

AFGHAN HOUND BITCHES

JUDGE: NORMA HITCH (ZENDUSHKAS)

My thanks to all for a lovely entry of bitches and to the Western committee for a first class show, I thoroughly enjoyed my day. Thanks also to my two efficient stewards, Melinda & Claire and to David Paton for his lovely photos.

My main concerns were weak toplines, narrow ribcages and loins. Our standard calls for back level, moderate length, well muscled. Loin straight, broad and rather short. In my opinion the loin is the transmission area which delivers forward the thrust from powerful rear quarters and it must be well muscled and broad. We must never forget that the Afghan evolved as a hunting hound and we as custodians of the breed should be trying to maintain the Afghan Hound fit for the purpose for which it was bred. Having said that, there were many lovely bitches with the correct conformation here today.

VETERAN 5 (2ABS)

1. FLOYD. CH HUBSHE UZUME. Black/Tan. A grand old lady of 11½ years and a worthy champion, enjoying her day out. Excellent construction hidden under a wealth of coat, groomed to perfection. BVIS.
2. SMALL. METEWAND MAMABULA. Another spritely 11 ½ year old, in excellent condition for her age. This silver grizzle was nicely balanced throughout with good level topline. She showed some of the youngsters how to move.
3. COMBES. GILARI DEVIL WOMAN

MINOR PUPPY 3

1. BLOOR. PASHTARI LADY CAVENDISH. Nicely balanced Black/Tan baby with good head and well shaped dark eye, lengthy neck into well laid shoulders, good ribbing and depth to chest, well angulated hind quarters. The picture completed with a lovely ringed tail. Steady mover.
2. MILNER. PASHTARI LADY CHILTERN. Black/Tan, litter sister to first, with almost identical conformation but not as confident or as settled on the move as 1.
3. MILNER. PASHTARI LADY BRACKNELL.

PUPPY No Entries

JUNIOR 8

Quality class headed by two lovely bitches well within the bitch standard for size.

1. COATES. GILARI SILKEN FLAME AT BUKHARA. This beautifully balanced red lady is certainly one destined for the top upon maturity. Lovely feminine head with well shaped dark eye, long neck into well constructed front assembly, good ribbing and depth, level topline and strong loin, well angulated rear quarters. When she puts her mind to it she moves really well with good reach and drive. My notes say 'Naughty but nice'.

2. HALL. SAXONMILL RAVISHING RITA. Yet another good example of our breed from this top kennel. This dark red brindle is well constructed and balanced throughout, from feminine head to ringed tail. Moved well, covered the ground, springing from the pasterns.

3. LOCKETT-DAVIES. BONDOR A GOLDEN AGE OVER RHAZMAKH JW

YEARLING 6

1. LOCKETT-DAVIES. BONDOR A GOLDEN AGE OVER RHAZMAKH JW. Tall, houndy, masked silver brindle. Lovely head held proudly on lengthy neck, balanced angulation fore and aft with level topline. In good condition and expertly presented, coat gleamed, lovely springy ground covering movement.

2. GUNN & POW. AMAL SALANG HEY I'M THE STAR AT ZUSHKHAN IMP. Dark Brindle, pleasing head with expressive dark eye, reachy neck into level topline, good fallaway to curved tail. Good rear angulation put to good use on the move. It was a close decision between her and 3rd who is a beautiful bitch but she refused to co-operate with her handler today, persevere she is worth it.

3. MOORE. CLOUDSIDE FLASH DANCE.

NOVICE 4

1. COATES. GILARI SILKEN FLAME AT BUKHARA.

2. JAMES. GILARI VERMILLION VENUS. Self masked gold, well presented with lovely natural saddle. Head held proudly on long neck, nicely balanced throughout with good front and rear angulation, level topline. Was more settled in this class and moved freely driving from her well angled rear.

GRADUATE 11

1. WAGGETT. JUST FOR YOU DE KOULANGER AT CLENAGH JW.IMP. Nicely balanced masked gold, good head with well shaped dark eye, loved the beard. Well laid shoulders and balanced rear angulation, strong loin with prominent hipbones. Moved well.

2. LOCKETT-DAVIES. BONDOR A GOLDEN AGE OVER RHAZMAKH JW.

3. FLOYD. ARUSHKHAN KABUKI AT HUBSHE.

POST GRADUATE 9

1. MOON & FILLIS MOON. MARINGO DROP DEAD GORGEOUS. Certainly lives up to her name. Beautiful feminine black/tan, of correct size with nothing exaggerated. Balanced head held proudly, long neck set into good lay back of shoulder with corresponding length of upper arm. Correct ribbing and good deep chest. Level topline with short well muscled loin and well angulated rear quarters. The picture completed with the desired ringed tail. She was a joy to watch on the move, gaiting freely, springing from the pastern with great drive and forward extension. Truly a style of high order. Super condition and presentation. CC & BOS
2. LANCASHIRE. DRISHAUN IN BLACK VELVET. Tall, well balanced black/tan. Pleasing head with nice dark eye. Balanced angulation fore and aft. Good ribbing and depth with level topline. Holds herself proudly on the move with good reach and drive.
3. GREEN, BARLEY & POWELL. GARAMOND WINEBERRY AT SOCHERA.

MID-LIMIT 8

1. HUGHES. GEZANCOL SAVING GRACE. Black masked gold, nice for size and totally balanced. Lovely head with well shaped dark eye giving that 'look at one and through one' expression. Lengthy neck into good layback of shoulder and return of upper arm placing forelegs well under body. Good spring to ribcage and depth to chest, level topline and strong loin, prominent hipbones and good fallaway to ringed tail. Rear quarters in balance with front. Moved well with reach and drive. Just needs more finish to take higher honours. RCC
2. BROADHEAD. TULAK EVER AFTER FOR TAZIEFF. Shaded masked gold with lovely natural coat pattern and deep saddle. Nicely balanced throughout with good front and rear angulation. Moved with proud head carriage, covering the ground with ease.
3. CALLARD & BORASH. KATANGA'S KANDY KREME AT SHIMONAY.

LIMIT 9

1. SMALL. GARAMOND SPICEBERRY JW ShCM. Tall black/tan. Pleasing feminine balanced head with well shaped dark eye. Good conformation and balance throughout. Presented well and in great condition which is evident when she moves, springing from the pastern and covering the ground effortlessly.
2. HUGHES. GEZANCOL TIT FOR TAT. Black masked gold. Profuse immaculately presented coat with natural saddle. Nicely balanced head with dark eye and lovely beard to compliment the oriental look. Good angulation front and rear, level topline, well ribbed with deep chest and strong loin, the whole picture finished with a ringed tail. Moved freely covering the ground.
3. ADAMS. ZANDAHAR JUST TIGER LILY JW ShCM.

OPEN 5

1. BUSBY. CH. SYRDARYA MALTED MILK AT WILBUS JW. Beautiful shaded masked cream, every inch a champion. Attractive feminine head with correct expression. So well balanced with text book conformation throughout. Covers the ground effortlessly. Just lacked sparkle today, that style of high order was missing.
2. MOORE. CH. CLOUDSIDE FLASHDANCE. Another worthy champion. Houndy, shaded masked gold with the correct coat pattern with deep natural saddle. So well made with good front and rear angles. A stylish and sound mover.
3. DARE. SITANA NISHANA AT LAKARNADREAM JW.