

## **WESTERN AFGHAN HOUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

I was thrilled to be asked to judge dogs at the Western Afghan Hound Club Ch. Show celebrating their Golden Anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their hospitality. The rings were huge which enabled the dogs to move.

Movement is important as they are an athletic dog and need sufficient room to move properly. Balance is also very important as are toplines – the reach should balance with the drive of the dog. Unfortunately, there were many dogs that lacked muscle and several dogs that rose high behind when moving creating an almost "V" topline. However, there were many truly impressive hounds. I was pleased to see very few bad tails and tail sets and in some classes, it was a case of splitting hairs.

Thank you exhibitors for bringing your hounds under me, I very much enjoyed judging them.

### VETERAN

#### 1. Broadhead's **CH. TULAK THE SENTINEL AT TAZIEFF** JW Sh. CM

Impressive gold dog with a beautiful head, lovely chiselled foreface and good underjaw. Dark almond eye with a good expression. Strong arched neck that flows into well laid shoulders, excellent front and depth of chest, powerful, sweeping hind quarters. Great style on the move and a ringed tail completed the picture.

This hound is not exaggerated in any way, he commands the ring with his presence, put down to perfection and is all Afghan. Was pleased to award him the CC. When he moves, you understand how well put together he is and although a veteran, I felt he could move all day long.

### PUPPY

#### 1. Trainor & Rogers' **TULAK FAST AND FURIOUS**

This puppy has a beautiful head and the darkest of eyes. Balanced throughout, good front, level topline, angulated hind quarters and ringed tail. expertly presented and moved well. Best Puppy Dog.

#### 2. McCormack's **TULAK DESPICABLE ME**

Litter brother to 1 above and has all the qualities of above but needs to settle on the move. Just a baby.

#### 3. Middleton's **DAVASHEY RON WEASLEY**

## JUNIOR

### 1. White's **SHINE ON YOU CRAZY DIAMOND AT RUANNAS** (Imp NOR.) (AI)

Cream dog who has a good head and dark eye, excellent front and quarters. Balanced throughout, level topline, nice fallaway and ringed tail. When settled he moved with style. Still very raw. Well handled and presented.

### 2. Parson's **JONECA FIRE CRACKER AT SHUKRIYA** JW, Sh.CM

Impressive gold dog. Super balanced head with chiselled foreface and good under jaw. Long neck, clean shoulders with good return of upper arm. Strong loin and well made body. Moved and presented very well.

### 3. McLay's **CLOUDSIDE SUNKING**

## YEARLING

### 1. James' **SITANA AAG TOOFAN**

Excellent head and expression, strong neck leading into a good shoulder and upper arm. Good depth of body and strong loin with excellent rear angulated hind quarters. Nice length from hip to hock. Well presented and handled. Ring tail completed the picture.

### 2. Finch and Hopper's **SITANA LAL TOOFAN AT ZINZANI**

What a lovely boy? Litter brother to 1 above and all the attributes apply. Put down in good body condition but needs to settle on the move. Oh so naughty and probably cost him the class.

## NOVICE

### 1. McCormack's **TULAK DESPICABLE ME**

### 2. Godber-Ford's **AFFYNEETA DIONYSIUS**

Showy black dog in good body condition. Well handled.

## GRADUATE

### 1. Bovey's **SITANA BARISA TOOFAN KARIANCA**

Impressive youngster with a fabulous head, wonderful chiselled foreface, dark eye and a lovely beard. Strong neck into well laid shoulders, good depth of chest and spring of rib in good body condition. Excellent rear angulation and low set hocks. Moved with drive and style, although I expect he can be really naughty at times. Immaculately presented and handled. I feel he is destined for top honours.

### 2. McLay's **CLOUDSIDE FLASH THUNDER**

Brindle dog with good head and eye and expression. Well balanced body in superb muscular condition. Level topline, moved with long springy stride.

### 3. Cullen's **KHAMIS AEQUITAS AT EWEYISSKA.**

#### POST GRADUATE

##### 1. Newton's **SHIMALMA RUM RUNNER**

Impressive masculine brindle dog. Pleasing outline, strong neck, well laid back shoulders and good front with level topline, strong loin and correctly angulated hind quarters. Good length and angle of fallaway. Moved very well with a long springy stride. Presented in tip top condition, not a hair out of place, expertly handled.

##### 2. Gardner's **DRISHAUN BLACK AND TAN REBEL.**

Black dog with good head, eye and expression. Well balanced throughout with good angulated hind quarters and level topline. Moved and handled well.

##### 3. Chapman's **DEVANMARNSHOW ME MAJIKAT SADIDA**

#### MID LIMIT

##### 1. Winter's **PASHTARI LORD TENNYSON TOKANDO JW**

Black dog with good head, eye and expression. Well laid shoulder and balanced throughout, good fallaway, tail set and ringed tail. Strong, angulated rear quarters and in good body condition. Moved with drive and perfectly presented and handled.

##### 2. Bunney's **GEZANCOL STRIKE A LIGHT AT ZADAL JW**

Immaculately presented black masked gold dog. Sound, well made body. Good quarters and level topline. Moved out well. Another well handled exhibit.

##### 3. Goff's **GEZANCOL IN THE ZONE**

#### LIMIT

##### 1. Winter's **GARAMOND CLOUDBERRY FOR TOKANDO**

Black dog with lovely chiselled head, dark eye and good expression. Long neck and shoulders well laid back, good depth of chest and spring of rib. Good angulated hind quarters which he used well when moving. In good body condition and nicely balanced with no exaggerations, covered the ground in long easy strides. Expertly presented and handled.

##### 2. Mathers and Semple's **ZILBEC ZILANDRO**

Unmasked white dog. Text book front and shoulders, long neck, powerful quarters, low hocks and big feet. Strong well made body. Not the easiest of coats to present but he was put down to perfection. Moved with drive and style, unlucky to meet 1 above.

##### 3. Coates' **SYRDARYA GARI BALDI AT BUKHARA**

## OPEN

This is a class where I wish I had four 1<sup>st</sup> cards to award as it was only splitting hairs between them.

1. Mathers and Semple's **IR. CH. CLOUDSIDE SUNDANCE WITH METEWAND**

Beautiful, stylish, free moving dog who covered the ground effortlessly which won him this class. A joy to watch. Well balanced head and dark eye, clean shoulders well laid back with nice return of upper arm. Balanced body, good quarters, nice fallaway and ringed tail. Put down in hard, lean condition, shown and handled to perfection. Res. CC.

2. Parson's **CH. SYRDARYA HAZLENUT HOBNOB AT SHUKRIYA.** JW ShCM

Black masked gold dog with a lovely head and typical expression and dark eye of correct shape. Well laid shoulder and return of upper arm, excellent depth of chest, good quarters, balanced outline and the picture completed with ringed tail. Well made all through and in impeccable body condition. Presented and handled to perfection and unlucky to meet 1 above.

3. Hall's **CH. DEVANMARN IT'S A KIND OF MAJIK SAXONMILL.**

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