

Afghan Hound Club of Wales - Open Show - February 8th 2009

Many thanks to all the exhibitors who entered under me, with special thanks to those who braved the snowy weather conditions to exhibit today. I was very happy with my entry and although very mixed in type, there were plenty of quality Afghan Hounds to enjoy.

Minor Puppy Dog - 3 (0 absent)

1st Earnshaws Kabella Blue Moon Rising over Moonshadow. What a cutie this blue lad is. Just 6 months baby showing lots of potential, with a masculine head, good neck into level topline and balanced angulations fore and aft. On the move he showed flashes of reachy and springy movement in between puppy playing about. 2nd Winters Ashahni Azzam with Tokando. Balanced blk & tan boy who has masculine head, long neck well set on and good topline, needs to fill in a little in chest but this will come. Moved well, with a balanced side gait. 3rd Ashahni Aniq at Julam. Blk & tan similar to 2, liked him for length of neck, return of upper arm and rear angulation, just preferred overall outline of 2.

Minor Puppy Bitch - 0 (0)

No Entries

Puppy Dog - 3 (1 absent)

1st Wilsons Cubanba Regulus. Gold boy with lovely outline and old fashioned patterning not often seen these days. Good head and length of neck, nice shoulders and level topline with correct fallaway and ring tail. Moved very well, with easy springy strides that won him BPD & RBPIS. 2nd Ashahni Aniq at Julam.

Puppy Bitch - 3 (0 absent)

1st Jones & Trethowans Pahlevi Ambition. Really fell for this black bitch, has everything going for her even though at times is her own worst enemy, but she has time. Truly beautiful head and expression, long neck and correct front assy. Level topline and excellent rear angulation, finished with ring tail. Really comes into her own on the move with absolutely correct driving movement with lovely extension front and rear that won her RBB, BPB & BPIS. 2nd Laceys Keamarola Karlesha. Blk & Brindle with lovely head and expression and good length of neck. Good rear angulation and very balanced mover. 3rd Kings Cubanaba Mara with Kinpaja. Liked this brindle bitch, extremely pretty head and balanced outline, but she was determined cause trouble for her handler on the move.

Junior Dog – 5 (2 absent)

1st Middleton, Traversari & Greenwoods Altside Back To Black. A really eyecatching athletic black dog with a lovely outline on the stack. Long lean head, long neck flowing into good shoulders and front assy, level topline and great rear angles. Moved out extremely well, covering lots of ground with spring and drive. 2nd Wilsons Cubanba Regulus. 3rd Edwards Sitana Bashahr. Cream grizzle lad who has good front assy, level topline and balanced rear.

Junior Bitch – 7 (3 absent)

1st Smalls Cloudside Glitter Storm. Brindle with lovely coat pattern showing off her many assets. Balanced outline, feminine head, long neck into good shoulders level

topline, finished with pin bones, correct fallaway and ring tail. Stylish mover who strode out well to win this class. 2nd Wignall & Williams Sitana Patiliala of Syrdarya. Feminine bitch who I liked for head and expression, topline and rear angulation, once settled, and not trying to play with everyone, moved well. 3rd Harrison's Sitana Kamalia very like her sister, just preferred front movement of 2 today.

Veteran Dog or Bitch 4 (3 absent)

1st Andrews Arushkhan Saint She Aint to Andizhan. Blk msk gold bitch who although alone more than deserved her first place. Like her feminine head and length of neck and balanced front and rear angulation. Moved well. BVIS.

Graduate Dog 4 (1 absent)

1st McKenry & Hughes Gezancol Enrique JW. Upstanding gld dog with masculine head who has good front & rear angulation that he can use very well on the move. When he eventually settled he demonstrated this with reach and drive that won him this class. 2nd Edwards Sitana Bashahr. Cream grizzle lad who has good front assy, level topline and balanced rear. 3rd Griffiths Palameedes Shukrah.

Graduate Bitch 9 (4 absent)

1st Clewlys Gezancol Claudine at Lingarzi JW. Caught my eye on entering the ring and did not disappoint in anyway. Stunning head showing power yet feminine, great length of neck which flowed into her level topline. Loved her outline, her correct front and rear, pin bones and the picture was finished by a ring tail. Moved out well with reach and drive, although had tired by the BIS challenge, where the dogs maturity and performance meant she had to settle with BB and RBIS today. 2nd Jones & Trethowans Jimellree Molly Maquire at Pahlevi JW. A quality blk msk gold bitch I very much like. Good head and expression, long neck onto correct front, matched by a sweeping rear, moves very well, but today she did not have the finish of 1. 3rd McKenry & Hughes Gezancol Simone JW. Quality brindle with feminine head, good for length of neck, pin bones and ring tail, though construction wise she has it, she just didn't give as much on the move as the 1st two today.

Post Graduate Dog 2 (0 absent)

Greens Sashkan Final Dividend. I liked this blk & tan's outline and balance. He has good rear angulation and used it well to drive on the move which won him this class. 2nd Kings Wilbus Mithras at Kinpaja. Quality blk msk gold boy who I liked for his balanced front and rear angulation, solid topline and ring tail, however he just wasn't putting in enough effort on the move today.

Post Graduate Bitch 4 (1 absent)

Andrews Andizhan Alexandrinah. Exquisite blk with beautiful head and expression, long neck into good shoulders showing balanced front and rear assys, level topline, correct fallaway and finished with ring tail. Moved well when settled, I hope she continues to gain confidence, she is worth it. 2nd Smalls Metewand Mamabula. Cream domino girl with lovely coat pattern and lots to like. Her correct build gives her light and springy movement. Just preferred outline of 1 today. 3rd Wignall & Williams Sitana Patiliala of Syrdarya.

Limit Dog 3 (1 absent)

Busbys Wilbus Midas JW. Very pleased to have the opportunity to judge this blk mask gold boy today, as hands on proves what a top quality hound he is. Really like his masculine head with arrogant expression, excellent length of foreface and strong underjaw. Has a long strong neck flowing into level topline, correct fallaway and ring tail. On the move he demonstrated what his build promised with front and rear angulation combined effectively, driving forward and delivering a balanced and reachy movement. His movement improved in the challenges to win him BD and ultimately BIS. 2nd Clewlys Whats It All About Alfie at Lingarzi. Very handsome gold dog who is well balanced. Liked his outline, length of neck, level topline and ring tail. He moved well but I preferred head and front extension of 1 today.

Limit Bitch 5 (1 absent)

1st Hughes Gezancol Dolly Day Dream JW. Very attractive and feminine blk msk gold bitch. Lovely head and expression on long neck. Level topline flowing into correct fallaway and ring tail. Showed off her angulation by using it to deliver scopey movement that had drive and spring. 2nd Adams Zandahar Treacle Tart JW ShCM. Have often admired this brindle bitch, she is very well built with correct angulation fore and aft, long neck and good shoulders with level topline, today I felt she wasn't giving her all on the move and so lost out to 1. 3rd Latham-Jacksons Drishaun Djocosta. Classical red bitch, liked her for head, upper arm and rear angulation, moved well.

Open Dog 2 (1 absent)

1st Earnshaws Shadowfax Ciao Sabbioso JW. Really attractive quality cream who is all male and creates such an imposing outline. Masculine head with correct skull, set onto long strong neck. Solid topline with pin bones leading to correct fallaway and set on ring tail. He drives extremely well from the rear and has such lovely light, springy, movement. In the challenge he pushed the limit winner hard, but didn't quite have his front extension today so had to settle for RBD.

Open Bitch 2 (1 absent)

Stenhouse & Bettidges Thuja Annie's Song (imp) Beautiful outline on this blk & tan bitch who has such a lovely head and expression on long, yet strong, neck leading to good shoulder and topline, completed by a ring tail. She has such well matched and correct front and rear angulation, however today she did not use it all as I know she can.

Judge Nikki Deen (Jahera)