

I was delighted to be asked to judge at the Western, and pleased with the entry in term of its overall quality. Presentation was of a high standard throughout, and I appreciated the effort the exhibitors had gone to considering that Crufts was just around the corner meaning extra bathing in order to come here ! My thanks also go to my stewards who kept things moving and the committee for the warm welcome. I opted to judge outdoors, albeit in a chilly wind, where the dogs could better show their movement in the bigger ring.

#### Min.Puppy Dog (2)

1st Lancashire's Drishaun This Ain't Goodbye

Eye catching red boy, 7 months and as raw as one would expect at this tender age, however still quite poised and collected for a youngster. Balanced head with pleasing expression, well laid shoulder and good front assembly. Good spring of rib and strong loin, well covered throughout. Moved out with confidence, certainly one to watch in the future.

2nd Lacey's Drishaun It Ain't Like That

Litter brother to 1st, and similar comments apply. Not quite as collected on the move as his brother but still a delight to go over. Balanced head, good length of neck, level topline, correct fallaway and set on of tail. Pleasing rear angulation. Ring tail completes the picture. Once he settles and learns to use his legs & angles he has promise.

#### Puppy Dog (3) 1abs

1st Purnell & Hunn's Zharook Dare to Dream at Cherbecky

Black & Silver male of 11 months, balanced outline, and well covered throughout. Good lay of shoulder, level topline. Fair spring of rib. Good rear angulation. Ring tail, Moved with confidence. BPD

2nd Dunstan & Waterhouse's Syrdarya Custard Cream at Tazkindi

Self masked cream male, 11 months. Plenty to like about this boy, pleasing head and expression with good pigmentation. Depth of chest and front assembly both good. Level topline and strong loin.

3rd Goff's Gezancol In The Zone

#### Veteran Dog (3) 1abs

1st.Keates Jodak the Court Jester ShCM

Substantial Black male, 8 years old. Having already judged this dog some time ago, I was pleased to see how he has matured. Pleasing head, Good overall shape and definition, depth of chest, long neck, well sprung rib, tight loin, prominent hipbones. Covers plenty of ground on the move. BVIS

2nd Hunn's Andizhan Arcturus JW

Brindle male, excellent head with good eye shape and placement.

Level topline. Well covered throughout. Well angled front & rear,  
Moved soundly.

#### Junior Dog (4) 3abs

1st Lancashire's Javidan All In the Name of Drishaun

Brindle male, 18 months. Balanced outline, flowing lines from nose to tail, excellent front with well laid shoulder and return of upper arm. Level topline and firm loin, fallaway and tailset both good. Ring tail carried well on the move, Presented well with desired silky coat texture.

#### Post Graduate Dog (2)

1st Buttle's Sarakhan Shamir JW ShCM (Res.Best Dog & Res. BIS)

Black mask gold dog of 2.5 years, such a delight to go over. Fabulous head and expression, classic eye shape and placement, strong underjaw, long neck into well placed shoulders, good angulation to front and return of upper arm. Level topline, tight strong loin, good fallaway and tailset. Desired sweep from hip to hock. Moved out with drive and purpose, only pipped to Best Dog by his litter brother and ultimately a deserved RBIS.

2nd Hunn's Sarakhan Shah-Bashir JW

Litter brother to 1st, and similar comments apply, though he wasn't quite as covered as his sibling. Moved well with good tail carriage.

#### Open Dog (5) 3abs

1st Harrison's Sarakhan Sultan Al Kabira JW ShCM (Best Dog & BIS)

Litter brother to my PG winner and another fine example of the breed. Pleasing head and expression, well covered throughout, good lay of shoulder and spring of rib. Well shaped and defined fallaway, prominent hip bones, moved with style and purpose carrying the tail well. In the challenge he managed to pip his brother to the post though it was very close. Carried the quality through to BIS where i was more than happy to award him top honours. BD & BIS

2nd Hunn's Sarakhan Shareef

6.5 year old Black Masked Cream, Good angles to front and rear, well sprung rib, moved out well.

#### Min.Puppy Bitch (1)

1st Lancashire's Drishaun It Ain't Over (Best Puppy in Show)

Sister to Minor Puppy Dog showing many of the qualities he displayed though equally raw at this stage, Self masked red, profuse monkey whiskers behind which i found a well balanced head with pleasing expression. Good lay of shoulder and front assembly, Good depth of chest, well sprung rib, level topline and prominent hipbones. Moved

out soundly, most promising. BPB & BPIS.

Puppy Bitch (5) 2abs

1st Coombes Gezancol Topsy Turvy

Black & Cream of 11 months. Balanced outline with good front and rear angles. Pleasing head with good eye shape and placement. Eyes dark and triangular. Shoulders smooth with good lay. Level topline, compact loin and good tailset. Well presented and handled.

2nd Purnell's Zharook Heavenly Dream at Cherbecky

11 month old brindle girl, litter sister to Puppy Dog winner. Nice head with tight dark eyes. Good return of upper arm, well boned throughout. Correct fallaway. Moved well and overall gave a good account of herself.

Junior Bitch (4)

1st Dare's Sitana Nishana at Lakarnadream (Res.Best Bitch)

17 Month old Black Masked Gold, nice head with classic expression, well angled front & rear, return of upper arm and spring of rib both good. Well saddled throughout level topline and coupling, well angled croup, good turn of stifle and flow throughout rear quarters.

Beautifully presented and handled. Moved out with drive and spring. Pleased to award RBB.

2nd Coombes Gezancol Topsy Turvy

Post Graduate Bitch (2) 1abs

1st Coombes Gilari Devil Woman (Best Bitch)

Having seen this girl from ringside on several occasions i was pleased to be able to assess her hands on. Self masked gold of nearly 4 years old, balanced outline. Classic head and expression, low set ears, good front and shoulders, level topline, correct fallaway and tailset. Well turned stifle, good sweep from prominent hipbones. Well covered throughout and certainly appears to have put some weight on to her advantage. Good length of tail, carried well on move. Moved out well with reach and drive. Delighted to award BB, pushed hard for higher award but lost out to two very handsome dogs.

Open Bitch (4) 3abs

1st Harrison's Sitana Kamalia Al Kabira ShCM

Black masked gold girl of 5.5 years, patterned coat, well covered throughout, strong loin, prominent hipbones, ring tail carried well. Well presented.

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