

Western Afghan Hound Club
Open Show
Monday 28th May 2018

Thank you to The Western Afghan Hound Club for inviting me to judge this show in their 50th Anniversary year also a huge thank you to all the exhibitors who entered and stayed for the show after what must have been a very long weekend for some. I haven't done an open show for what must be 20yrs but have given 7sets of challenge certificates out to some truly fabulous specimens of our breed. I must admit I very much agree with breed club open shows being held in conjunction with General Championship shows, as I think that it is the only way these days that the up and coming judges will get the opportunity to get hands on a reasonable amount of Afghans before going on to award the ultimate Challenge Certificates. I had some lovely dogs today and some stunning bitches of which 2 bitches I would love to have taken home with me, one being 2nd in puppy and the other 1st in yearling. I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoons judging your beautiful Afghans, but have since decided that this will be the last time I will judge this our beautiful and stunning breed.

DOGS

M.Puppy-(1).1st. Tulak Rebel in the Rye. Self masked pale gold that is very well named, was full of mischief and thoroughly enjoying his day out when he settled he can really stride out which you would expect from his very well constructed frame, very well and sympathetically handled.

Puppy (3-2ab) 1st Joneca Fire Cracker by Shukriya. Shaded masked gold, good head with dark triangular eyes giving a good expression, long neck, good shoulder, level topline, correct set on tail carried well on the move, movement a little erratic at times but also showing that he has good length of stride and spring when settled, very well presented and handled. B.P.D. and Best Puppy in Show.

Veteran (1) 1st Zendushkas Glenmorangie. Black of 9 years young who moved around the ring like a 2 year old, holding a level top line, loved his large well padded feet, congratulations to his devoted owner on keeping him in such fabulous condition .Best veteran in show

Junior (3-2ab) 1st. Sitana Barisa Toofan Karianca, shaded masked gold, loved his head and face full of monkey whiskers, full of mischief, good length of neck sitting well into a good shoulder, super depth of chest and spring of ribs for one so young, well angulated rear finished off with the all important correctly set ringed tail which for me is a very important characteristic of our breed .When he settled moved with good reach and drive, very well presented.

Yearling (3-2ab) 1st. Affyneeta Dionysius. Black/Silver a very happy young man, nice head, and good neck, ringed tail, handled well.

Graduate (3-1ab + 1 withdrawn) 1st. Gilari Redwood Earl at Zarankhan J.W. gold handsome boy at the top end of the standard but in no way is anything heavy or coarse about him, lovely masculine head on a long neck laid into good shoulders, level top

line, super rear angulation, low hocks finished of with a ringed tail, moved well, coat and presentation second to none. Res Best dog.

Post Graduate (5-2ab) 1st. Saxonmill Phoenix Rising. Brindle dog who is at the smaller end of the standard but in no way fine or feminine, loved his fabulous head, darkest of eyes giving good expression, long neck, excellent shoulders, depth and spring of ribs, short powerful loin, good fallaway and set on ringed tail, moved with purpose which completed the picture. Best dog and Res Best in Show.

2nd Gilari Rosso Corsa. Self masked gold, nice head with a good expression, good lay of shoulder but would just prefer slightly longer forearms, when he moves he is so light on his feet with exceptional spring.

3rd. Drishaun Black and Tan Rebel.

Limit (5-2ab) 1st.Drishaun It Ain't What You Do. Tall shaded masked gold a little stronger all through than I personally prefer but couldn't deny him this class on his long powerful movement, good neck, shoulders, top line and sweeping quarters.

2nd.Zilbec Zanthus. White boy presented in super condition, what a happy chapie who has such a lot to say for himself, fabulous pigment for such a light coloured dog, lovely expression, good shoulders, just preferred the more positive movement of first.
3rd. Syrdarya Custard Cream at Tazkindi.

Open (5-2ab) 1st.Javidan Bad Boy Boogie. Blue brindle, nice head with a good expression, level top line, good spring and depth of chest, low hocks, and ringed tail, moved well.

2nd.Javidan Kiss The Sky Over Tarikhi litter brother to first and thought he would be my winner but lost out to his brother on movement just not giving his all unfortunately, gold with a lovely head and expression and sporting a super beard, same comments as his brother apply, sympathetically handled and well presented.
3rd.Gezancol in the Zone.

BITCHES

M.Puppy (1-1ab)

Puppy (3) 1st.Joneca Fireblade. Shaded masked gold, feminine head, good length of neck, level top line, good fall away and rear angulations, ringed tail held at the correct angle on the move, moved well, won this class on her overall steady performance.

2nd.Katanga Knikis Dream Knight. What can say... Loved this puppy from the tip of her beautiful head to the tip of her ringed tail, just my type exquisite head under all those monkey whiskers, only a small bitch but nothing airy fairy about her and is well off for bone, excellent angles front and rear good depth and spring of chest, So Why?? does she then move like she did?; because nothing in her construction in my opinion suggests that she should move anything but true, unfortunately paced and moved wide behind.

3rd.Cloudside Sunglow at Shimonay.

Veteran (1) 1st.Metewand Mamabula. 13years young and enjoying her day out, in super condition and still holding a level top line, congratulations to her loving owner handler.

Junior (0)

Yearling (3-1ab) 1st.Affietar Glen Magille J.W. well here was the other one I could so easily have pinched, she just fills my eye and I wouldn't change a thing about her, she wasn't very happy about something today, but did get her tail up eventually. Black/silver, fabulous head and expression really looks through you, long neck into well laid back shoulders with corresponding upper arm, excellent depth, spring, top line and sloping fallaway.Well muscled sweeping rear quarters with low hocks, ringed tail. Movement is so what I look for with the fore legs pulling the dog forward as much as the rear is driving powering her forward. So wish she was mine.

2nd.Affitar Glen Shira. Black/gold litter sister to first and in many departments as good, not as mature as Magille and sure they will change places in the future as they are a credit to their breeder.

Graduate (0)

Post Graduate (1) Gilari Silken Flame at Bukhara. My notes say "Wow" can see why this young lady is doing so well. Red bitch with a gorgeous expression, long neck laid into well placed shoulders with good return of upper arm, good bone, sloping pasterns and well padded large feet, level top line, strong square loin, excellent rear, ringed tail carried at the perfect angle when moving, her movement is what you would expect, reach, drive, good head carriage, fabulous body and coat condition. Res Best Bitch.

Limit (2) 1st.Zhivias Nyght Silhouette. Fabulous black feminine bitch, darkest of eyes, loved her silhouette so clean, long neck, excellent shoulders, level topline super sweep and bend of stifle, low hocks and finished off with a lovely ringed tail, presentation first class.

2nd.Garamond Wineberry at Sochera, another lovely bitch with lot to like but was just being a bit lazy on the move today, very well presented as always from this exhibitor.

Open (3) three exceptionally lovely bitches.

1st.Ch. Affietar Amazing Grace J.W.once again Wow I couldn't believe my eyes, have always admired this bitch but never had the opportunity to judge her before and was thrilled to do so. shaded masked gold of 8 but holds herself and moves like a mature 5 year old, everything about her says "hay look at me "from her lovely head, long neck, perfect front assembly, level top line, excellent depth and sprung rib cage, short powerful loin, excellent rear quarters and set on tail, fabulous movement sometimes a little to fast but when brought back it is poetry in motion, presented to perfection by her very proud breeder owner. Thank you for giving me this opportunity and privilege of judging her, no hesitation on awarding her Best Bitch and Best in Show.

2nd. Garamond Spiceberry J.W. Sh CM. another lovely bitch, super head, excellent front and rear quarters, moved well as did all in this small but strong class.

3rd. Sleepy Hollow at Yanskhim (imp) J.W. Sh CM.

Judge Jackie Scott.