

AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF WALES
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2021

First of all I would like to thank the Afghan Hound Club of Wales committee for inviting me to judge at their show. The venue was excellent with a floor that even the most anxious dog could grip on. Thank-you to the exhibitors for entering under me, it was satisfying to have such a numerically good entry. I hope the exhibitors took my placings in the spirit they were given. I would like to give a special thank you to my two excellent stewards, Gareth & Sarah. They kept the ring moving like a well oiled machine.

I would like to mention a couple of points that seem to be coming more prevalent of late. The first is that I found quite a number of overlong loins & although the dogs looked balanced what it really means is that to compensate for the long loin the ribcage has become shorter. This is not correct for our breed. The other point is that bone is becoming more fragile, Afghans should have “good bone” so that they can perform as they were bred for.

On the whole I found the exhibits to be in good condition & presentation was excellent.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (1-0). 1st. Goslings. Ayoubkhan Silk Road. Cream boy with a refined head & a balanced outline. Although still a baby I could feel the strong bone which is needed for our breed. He moved OK but full of the enthusiasm of youth. **Best puppy dog.**

PUPPY DOG (2-0). 1st. Ayoubkhan Sillk Road.

2nd. Davies. Rhajikhan Adrastus. Brindle boy with a good head long neck & adequate spring of rib. Moved OK but lost out to 1 on overall balance.

VETERAN DOG (3-0). 1st. Goslings. Ayoubkhan Persian Silk. 7½ year old Masculine blue brindle dog. Balanced head with correct dark eye. Excellent spring of rib. Moved with purpose & intent.

2nd. Hopper & Finches. Arushkhan Born to be Wild at Zinzani. B/M Gold boy. You could see this was a male without having to go over him. Strong outline, good chest, broad loin. Well proportioned head with good dark eye. Moved with style. Beautiful well presented silky coat.

3rd. Cullen's. CH. Sydarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska.

JUNIOR DOG (5-0). 1st. Newton's. Shimalma Jagermeister. S/M cream boy. Still very much a baby. He has good front angulation which won him this class over his litter brother. Good sweep of hindquarters which when let down will make a better outline. Good spring of rib, but still needs to fill out. Moved confidently.

2nd. Drage's Shimalma Drambuie. Litter brother to 1 & much of what I said for him also applies to this boy. Good head & dark eye, Just felt that the front angulation was not quite as good as the litter brother. Needed to steady up on the move. But overall two nice youngsters.

3rd. Godber-Ford's. Affyneeta Mountain Breeze.

YEARLING DOG (1-0). 1st. Hutchinson & Hutchinson's. Affyneeta The Wizard with Jarcaniche. All black boy. Would have liked a bit more of this dog he moved well but just didn't fill my eye as an afghan should.

NOVICE DOG (3-1). 1st. Drage's Shimalma Drambuie.

2nd. Hutchinson & Hutchinson's. Affyneeta The Wizard with Jarcaniche.

GRADUATE DOG (2-0). 1st. Shaw's. Seoidin the Peacock. (Imp Rep of Ireland). S/M gold boy. Masculine head of good balance with correct dark eye. Well sprung ribs giving ample heart room. Correct fallaway with low set ring tail.

2nd. Mullen's. El Roalito Keep smiling. (imp Deu). Black & tan boy, Liked his movement he went around the ring with gusto. Good hindquarters, elegant neck. Would have liked a more masculine head to finish off the picture.

POST GRADUATE DOG (7-0). 1st. Stabile's. Calamus foreverttogether. All black masculine dog with a commanding outlook. Refined male head with elegant reach of neck & dark eye. Deep chest with ample spring of rib, level topline good fallaway leading to powerful sweeping hindquarters which he used to his advantage to move around the ring with power & grace. This is one dog that did fill my eye! A well earned **CC & BEST IN SHOW**.

2nd. Nielly's. Way up walker to cloudside (imp Ita). Another all black dog of quality. Good all round conformation with complimentary front & rear angles. Moved with style. Just preferred the overall balance of 1.

3rd. Metcalfe's. Jo-Kins Pineapples have Peelings too (Imp Fin).

MID LIMIT DOG (8-0). 1st. Parsell, Beanland, Parsell & Thorntons. Gezancol Never Say Never at Harlextan. B/M Gold boy in excellent all round condition & presentation. Looked good both standing & on the move which he did effortlessly. Good balance of foreface to backskull, Compact body outline, spirit level topline, powerful hindquatrers. A good looking dog. **Res CC**.

2nd. Milligan-Bott & Botts. Thendara Love it like that JW. All black dog. Houndier than 1 but still has a good balance. Refined well proportioned masculine head. Strong neck of good length, level topline, good sweep of hindquarters which enabled a smooth movement around the ring. Finished off with a ring tail.

3rd. Hunters. Neptune De Koulangar at Sulahmara JW (Imp Fra).

LIMIT DOG (7-0). 1st. Gorman & Latimers. Affietar Glen Sheil at Zharook. S/M gold dog. Beautifully balanced head with with dark well shaped eye, just the right proportions between foreface & skull with full mandarin beard. Elegant neck leading to a well constructed front assembly. Ample spring of rib, good muscle tone. Loved his movement which he looked liked he could keep up all day.

2nd. Abrey's. Karagez Tame the World. All black dog. Unlucky to come up against 1 today as these are two quality dogs & he only lost out on the move. Typical Afghan head with good eye shape, correct ribcage & length of loin. Level topline, Fore & aft construction complimented one another allowing a smooth fluid movement. Finished off with a ring tail.

3rd. Lancashire, O'Donnell & Lancasires. Drishaun Fair as a Lily JW.

OPEN DOG (7-2). 1st. Bloors. Pashtari Lord Byron. All black dog. Not a flashy dog, but nonetheless sound all round construction. Looked good when viewing from front & rear. Refined but masculine head with dark eye & good width of backskull. Good amount of bone, Moved well once settled.

2nd. Gardners. CH. Drishaun Said Tiger to Lily. Brindle dog of good proportions. Foreface & skull in balance. Well constructed front with legs placed well under body. Level topline with prominent hipbones correct fallaway with a ring tail. Presented as an Afghan should be.

3rd. Bunney & Williams. Gezancol Strike a light at Zadal JW.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (7-0). 1st. Parsons. Ayoubkhan Honeysuckle to Shukriya. S/M cream girl. Stood first in a trio of sisters any of which could change places with her. Feminine girl with good angles front & back. Will no doubt mature into an elegant lady. Moved the best in this class,

2nd. Stevens & Crafts. Ayoubkhan Silver Sails. Played up on the move to begin with, but settled down after the first run & moved well. Just a little less mature than 1 but at this stage of maturity it makes only a slight difference. Would like to see these sisters again when a bit more grown up.

3rd. Hirst's. Ayoubkhan Snow Cloud.

PUPPY BITCH (9-2). 1st. Kirk-Vickers'. Geordela Time to Shine at Istani. B/Tan girl. Pretty, feminine head, pleasing outline, kept her topline on the move, deep chest & good spring of rib. Should do well in the future. **Best Puppy in Show**.

2nd. Ayoubkhan Honeysuckle to Shukria.

3rd. Tanners. Rhajikhan Athena of Aleyazar.

VETERAN BITCH (4-0). 1st. Downes. Juwen El-Shariat Von Zorba (Imp). 7 year old lady. B/M Red. Just right for size. Feminine all through. Moved the best in this class & kept her topline on the move. **BEST VETERAN**.

2nd. Waggett's. Just for You De Koulangar at Clenagh JW (Imp Fra). Another 7 year old girl, S/M Gold. Feminine throughout with good overall balance, elegant neck, level topline, good fallaway & tailset. Just preferred the movement of 1.

3rd. Stevens & Crafts. Ayoubkhan Jasmine.

JUNIOR BITCH (5-2). 1st. Gilbert's. Altside Hot as Hell at Affietar. Brindle girl. Quite mature for her age. Has that arrogant look that is so typical of the breed. Carrying just the right amount of body weight at the moment. Good spring of rib allowing for plenty of heartroom. Moved around the ring with drive. Coat was presented in super condition.

2nd. Fisher's. Shimalma Campari Goes to Ifmaraf. Sh/M Cream. This girl has a good outline which will benefit from more body weight. Moved well & held her topline on the move. Looked good when viewed front & rear.

3rd. Medley's Altside she's Hot.

YEARLING BITCH (2-0). 1st. Milligan-Bott & Bott's. Medawlark Attitude is the Key The Wones Thendara (Imp Rus). B/Tan girl. Compact outline maintaining balance & type. Good front with legs held well under, level topline, short broad loin, good fallaway leading to a nicely ringed tail. Moved with style.

2nd. Medley's Altside She's Hot. S/M Cream bitch. Houndier type than 1 but still balanced. Pretty feminine head with elegant neck, level topline, deep saddle. Not as steady on the move as 1.

NOVICE BITCH (5-1). 1st. Shimalma Campari goes to Ifmaraf.

2nd. Ayoubkhan Silver Sails.

3rd. Ayoubkhan Snow Cloud.

GRADUATE BITCH (4-0). 1st. Lancashire O'Donnell & Lancashire's. Sydarya Ceylon Chai Drishaun. S/M gold. Won this class on her overall balance & movement. Plenty of front extension & drive from rear. Well saddled finished with the obligatory ring tail.

2nd. Bird's. Cloudside Zarzuella at Ikusimokon. All black girl in good all round condition. Liked her type, Good front angles, level topline, moved well. Would have liked just a little more angulation behind.

3rd. Downes' S's Super Star De Zorba Specially for you. (Imp)

POST GRADUATE BITCH (4-0). 1st. Hedge's. Unstoppable Happy go Lucky (AI)(Imp Swe). B/Tan girl. Just the outline I like, legs set well under a well ribbed chest, short broad loin, great length from hip to hock. Level topline, Feminine throughout. Correct front & rear extension on the move.

2nd. Phillips & Smiths. Karagez Curtain Call Zhaqqari. All black girl. Only lost out to 1 on movement, both had drive & style but I just preferred 1. Skull & foreface in proportion, strong elegant neck, level topline, good bone, ring tail carried correctly on the move.

3rd. Lancashire, O'Donnell & Lancashire's. Drishaun Say She Ain't Gazon (AI) JW.

MID LIMIT BITCH (4-1). 1st. Lancashire, O'Donnell & Lancashire's. Drishaun Consider the Lily. JW. It's always a pleasure to go over an exhibit when you can see they have been well prepared & this one certainly was Beautifully clean & groomed coat, Has the outline that I like. Quality brindle girl with everything in the right place. Good head & eye shape, long neck, level topline. Moved with plenty of power & drive maybe just a bit to much power for her handler.

2nd. Cross'. Sydarya Lapsong Souchong with Gilari. Sh/M gold girl. A bit erratic on the move at first but settled down enough to assess her movement eventually. Houndy type with balanced outline, refined head of good proportions, strong neck, level topline, nice to see a ring tail they are getting to be a rarity of late.

3rd. Cullen's. Cloudside Sevilliana at Eweyisska.

LIMIT BITCH (4-0). 1st. O'Donnell & O'Donnell's. Drishaun Faith is Like a Lily for Javidan JW. Brindle girl, Has that arrogant look that is so typical of the breed. Good width of skull prominent occiput, ribcage & loin well coupled, her fore & aft angles made for a fluid & graceful movement. Loved the overall look of her both standing & moving & a ring tail to finish. **RCC.**

2nd. Waggett & Wilkinson's. Saxonmill Kiss Bang Bang Clenagh. B/tan girl. Smart looking girl, presented a classic outline with balanced head, strong elegant neck, level topline, moved out well but didn't quite have the style of 1.

3rd. Coates' Gilari Silken Flame at Bukhara.

OPEN BITCH (6-2). 1st. Link'. Int CH Ned Popov's Bora Bora at Orashan JW. B/M Gold girl. All you could want in a female Afghan. All round femininity with balanced head & body, Level topline which she maintained on the move, well ribbed, short broad loin, good fallaway & tail set, moved with purpose & style once she got into her stride. Could have taken this girl home with me. **CC & RBIS.**

2nd. Chadwick & Bradley's. Sofico Griselda. Domino girl of good proportions, Different type to 1 but still a good all round shape with feminine head, dark well shaped eye, level topline , moved well but not quite the verve of 1. Coat was clean & well presented.

3rd. Appleby, Minchin, Edwards & Mulvaney's. Ir CH. Affietar Glen Isla.

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