

Western Afghan Hound Cub Open Show 6th August 2023

Thank you to the WAHC committee for inviting me to judge this show and thanks to David Evans for stewarding at short notice. Most of all, thank you exhibitors for coming. On the occasions I judge I always remind myself what a privilege it is to be allowed to go over your hounds and I am grateful to you for giving me that opportunity.

Thank goodness the weather was better than on Saturday, in fact it was good for the dogs, dry and not too hot. It was windy a lot of the time and that definitely unnerved a few of the hounds. A couple refused to settle after several attempts.

I was pleased that I had a good variety of types and colours. I feel that variety is one of the things that sets our breed apart.

With one exception, coats were well presented, and bites were all good so I have not mentioned those things below.

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Dogs

VD (0,0)

PD (4,1) 1 Lees' **Altside Micah Hot Prophet** S/m Cream 10 months Compact Dog with substance. Good length of neck, well balance angles front and rear and a level topline for one so young. He moved soundly with a confidence beyond his age. **(BPD BPIS)** 2 Harwood's **Altside Too Hot to Handle 10 months** B/m Gold Another well made puppy. Houndier than 1 and not as together when moving but I think he will develop very well.

JD (3, 0) 1 Gunn's **Katanga's God of Thunder** Black and Cream Compact Dog with a good head and eye shape, sound and balanced on the move. 2 Gunn's **Katanga's God of Mischief** Similar to 1 with great depth of chest but did not have quite the same drive and reach. He was possibly one who did not like the wind.

YD (0, 0)

GD (1, 0) 1 Peek-Matar's **Yansukhim's Sherbet Fizz** Black/Dark Brindle Very masculine dog, good head and eye shape. He moved a bit erratically but when at his best he drove well. **(RBD)**

PGD (3, 0) 1 Hill &Thornton's **Absolute Afghans Djibouti at Karnak** B/m Gold Good head, good angles front and rear, balanced with lots of substance, deep chest. Moved soundly. 2 Harwood's **Krishan Rainbow Warrior** Blue Domino Striking hound with a masculine head and lovely dark eyes. Has a very nice outline with great spring of rib. He also moved soundly but lacked a bit of sparkle.

LD (1,0) 1 Finch and Hopper's **Sitana Lal Toofan at Zinzani** Red Good strong head with golden eyes. Well bodied with a chest with plenty of spring and depth. In very good condition with lots of substance. **(BD)**

Bitches

VB (5, 2) What a class! 1 Gunn & Cannon's **Int Ch/Lux Ch Amal Salang Hey I'm The Star at Zushkhan (Imp)** Black Thoroughly balanced standing and when driving on the move.

Beautiful head and expression level with a good depth and spring of rib. Level topline and did not show her age at all. **(BV, BB, BIS)** 2 Link's **Ned Ch Popov's Bora Bora At Orashan JW (Imp)** B/M Gold Feminine head with a fine eastern expression. Good angles throughout she moved soundly. She lost out because she is just starting to show her age in topline and drive compared to the winner.

PB (2,1) 1 Scott's **Altside Hot Shot At Arushkan** S/M Cream 10 months Nice head, dark eye and long neck. Balanced with a good chest. She extended well but simply refused to settle down on the move. **BPB**

JB (2,1) 1 Callard's **Katanga's Black Widow at Shimonay** Black/Tan Powerful jaw but still feminine head, good spring of rib and level topline. Moved soundly and steadily.

YB (1,1)

NB (2,0) 1 Callard's **Katanga's Black Widow at Shimonay** 2 Scott's **Altside Hot Shot At Arushkan**

GB (1,0) 1 Green & Powell's **Yansukhim Candy Floss** Black/tan Feminine with dark eyes, long neck and good spring of rib. Loads of substance, balanced angles and moved with spring and style. **(RBB RBIS)**

PGB (3,2) 1 Medley's **Altside She's Hot** S/m Cream Good head and neck with nice chiselling. Balanced and moved soundly with correct ringed tail and carriage, though I would have liked more enthusiasm. Possibly another the wind affected today.

LB (3, 0) 1 Hedge's **Unstoppable Happy Go Lucky (Imp Swe) AI** Black/tan Good head and eye, balanced angles and level when standing. She had the most drive in this close run class. 2 Gunn & Cannon **Karagez Kartina Maslom at Zushkhan (Imp)** Black/cream Again good head and eye, balanced with loads of substance and body. She just needed a touch more reach and drive.

OB (0,0)