

**Australian Shepherd Association of NSW**  
**Championship Show - 8 April 2017**  
**Judge: Mrs Jeni Sach (WA)**  
**Critiques**

**Judge's Comments**

I would like to thank the Club for the invitation to judge this show, it was a huge honour for me.

Thank you to the exhibitors for such a quality entry of Aussies.

It was very pleasing to see so many excellent toplines and hindquarters.

The majority of dogs had beautiful temperaments with only a handful inclined to be a little soft. There were also many beautiful heads with lovely expression.

While I was lucky enough to have many exceptional and lovely dogs to go over on the day the one weakness I found throughout my judging was fronts. There were many who had short and straight upper arms. The standard states "... The upper arm, which should be relatively the same length as the shoulder blade, attaches at an approximate right angle to the shoulder line with forelegs dropping straight, on a perpendicular to the ground..." In my opinion, unfortunately there were very few dogs whose forequarters fitted that description. In the majority the angle was much more open which then leads to the front legs coming down below the neck or ears rather than under the withers and in turn leads to a lack of freedom in movement.

Overall I found the quality of dogs to be very high and once again I thank you for the opportunity to go over them.

**Baby Puppy Dog – 4 Entries, 1 Absent**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 1 – Borderton The Act of Betrayl – \*\*\*Baby Puppy in Show\*\*\*

4 ½ month old black tri. Very promising puppy with correct almond eyes, correct bite and good ear set. Pleasing expression. Very balanced puppy with a strong topline and good angulation. Moved well showing good reach and drive.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 4 – Blueamble Simply Red

3 month old red tri. Another very promising puppy with a pleasing head and expression. Well angled but didn't quite have the lay of shoulder of the first puppy. Displayed a strong topline and moved soundly.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 2 – Leesway Ghost rider (AI)

5 ½ month old blue merle. As with many developing puppies of this age he was a little narrow in back skull however he had a correct bite and good ear placement. He displayed correct height to length ratios and had a well angled hindquarter but was a little short and straight in upper arm and therefore wasn't quite as free moving and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place getters.

### **Junior Dog – 2 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 5 - Ukulunga Black Magic (Imp NZ) - \*\*\* Junior in Show \*\*\*

13 month old black tri with a very good coat. This dog was well proportioned and showed correct substance for size. Very good head and expression and used ears well. He was a little bit straight in the forequarter with a moderate hindquarter and strong, level topline. Moved soundly.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 6 - Mainstreet Man Of The Hour

12 ½ month old blue merle. I felt this dog was a little strong in the head for his age. He was lacking in forequarter angulation but had a level topline and moderate hindquarter although I would prefer shorter hocks. Moved well although would like to see more freedom in the forequarter.

### **Intermediate Dog – 13 Entries, 3 Absent**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 18 - Tolazrun Rascal Flats

18 month old red merle. A larger male with very good proportions. He had a good head and expression with correct eye shape and correct bite. Used ears well. Good reach of neck with a strong, level topline. Well angled forequarter and hindquarter and moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 11 – Jedabun Everlasting Temptation

Almost 2 ½ year old red merle. This dog moved well. He had a very attractive head and expression, had a correct bite and well set ears. Correct substance for size with a strong topline. Could use more forequarter angulation but had a very good hindquarter.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 7 – Delchoksky My Santana RN

2 ½ year old blue merle. This dog was a little smaller but displayed correct substance for size. He had an excellent head and expression with a correct bite, almond eyes and correct ear set. Well angled hindquarter, lacked a little in forequarter but moved well.

### **Australian Bred Dog – 6 Entries, 1 Absent**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 25 – Ch Tolazrun Too Good To Be Blue (AI)

5 year old black tri. Good sized dog of good substance. Good head but I would prefer a more almond shaped eye. Correct bite. Well angled with a good topline and moved well. In good coat.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 22 – Ch Borderton Zenvo Ltd Edition

5 year old red tri. Correct head with almond eyes and good ear set. Correct bite. Pleasing expression. Correct substance for size although I felt he was carrying a little extra weight on the day. Strong and level topline with well angled hindquarter. Moved soundly. Also in good coat.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 21 – Sarbinma Lucky Madoc CCD RN

3 ½ year old red merle. Good head and expression with correct bite. A little straighter in the forequarter than the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placegetters however still a good moving dog with a correct topline and a good coat.

### **Open Dog – 9 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 33 – Sup Ch Dykinta Sea Shepherd - \*\*\* Open in Show \*\*\*

4 year old blue merle. Well angled dog with a beautiful reach of neck and level topline. Good head and expression although I would prefer a fuller muzzle. Correct almond eyes, correct bite and correct ears. Good height to length ratio, my preference would be for slightly stronger substance. Very balanced and covered the ground effortlessly.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 26 – Sup Ch Dykinta Hot Property ET

9 ½ year old blue merle. Another lovely dog of similar type to the class winner. This boy was slightly stronger in head and substance. He had excellent proportions and angulation. This dog also covered the ground with ease. There was little between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the decision could have gone either way. On the day this dog was very slightly out moved by the class winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 27 – Ch Articivory Watch Ur Back

6 ½ year old black tri. This dog had a very good head and expression. I would have preferred him to be slightly longer however he had a very good topline and well angled hindquarter. He was a little straight in upper arm however he did move well.

Dog Challenge: Exhibit No. 33 – Sup Ch Dykinta Sea Shepherd

Reserve Dog Challenge: Exhibit No. 26 – Sup Ch Dykinta Hot Property ET

### **Baby Puppy Bitch – 5 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 41 – Nuthinbutt Naughty By Nature

5 ½ month old red tri. Very promising puppy with a pretty head and expression and used her ears nicely. She was a little straight in the forequarter but had a good hindquarter and level topline.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 39 – Lanbart Princess Shambi

4 ½ month old blue merle. Promising puppy with a good head and expression. Very nice proportions and substance but still needs to drop in chest. Lacking angle in the forequarter but adequate angles in the rear.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 38 – Borderton Mine By Design (AI)

5 ½ month old red tri. At the moment this girl is a little fine in the head and needs time to develop and fill out. She also could use more forequarter angulation but has a moderate rear and good topline, she moved well.

### **Minor Puppy Bitch – 5 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 46 – Mainstreet All Dressed Up - \*\*\* Minor Puppy In Show \*\*\*

7 month old black tri. This was a very well balanced puppy with good substance for her size. She had a correct head with good expression, correct eyes and ears. She had an excellent spring of rib, moderate neck and correct angulation in the forequarter and hindquarter. She moved well and had a good topline.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 43 – Goldmaid Patience Is A Virtue

7 month old blue merle. Good head and expression. Very good topline and moved well. She was a little straighter in the forequarter than the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner but had a good depth of chest and a moderate hindquarter.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 45 – Amerahnn Walk Of Fame

7 month old blue merle. Very pleasing head and expression. Good length of neck. Again, slightly straighter in the front than the other two. She had a good topline and hindquarter and moved soundly.

### **Puppy Bitch – 6 Entries, 2 Absent**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 50 – Blueamble Red Satin Sinner - \*\*\* Puppy in Show \*\*\*

11 month old red merle. A smaller girl with a very pretty head and expression with correct eyes and ears. Great temperament. Well angled and balanced and covered the ground with ease. A little out of coat but can't be helped at this age.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 52 – Mysql Legacy In Blue

10 month old blue merle. Another girl with a very good head and expression. She had correct almond eyes and used her ears well. She had a very good topline and a well angled hindquarter. A little short and straight in upper arm. Had a good length of neck. Moved soundly.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 51 – Jedabun The Snow Queen

9 ½ month old blue merle. This puppy had more substance than the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners and therefore not quite as feminine. I also found her ears to be a little heavy. She had a correct neck with a level topline and well angled hindquarter. She could use more forequarter angulation.

### **Junior Bitch – 8 Entries, 2 Absent**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 56 – Lanbart Black On Ice (AI)

17 month old black tri. Good head and expression. Very good chest and well angled forequarter and hindquarter. Very balanced. I would prefer a slightly shorter hock. Very good reach of neck with a good topline. Moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 61 – Nuthinbutt Denim And Lace

Almost 18 month old blue merle. Different to the head of the class winner but still a pleasing head and expression. Well angled hindquarter with an excellent topline. Good depth of chest, slightly straighter in the forequarter than the first bitch. Moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 58 – Mahteek One Last Kiss

12 ½ month old blue merle. Another good head and expression although I found the ears a little heavy. Good reach of neck with a good topline and hindquarter however lacked forequarter angulation.

### **Intermediate Bitch – 10 Entries, 1 Absent**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 66 – Ch Blueamble True Loves Kiss - \*\*\* Intermediate in Show \*\*\* \*\* BIS \*\*\*

Almost 2 year old blue merle. This was a very strong class and this bitch caught my eye the second she entered the ring. She had a very attractive head and expression and showed beautifully. She had excellent proportions and substance. She had an excellent depth of chest, was very well angled and balanced and held her topline on the move and the stack. She covered the ground effortlessly.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 69 – Ch Gemelo Miss Money Penny

2 ½ year old blue merle. Another bitch with a very good head and expression. She was mildly finer in substance than the class winner but was another very well balanced, well angled and excellent moving bitch.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 65 – Mainstreet Original Sin

19 month old blue merle. She had a very good head and expression. Didn't have quite the angles of the first two bitches however she had a correct topline and moved soundly.

### **Australian Bred Bitch – 12 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 77 – Blueamble The Glass Slipper - \*\*\* Australian Bred in Show \*\*\* \*\* RUBIS \*\*\*

Almost 2 year old blue merle. This bitch also commanded my attention when she entered the ring. She had a beautiful head and expression and was a moderate size with excellent substance. She had excellent angulation with a great depth of chest and was very well balanced. She covered the ground with ease.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 75 – Ch Wlkabout You Are Bootylishus

4 year old blue merle. Very good head and expression. Excellent topline but didn't have the forequarter of the class winner. Very good substance and excellent hindquarter. She moved very well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 79 – Ch Barkingspines Garden Of Eden

2 ½ year old black tri. Very nice bitch displaying correct moderate size and substance. She had a very good head and expression. She had a good depth of chest and moderate angulation. She was well presented and in lovely condition. Moved well.

### **Open Bitch – 5 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 86 – Ch Dykinta Night Music

5 year old blue merle. Good outline with correct substance. Head planes were not quite parallel which changed the expression a little however over all still a very good bitch. She had a level topline, she was well angled and very good on the move.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 84 – Ch & NZ Ch | Ukulunga Set The Scene Alight (Imp NZ)

5 year old black tri. Very nice type of bitch with a correct head and expression. Correct substance for size. Not quite as well balanced as the class winner as she was lacking a little in forequarter angulation however she did move well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 88 – Sarbinma Chokerrero

5 year old red tri. She had a good head and expression. Very nice outline with an excellent topline and good reach of neck and depth of chest. Well angled hindquarter but a little short and straight in upper arm. Moved soundly.

Challenge Bitch & Best in Show – Ch Blueamble True Loves Kiss

Reserve Challenge Bitch & Runner-up Best in Show - Blueamble The Glass Slipper

### **Neuter Dog – 3 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 37 – Neut Ch Dykinta Make My Day CD RN JD SPD SD GD

10 year old blue merle. Well balanced dog with a good head although I would like him to look a little more masculine. Moderate neck, good topline and good angulation. Correct substance for size. Overall a sound dog who moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 35 – Ch & Neut Gr Ch Lanbart Hugo Boss HT ET

7 year old blue merle. A little bit bigger and more masculine than the first dog with a good head and expression. He didn't quite have the angles or topline of the class winner however he moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 36 – Dreamoz Silver Fox

2 ½ year old blue merle. I felt this dog lacked some substance for his size and could use some more angulation. He had a strong topline and a very good moderate neck.

Neuter Dog Challenge & RUBISN – Neut Ch Dykinta Make My Day CD RN JD SPD SD GD

Neuter Reserve Dog Challenge – Ch & Neut Gr Ch Lanbart Hugo Boss HT ET

### **Neuter Bitch – 5 Entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit No. 90 – Ch Sarbinma Little Lassie Mya CCD

7 ½ year old blue merle. Good head and expression. Well balanced with moderate angulation and a good depth of chest. Level topline. Moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit No. 93 – Ch Tuscamada Peaches N Cream

7 ½ year old red merle. Small bitch with a big coat typical of a neutered bitch. Good head and expression with good substance for size and moved out well with a level topline.

3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit No. 89 – Ch & Neut Ch Kinbrace Take Your Best Shot RN ET (Imp NZ)

5 year old black tri. Another good bitch with a level topline. Moderately angled although a little short and straight in upper arm but moved well on the day.

Neuter Bitch Challenge & BISN – Ch Sarbinma Little Lassie Mya CCD

Neuter Reserve Bitch Challenge – Ch Tuscamada Peaches N Cream