

Western Afghan Hound Club Championship Show

2nd August 2021

Bitches – Judge: Ken Sinclair

I was very honoured to judge at this Club's Championship Show. The afghan bitches here today were an interesting mixed entry. I have never known any Breed that has so many imports in the last 10 years as Afghan Hounds seem to have. Bloodlines are now being introduced to our mainly English bloodlines; this does not always seem to have worked out too well. Many today have straight tails, broader skulls and shorter forefaces, shorter legs, longer backs and no fallaway. I do hope in the next few years this will be rectified.

Veteran Bitch

1. Adams Ch Zandahar Just Tiger Lily; I admired this quality bitch when she was in Minor Puppy. She has kept her topline and shape. Good headpiece and strong balanced powerful jaw, long neck, correct angulation to shoulder, good bone, large feet, still has powerful rear which she uses to show her free flowing movement. Would prefer a ring in her tail to complete the picture. Best Veteran in Show – congratulations.
2. Bastow's Karandikar My Serenade; this black/tan is in amazing condition for being born in 2009. She has a very classic head, strong jaw and chin but is still feminine. Good neck and sound front, level topline, good large feet, moved out well for her age. Well handled and was a pleasure to judge her.
3. Gray's Ch Alouann Glitz N' Glamour avec Algrahart.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2)

1. Edwards Rhajikhan Aurora – this blud brindle entered the ring full of confidence and has great reach and powerful extension and rear drive. She keeps a superb clean shape both standing and moving. Her head and foreface with correct shape to dark eyes is a joy to see. Long neck, well angulated shoulder, long sweeping quarters, correct long tail with ring at the end. Just loved her! Res.Bitch CC and Best Puppy Bitch. She then later on went Best Puppy in Show.
2. Gunn/Cannon's Karagez Kartina Maslom at Zushkhan (imp), this young puppy was very difficult to assess. She moves well with her tail raised, had a pleasing head but would not really let me go over her at length. Needs a lot more ring training and judge confidence.

Puppy Bitch (5) 2abs

1. Fisher's Shimalma Campari Goes to Ifmaraf; black masked silver, very feminine, correct balance to foreface and skull, good shaped dark eye. Correct front and shoulder angulation, at present very thin, needs more weight to fill out ribs and loin. Good angulation to rear and correctly set tail. Moved well, she will have a good future with maturity.
2. Sturgess's Forestbrook Dragon Glass; another black masked silver, she is sturdy and bigger framed, good headpiece, slightly round in eye, strong bones, big feet, good

overall conformation, long tail with ring at end, she lacked enthusiasm today on the move.

Junior Bitch (4) 2 abs

1. Medawlark Attitude Is Key The Wones Thendara (imp Rus.), a black/tan that lives up to her name as she has a great attitude, very confident. Superb head and eye shape, long neck, well laid-back shoulder blade, good ribbing, a little long in loin, good sweep to quarters, low hocks, correct long tail with ring at the end. Good reach and drive moving out freely with style, very well handled.
2. Gilbert's Altside Hot As Hell at Affietar; different type to above, this eye-catching brindle is well boned, pleasing expression, shorter in neck and not angulation of shoulder of above, good front, well sprung ribs, well angulated quarters. Quite a compact bitch, lacks ring tail, well presented.

Yearling Bitch (5) 1 abs

1. Hughes & Luty's Gezancol Fallen From Grace; this quality black masked gold had a superb head, eye shape and expression. Strong arched neck, good long shoulder blade, well boned, big feet, strong quarters, moved well. Quite a tall bitch, really liked her, in the close consideration for higher awards today.
2. Lanashire & O'Donnell's Syrdarya Ceylon Chai Drishaun pushed the winner close today, well-constructed, most pleasing head and expression, in great muscle and show condition, a picture when stacked, just lacked the enthusiasm on the move to the winner. Expertly presented and shown.
3. Smart's Gezancol Kissed By An Angel.

Novice (6) 1abs

1. Medawlark Attitude Is Key The Wones Thendara (imp Rus.) – winner of Junior.
2. Bastow's Cloudside Muingra to Karandikar (A.I.); black bitch with a great outline and overall pleasing shape, good front and shoulder angulation, well ribbed and deep brisket, good sweep to quarters, low hocks, shown in full coat and well presented.
3. Syrdara Ceylon Chai Drishaun

Graduate (3)

1. Phillips & Smith's Karagez Curtain Call Zhaqqari; black bitch with a superb outline on the move. Good length to foreface and balance to refined skull, excellent neck and shoulders, good straight front. She does tend to relax her topline when stacked and is much better on the move. Correct well angulated quarters, expertly presented in top condition; another who challenged hard today for top honours.
2. Syrdarya Ceylon Chai Drishaun – 2nd Yearling
3. Hedge's Unstoppable Happy Go Lucky (imp Swe)

Post Graduate (6) 1abs

1. Sanghera' Tulak Driving Miss Daisy to Sitana, shaded masked silver shown in full coat, superbly presented. She moves with freedom and has good reach and drive giving good open side gait. Pleasing headpiece with good expression, sound front and pleasing flow to shoulders. She is a little longer than I prefer, very good sound well angulated quarters.
2. Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Don't Gild The Lily JW; another well-presented bitch who has lot of quality attributes, superb head, foreface and expression, sound in front, keeps a good firm topline, well angulated rear. Not the freedom or drive in movement of above, but with this, she will reach the top.
3. Cullen's Cloudside Sevillana at Eweyisska (A.I.)

Mid-Limit (4) 2 abs

1. O'Donnell's Drishaun Faith Is Like A Lily Javidan; a most feminine brindle of correct size, great expression, correct earset, liked her front construction, good feet, good depth to brisket, excellent topline to fallaway and tail. Moved well just lacked enthusiasm in the challenge but another top contender here today.
2. Parker's Saxonmill Jean Genie at Khatira JW; another feminine bitch of correct size and pleasing overall shape. She is a little broad in backskull for me, good neck to shoulder smoothness, deep brisket, well angulated quarters, when settled, moves soundly. Tail does lack ring, well presented and handled.

Limit (4)

1. Coates Gilari Silken Flame at Bukhara; self-masked red, quality and great shape, just a bit too big for me. Good head and expression, strong rear with was well muscled, she can move with great reach and strong rear drive, correct ringed tail. Well presented in good show condition.
2. Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Consider The Lily JW, was second in Post Graduate as her critique.
3. Ashton's Brigitte Bardot Gandamak For Zobear (imp Svk)

Open Bitch (8)

1. Barber, Henry & Sampson's Tianze Melt My Heart at Normarand (imp Aus); this quality red bitch did melt my heart, loved her classic outline, best head of the day, loved the dark correct shaped eye and the chiselling and close details. Good strength to neck, excellent shoulders and sound front, she has good depth to brisket, firm loin, perfect tail set with the desired ring. Shown in full coat and well handled at all times. So pleased to award her the CC today, her first.
2. Noble & Wilcox's Aqua's the Bitchisback at Bichoux (imp USA); I loved this bitch as a youngster, giving her Res.Best Puppy in Show at the Hound Championship Show. She has matured and grown on as I hoped she would, feminine head, long neck proudly displayed, sound front, firmest of toplines, long tail with ring, uses her well

angulated strong rear for her movement. Shown in good fine coat with mature saddle. Well handled, a very close contender.

3. Hitch & Barley's Ch Zhivias Sunrise Surprise of Zendushkas

Ken Sinclair (Araki)