

Show – Nidderdale Agricultural Society
Date – 25/09/06
Location – Pateley Bridge North Yorkshire

Afghan Hounds

This is one of the countries leading Agricultural shows, as such it was somewhat muddy underfoot around the grounds and slippery in the ring, however the society was welcoming and the hospitality second to none. I had 13 dogs making 14 entries, thank you to the exhibitors who supported me and gave up their Monday.

Special Yearling D or B (4:1 absent)

1st Keates Jodak The Court Jester. Young black and silver male who presented a balanced picture on the stack, good head and eye, correct bite. Is developing a good depth of chest and shows correct return of upper arm. Prominent pin bones and good sweep of hindquarters to low hocks. Moved with verve, spring and drive

2nd Beckett & Hopkinsons Damosil Saeed of Phinjani. Good outline on this black masked gold dog who is just out of puppy. Little stronger in head than I prefer. Nice length of neck. Well matched shoulder and return of upper arm. Played about on the move but is capable of balanced movement.

3rd Keates Saxonmill Raeus. Black and brindle puppy male giving a lot away in maturity to the other 2. He has a lovely head and eye, long neck into good shoulders. Needs to drop at rear but this will come. Decided playing was more fun than being sensible and at this age who can blame him, nonetheless he demonstrated flashes of light springy movement. BPIB

Graduate D or B (1:0)

1st Keates Jodak The Court Jester.

Post Grad D or B (3:2 absent)

1st Simpsons Anouskarn Gigi. Black and silver bitch who although alone was a very worthy winner. Beautiful head, long lean and correct. Long neck. Good front matched by well angulated rear. Prominent pin bones and correctly set on tail. Moved well with head and tail up.

Open D or B (5:1 absent)

1st Noble & Wilcox Destiny Due Jegdalek avec Bichoux JW (imp) Outstanding hound with most arrogant expression and attitude, he looked at me and dismissed me as unimportant to him! Masculine but refined long lean head, long strong neck into smooth shoulders and level topline, finished by excellent fallaway and set on ring tail. His angulation front and rear is exactly right and this showed in his movement. He covered acres of ground, effortlessly with spring and drive. Honoured to have judged him. BOB and pleased to hear he went RBIS.

2nd Monkmans Sanstas Northern Dancer. Brindle male with nice head and eye. Good front and excellent depth of chest. Firm topline with correct pinbones and fallaway. Moved well.