

## ALL TIME FAVORITES by Valerie Geddes

Amongst my own personal all-time favourite Rough Collies owned by other breeders I would have to include the following.

### Int/Multi Champion Steadlyn Blueberry Dots.



Born in 1987, sired by Lynaire Breezalong ex Steadlyn Angel's Affair, she was a veteran when I judged her, but her quality and beauty could not be denied, and she went on to win BIS. She won 23 CASs in different countries, multiple titles and group placements, BIS and BVIS at all breed international shows. She was full of quality, had the most beautiful feminine heat with flat skull,

correct planes and filled foreface, sweetest expression from correctly set and shaped eyes, and superb ears. She was so shapely and feminine in outline yet with good substance, superb neck, strong in back with excellent front and rear quarters. Her movement was easy, light, fluent and true and her beautifully coloured coat was presented to perfection. I have never forgotten her.

### Ch/Int/Multi Champion Shep's Gonzales Que Guapo.



This tricolour male was sired by Int Ch Pahex Easy Money ex Shep's Xperience. Born in 2007, he is another stunning Collie with so much quality. I first judged him in Germany as a raw youngster but even then, his quality was obvious. Some years later I had the pleasure of judging him again in 2012, fully mature – in no way did he disappoint. Maturity had brought the most beautiful

head qualities, filled in foreface and clean through cheeks with just a slight, perceptible stop rising to the flattest, well filled skull and correctly placed ears, and soft, kind eyes altogether made a very desirable expression. He was superb in outline and angulation with good substance throughout and in outstanding coat.

He currently has 12 champion children, including one international and many CAC winners. Interestingly, his pedigree traces back on both sides to my first choice.

### **Int/Multi Ch Pahlex Dollar N Dime.**



A rich shaded sable/white male born in 2005, sired by Am Ch Tartanside Allegiance ex Int Ch Corydon La Suprema, which I also judged as a youngster. As those already mentioned, his type just screamed "Collie". His head was really beautiful with perfect planes and a slight stop and so well rounded and filled in muzzle and skull. He had a very sweet yet masculine expression from dark, almond-shaped and obliquely set eyes, with ears perfectly set. He is a

full litter brother to the sire of Que Guapo and, like him, a proven sire of healthy, quality winners and champions. Their pedigree is a combination of the best UK, Scandinavian/European and American lines and, for me, their type and quality epitomise the outstanding and most desirable feature of the breed standard.

### **Int/Multi/Uk Champion One Extraordinary Blu Di Cambiano.**



I cannot leave off my favourite choice of Collies without mentioning this very handsome blue male. The start of 2018 saw this lovely dog join us and was campaigned throughout that year. He first came to my attention as a raw youngster when I visited an overseas show and even then,

he produced an aura of greatness. A superbly coloured blue merle to start with, well covered with a harsh, double coat, he was so well made in body, superb substance, yet in no way heavy. Light, free movement took him around the ring with ease. His head was well balanced, clean with good fill of muzzle, slight stop and flattest skull.

Well used, small neat ears, glorious dark, almond shaped, obliquely set eyes produced the most desirable expression – his greatest asset. A wonderful dog in every way with a happy, joyous temperament, he lived with us for 2 years. His many children around the world are following in his footsteps to continue the “Piaf” dynasty.

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