

2015 looks an exciting year for this dynamic boy as he continues with his winning ways.





## BRIGHT FUTURE

### *Sunland Style N Action*



**Sire: Ch Sunland Secret Liason    Dam: Sunland Style N Grace**

**DOB: 12/2/2014**

**Hunter's** outgoing nature and beautiful breed type make him a pleasure to live with. With a quality pedigree including dogs from Australia, Great Britain, Finland, Sweden and Canada, the future looks bright for this young man.



**Hunter's** great grandmother, Sunsweet Under My Skin's (imp Fin) (Cola) first stop before arriving at her new home with Sue and Julia Van Dinter (Sunland, WA) was quarantine in Sydney. Here, Cola was regularly visited by Jackie Brassil (and on occasion Victor Hugo), who fell in love with her. For Jackie to now have one of Cola's progeny is truly fitting.

**Hunter** also shares the same birthday as Jackie - it must be a lucky omen.

**Owners**

*Victor Hugo & Jackie Brassil*



## BRIGHT FUTURE

### *Gavend Part Time Angel*



**Sire: Ch Shatrin Saints B Praised**

**Dam: Ch Gavend Whispers Ov Gold**

**DOB: 9/2/2014**

**Gavend Part Time Angel, Ava** is from a litter of 3 puppies bred by Robyn Carroll (QLD). All 3 (2 girls, 1 boy) were very similar in type, with Robyn running on Ava's brother Gavend Saint I Aint (Hunter). Hunter is a Baby and Minor Puppy in Group winner, as well as a DCC winner.

So far in her short career, **Ava** has won multiple Baby Puppy in Shows, Minor Puppy in Groups, BCC's and RUBOB's from Minor Puppy, all amongst quality competition. The pinnacle of her career to date is Res BCC and Minor Puppy in Show at the SSCQ Champ Show, 2014 under Marion ten Cate, Netherlands.

Robyn fell in love with the Sire when she saw him at the QLD National, 2009 where he won DCC and RU Best in Show, and wanted to use him when the right girl came along. It was hoped that the match would keep that beautiful head and sweet expression expected in a Sheltie, and the litter has certainly lived up to that expectation.

**Ava** has an endearing personality, and everyone who meets her just falls in love. She has a cheeky way of getting your attention by gently nibbling at your knee! At the time of writing, **Ava** is nearly 11 months and looking every bit the prospect she was as a baby. She has been one of those rare puppies that never 'went off', but just grew up. There are sure to be many wonderful times ahead with **Ava**, and as her name suggests, she truly is a blessing.

**Owner Petrina Limkin**



# My European Judging Trip, August 2014

By *Donna Saltau* (Shelbronze Shetland Sheepdogs, Melbourne)

Not being the best flyer, and after a rather long flight from Melbourne leaving very early on Tuesday, I eventually arrived in Helsinki on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, meeting up with my good friend Julia Van Dinter of Sunland Shetland Sheepdogs and Sangate Labradors in Western Australia. Together we got on another plane to fly to a beautiful little town called Kuopio, where we were to judge at the SAWO Kennel Club over three days. The weather was warm and at times got quite hot during our judging, but so much more pleasant than my Ballarat winter.

Being invited to judge the breeds of dogs you love is very exciting and a privilege in any country. So when I was invited to judge Shetland Sheepdogs and several Toy breeds in Finland for my second time, I was extremely honoured.

As word got out that I was coming to Europe to judge again, other clubs snapped me up. So to be asked to judge Shelties in both Sweden (for the first time) and Germany (my second time) was just amazing.

Starting off my judging was in Finland at the SAWO KC in Kuopio, the committee for this show were so friendly and they ran this show extremely well.

First day judging, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, I had 61 Tibetan Spaniels. I had been told this little breed was very strong in quality in Finland and I was very pleased with the quality of my entry. We were told entries were down for SAWO show because of the World Dog Show the following week, but the quality of dogs was still there.

My Best of Breed Tibetan Spaniel was my bitch winner from champion class, Fin, Swd, Est, Ch. Mow-Zow Lucky Lady, owned by Heidi Nousiainen and Janne Knuutinen Kiuruvesi. My Best Opposite sex dog winner was also from the Champion class, Fin Ch. Tashi-Gong Mr Millionaire, owned by Kari Eronen Joensuu.



The next day, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, was my day to judge Shelties and I had an entry of 75. Quality was not high but my winners were beautiful. My Best of Breed was the bitch from Champion class, Fin, Swd, Nor, Ch. Krakeslottets Hera, who was from Sweden and owned and bred by Linda Andorsen. My Opposite sex was actually an Australian bred dog from the Open class, Nigma Didgeridoo, owned by Per and Birgitta Svarstad, also from Sweden. Two excellent representatives of the breed. BOS & BOB SAWO KC 2014 (pictured).





***Fin, Swd, Nor, Ch. Krakeslottets Hera***



***Nigma Didgeridoo (exp Swe)***





Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August was a very hot day in Kuopio and by this day all judges were getting tired, as the temperatures all weekend were quite warm. I had more Toys this day with Chihuahua Smooth 28 and Long Coat 32, Pekingese 8 and Maltese 2.

Chihuahua Smooth Coat winners were BOB from Open dog class, Sound of Saga's Easy To Pick Up (Norway) and BOS was from Champion bitch class, Fin & Swd Ch. Zzman's Kisses N Flames of Finland.

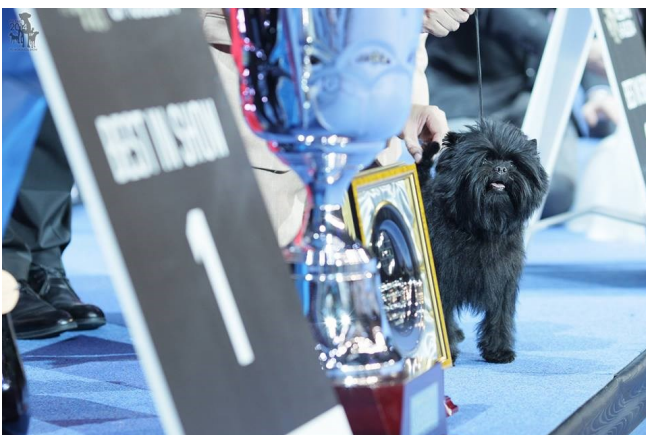
Chihuahua Long Coat winners were both from Champion class. BOB was the dog, Swd & Nor Ch. Chi's Lovely Sir Orsino (Swed) and BOS was the bitch, Swd, Fin, Nor Ch. Tiny Tulips Crown Me Already (Swed). Two really beautiful representatives of the breed. I preferred the quality of my Long Coats to the Smooths.

Pekingese winners were BOB from Veteran bitch class, Fin Ch. Show Ruler's Chinese Diamond and BOS was from Champion dog class, Multi Ch. Lumitanssi Midnight Dance.

Maltese BOB was Champion bitch class, Fin, Swd, Est, Lat, Ch. Thamire's Curiously Enough (Fin).



Smooth Coat Chihuahua winners SAWO 2014 Long Coat Chihuahua winners SAWO 2014 Pekingese winners SAWO 2014



Top left - Me at the entrance of WDS Helsinki

Top right - Fellow Sheltie friends and judges at WDS Helsinki 2014 Dina Korma, myself, Guy Jeavons, Mark McMillan, Julia and Sue Van Dinter

Left - Best In Show WDS 2014, Multi Ch Tricky Ricky from Yarrow Hi-Tech.



Off to World Dog Show I went. Staying with friends in Helsinki for a couple of days and then stayed with Julia and her mum, Sue Van Dinter, in a Helsinki Downtown City apartment. A very compact apartment where Julia slept in the loft. No way could I have gotten up and down the ladder into the loft nor her mum, so to the loft she had to go.

We really enjoyed the sights, food, markets and shopping Helsinki had to offer. Used the train, tram and bus systems to get around and found their transport system so much more reliable than ours. Got lost a few times but eventually figured out where we were going. Catching a ferry across to Estonia was also a highlight. Old city of Tallinn is a wonder to see and so old with its castle wall surrounding it and the narrow streets with the most wonderful little shops. It was well into the 30's that day and really enjoyed the warm weather with friends.

I must say the WDS was amazing. So many breeds of dogs I had never seen before and breeds I do know about, but had not seen the quality in our country. Breeds like the Finnish Lapphund where there was an entry of 500 WOW and the quality was excellent. I sat and watched a large entry of Icelandic Sheepdogs and we were amazed to see a breed called the Norwegian Lundehund or the Puffin Dog with his very strange feet and extra toes and a spine that allows his head to be bent backwards, literally touching his back. Just an example of so many weird and wonderful breeds of dogs.

Shopping was a must with cheap Cool Coats, brushes of all sorts, bags and jewellery in every breed you can imagine. Lets say I was in doggy heaven.

Anyway, Shelties were what I really wanted to see and they were judged by Mr Albert Wight (Sharval, UK) (64 dogs and BOB) and Mr Guy Jeavons (Grandgables, Canada) (85 bitches).

In my opinion, the quality was far superior in the bitches but there were some very nice male Shelties I could have brought home. The Best of Breed went to the dog CC winner, Fin & Swd Ch. Shellrick's Quite Right and BOS went to Shellrick's Touch My Wishes.



Above - BOS (Shellrick's Touch My Wishes) (Bitch) & BOB (Fin & Swd Ch. Shellrick's Quite Right) (Dog) winners at WDS with judge Mr A. Wight (UK).

Below - The same two Shelties at another show in Sweden - Dog and Bitch.

Watching the Group bests and the Breeders Groups of the day in the indoor arena was spectacular. The atmosphere was electric with music and lights. Seeing all the Bests of each breed come into the ring or onto the stage, whichever you want to put it, was so wonderful to watch. Each dog with its own spotlight. However, my highlight was the Best Breeders Group awards on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. The Class winners were many and they went three times around the stage floor. Thankfully, it had all been pre judged and the judge went along and chose his short list of around 8 Breeders Groups.

As each group took its turn, the crowd would cheer but it was absolutely deafening when the Shetland Sheepdogs went around the ring. It was so amazing it brought a tear to my eye. The judge ended up giving Breeders Group In Show for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August to The Shetland Sheepdogs. The roar was magnificent and to the owner of these magnificent Shelties, Anne Reider of Sweden, it must have been something she will never forget. Below - WDS 2014 Team Shellrick (Swe) Best Breeders Group.





Once World Dog Show Helsinki 2014 was over, Julia and I travelled together to Sweden on the Viking Ferry and what a great time we had. Dancing and having a few drinks at the nightclubs. Lovely meals in the restaurant.

Spent a few days together in Sweden visiting the old city of Stockholm and the Vasa Viking ship. Got pooped on by a Swedish duck which was not nice but friends thought it extremely funny....NOT!

Julia had to leave to judge Australian Shepherds in Germany on the Thursday. I stayed to judge two days in Norrköping, Sweden at the Ostergötlands Kennel Club. A smaller two day show, but again, very well run with wonderful people who I will be friends with for life I am sure.

I judged Shetland Sheepdogs, Border Collies and Australian Shepherds on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August and Chihuahua Long Coat, Lowchen, Maltese and Norwegian Buhund on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Quality was not high in the Border Collies or Australian Shepherds as I was told a very big international show was being held the same weekend in Oslo, Norway and many had gone over to exhibit there. Top quality in the Chihuahua again and loved my BOB Buhund. Unfortunately no photos were taken as the weather was awful.

I had full 80 dogs to judge each day so was kept very busy with my critiquing of every dog and hardly a scratching. I also had the pleasure of judging Best in Group 1 on the Saturday and Best Breeders Group in Show on the Sunday. Something I had never done before whilst judging in Europe.

My BOB and BOS Shelties were of excellent type and two I could easily have squeezed in my suitcase. BOB was Fin, Nor, Swd, Ch. Windcrest Stylish Move and my BOS was from the same kennel and was the grand dam of the BOB winner, Mulit Ch. Windcrest Smart Move. I gave my BOB Sheltie 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group 1 Pastoral behind a very well turned out Bearded Collie.



BOB, Best in Group 1 - Second



BOB & BOS Shelties



Best in Group 1 - First



Best in Group 1 - Third

Best in Group 1 - Fourth was a Bouvier Des Flanders (I don't have a quality photo).

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> was another wet day of judging and quite cold. I was extremely excited to have been given the honour to judge Breeder's Team in show and my best Breeder's Team was the Saluki. Second best Breeder's Team was the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, third was the Pomeranian and fourth was the Bolognese. I don't have a quality photo of the Pomeranian unfortunately.





My BOB and BOS Maltese winners below. BOB dog and CACIB was from Intermediate class, Swd Junior Ch. Black Boots Richelieu Pecan Pie and BOS was from Champion class, Nord Ch. Purple Angel Chansengla.



It was a very windy and wet day and I was amazed we actually got a picture.

After having to say good bye to beautiful Sweden and my lovely Swedish friends, Per and Birgitta Svarstad (Moorwood Shelties), who looked after me so well, I was off to Cologne ('Köln'), Germany to meet up again with my friend Julia Van Dinter and friends Martina and Josef Feldhoff (von Soligenwald Shetland Sheepdogs). I spent a few days shopping with Josef and Julia in Koblenz and visited the huge Cathedral in Cologne before I had to return to Australia.

That weekend, I flew over to Scotland to spend a few days with my good friend Stephen Proctor in Edinburgh. Took in some sights and saw the great Edinburgh Castle only to be drenched yet again. Visited some Sheltie folk and attended the Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show. I had never been to a dog show in the UK before nor had I ever handled a dog abroad before. Showed and presented a beautiful little tricolour male for Stephen to win a respectable second place in a rather large class. There were a few really top quality Shelties in Scotland and I got to see UK's Top Sheltie, Eng Ch. Edglonian Singin The Blues (Sid) who was res CC this day but gee what a lovely boy and so well presented and handled by Ms Debbie Pearson.

It was very educational to watch Mr Andrew Brace judge General Specials at SCK after judging with him in Kuopio, Finland. That man is so full of knowledge and such stories to tell. He had Julia, myself and others up all night talking dogs.

By Monday it was time to say good bye to Scotland and the buzz of their country wanting to become independent from England, and back to Germany. Having to judge several breeds at a special show held by the Bavarian Shetland Sheepdog Club the next weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of August. Off we went in the Feldhoff Winnebago on a very long road trip all loaded up with 9 Shelties. Kind of felt like the European Vacation movie with the Griswold family.

Saturday I started with the Australian Cattle Dogs and Dalmatians with a combined entry of 53. My BOB ACD was also best of the day over my BOB Dalmatian but it was very close as both were of excellent type. It was a beautiful sunny day and perfect for judging dogs. Left) Austlyn's N Wallaroo's Interceptor (Sara Herzlinger), Right) SKCh, HCh. Celtic Gate's Bread N'Butter (Tanja Mattiesson).





Well Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August was not so perfect for my coated breeds. It wasn't just cold but very wet, and many of my exhibits got drowned, including myself. A day most would prefer to have been inside. We had a big gazebo to stand under, but not big enough for everyone I'm afraid. I had Shar Pei, Tibetan Terriers, Malinois, Old English Sheepdogs and Shelties. Shar Pei do not like running on the wet grass, so I found out, however they were of decent quality for a small entry, as were all of the others. My Shelties were not the quality I am used to. Winners were ok but I saw much better in other countries. Many with gay tails and some quite small with very fine bone. Overall, heads were good and so were temperaments. Size was all over the place, and movement, well a really good mover was hard to find but then the weather could have been a contributing factor there. Photos of winners on Sunday were awful as it was so wet and dogs and handlers were so miserable. Below my BOB Tibetan Terrier from Junior bitch class, Tian Kji Rani Lamieh. My BOB Shar Pei from the Junior bitch class, Ruby Red viky pei Hong-Kong. My BOB OES from Open dog class, VDH Club Ch, DJCh. Venivici Othello. My BOB Mallinois (which were all working dogs) from the Open bitch class, Qwen de l'origine de Faucon Rouge.



My BOB Sheltie was from the Open dog class, DJCh. VDH u. Club Ch. Bentley dark am Woogbach, Owner: Helmut Mobertz (Left), and my BOB Junior & CAC – VDH winner was Queen Merry von Berwangen, Owner & Breeder: Petra Bartz (right).



The next day I started my long trip home via Helsinki and as much as I really enjoyed every minute of my European judging trip, I was very pleased to return back home. Missing family and dogs. I missed my Vegemite, silly me forgot to take it with me, so you can guess what I had for breaky the first morning home!

**Editor's note** – Donna mentioned the very curious **Lundehund**. According to the American Lundehund Club website, this breed takes its name from the lunde, puffin, (*Fratercula arctica*). It's one of the world's rarest breed of dog because they are low in number and also because it boasts a whole series of unusual anatomical characteristics. Some of these characteristics are found, but only sporadically, in other breeds. The lundehund has at least 6 toes on each foot; can close its ears so that the ear-canal is protected against dirt and moisture; has neck-joints which enable it to bend the head backwards over the shoulders, so that the forehead touches the back - this is useful when the dog has to turn in a narrow passage. Also, this dog has extremely mobile fore shoulder-joints, so that both front legs can stretch straight out to the sides!





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Best dressed female - Cheryl Lockett



Best dressed male - Ray Grice  
(with Jan Grice)



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