

Western Afghan Hound Club Ch show - Bitches.

I approached this, my final appointment before retiring from judging, quietly hoping to find the quality I had experienced in previous years. Numerically disappointing, but quality in the higher classes provided compensation. It is hard to see where the future of the breed is going with such a small nucleus of knowledgeable enthusiasts and what appears to be a rush for the something different, with flash `n dash priorities applying for some breed specialists and all rounders. Together with the judges pilot training and qualification program currently being trialled it appears that the actual dog is lost in all the necessary paperwork . Excellent steward only heard not seen – thanks.

VB 3 (2)

1st Ch Sitana Nishana at Lakarnadream dark masked gold just into veteran. Dark eye, good length of foreface balanced head overall. Adequate neck, short back perhaps a shade overweight, balanced rear quarters. Overall quality bitch who will appeal to many.

2nd. Sumahari Flowering Peach to Ifmaraf very fine in shades of blue. Dark eye, balanced head, level topline. Longer cast than first and good scope in movement when she settled.

3rd Altside Donna Karen.

PB. 2 (1)

1st Tulak Never Been Kissed quality self masked gold youngster, dark triangular eye giving good expression, chiselling to foreface, very appealing puppy. Adequate neck, good shoulder and upper arm excellent depth with correct spring of rib, level topline. Correct fallaway into balanced rear quarters finished off by ring tail. Effortless on the move should have a good future. BPIS

2nd Davashey Madam Hooch very immature black cream needs to body up and settle a little.

JB. 3(0)

1ST Cloudside Sunflower shaded masked pale gold showing signs of a saddle. Excellent in head with dark triangular eye and correct expression. Adequate neck into well laid length of shoulder with adequate return of upper arm. Good depth of chest with correct spring of rib. Tended to roach but I put this down to her enthusiasm as when stood naturally topline is correct. Correct ring tail and sound positive movement. Will do well assuming she is not over 1st shown and becomes bored.

2nd Joneca Fireblade self-masked red of appealing type with dark eye. Well chiselled in head but slightly narrower than 1 in front. Showing correct saddle with average depth of chest. Prominent hip bones with correct ring tail. Tended to pace on the move. Rear drive good but slightly tall to be well balanced.

3rd Katanga Knikis Dream Knight

YB 3(1)

1ST. Cloudside Sunglow at Shimonay – pale gold dark mask with dark eye whose overall conformation and balance won her the class. Signs of saddle showing with prominent hip bones.

2nd Affietar Glen Shira, black - feminine eye shape not as good as 1st and a little overweight. High in the rear a difficult class with not one outstanding.

3rd Joneca Fireblade.

NB. 2(0)

1ST Tulak Never Been Kissed.

2nd Joneca Fireblade.

GB. 3 (0)

1ST Gilari Vermillion Venus self-masked red a with great expression and balanced head. Dark eye low set ears adequate neck. Complementary angles front and rear prominent hip bones and balanced when stacked. Well saddled, movement can be a little erratic, but I put that down to her enthusiasm. Will do well when fully mature.

2nd Affietar Glen Shira

3rd. Harlextan Tout Sweet GoTo Ifmaraf.

PG. 2(3)

1st Gilari Silken Flame at Bukhara full sister to previous class winner. Shaded red mask best of expressions dark oval eye with low set ears. Adequate neck with matching angles front and rear. Level topline with rarely seen bare pasterns. Excellent rear quarters with ring tail. With maturity should go all the way.

2nd. Saxonmill Precious Poppet at Sadida black with little tan needs a little more substance. Feminine head dark eye topline a little suspect with good rear angulation. Preferred 1 on the move.

MLB. 2(0)

1st Shimalma Midnight Liaison brindle with excellent expression from darkest of eyes well placed on balanced head with punishing jaw. Long neck into excellent front. Well bodied correct spring of rib level topline and correct fallaway into well balanced rear angulated quarters. Moved effortlessly and has that natural soundness and balance that is needed in the breed.

2nd. RhazmakhTyme n Tyde brindle very similar to first on several points but preferred the overall balance of first.

LB. 4(1)

1st Davashey Flora Burn of Sazau 4 year old black cream of super overall natural balance. Good head dark eye good length of foreface. Adequate front and rear assembly well bodied sound standing and on the move. Moved very well, unlucky to meet the major winners today – will probably gain her title.

2nd Maringo Drop Dead Gorgeous Close up feminine black and silver in good condition. Good expression balanced head adequate neck. Very sound moved very well although little high in the rear which let her down.

3rd. Tulak Ever After for Tazieff.

OB. 7 (1)

Hardest class of the day with so much quality present

1ST Ch Syrdarya Malted Milk at Wilbus self - masked cream of the highest quality. Great expression on feminine balanced head with punishing jaw, good length of neck into textbook front assembly correct bone angles and lengths for her height and balance, level topline into rear quarters which compliment her front assembly so well. Excellent body proportions in sound condition. Correct fallaway and ring tail complete the picture. Sound on the move with excellent reach and drive covering the ground with ease. Handled sympathetically CC BIS.

2nd Bondor A Golden Age Over Rhazmakh young brindle bitch recently titled. Excellent expression with great overall conformation and good level topline. Correct ring tail Not quite the angles as first. Very sound on the move.

3rd. Ch Popovs Sazerac at Sarakhan.

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