

Critique for Afghan Hound Association Open Show July 21st 2018 from Emma James (Simkhan)

Thank you to the committee and exhibitors for giving me an enjoyable day and taking my decisions with such good grace. I felt I had a high quality entry and in some classes I'd have liked to award more than one first! I was however disappointed that several exhibits lacked muscle tone and believe a fit dog is essential. One dog was undershot.

Minor Puppy Dog (0),

Puppy Dog (1) 1: Trainer, Trainer and Rogers' Tulak Fast and Furious: Lovely shaded mask gold puppy with a super balanced shape. Handsome Masculine head with good length of neck into well laid shoulder. Good ribbing with plenty of spring and substance with a short square loin. Good fallaway and an excellent tail set. **RBPIS**

Junior Dog (2) 1: McClay's Cloudside Sunking: Another Shaded mask gold with lots to like. Lovely head and long neck leading into a well laid shoulder and good return of upper arm. Good depth of chest and short loin with good fallaway, tail set and ring tail. 2: Mullen's Nothing is Impossible De Hillsbury: Domino with super dark eye and balanced angulation. Moved much better on a looser lead. Beautifully presented with a lovely coat texture.

Yearling Dog (2, 1) Mullen's Nothing is Impossible De Hillsbury

Veteran Dog (1) 1: Gray's Ayoubkhan Fleur de Noel: Black masculine dog with good length of neck and nice side profile. Plenty of substance, excellent ribbing with good spring of rib and a strong square loin. Good fallaway and tailset.

Novice Dog (3) 1: Trainer, Trainer and Rogers' Tulak Fast and Furious 2: McClay's Cloudside Sunking 3: Mullen's Celestian Space Oddity

Graduate Dog (4) 1: Seamarks and Nemoto's Sayadena Northern Lights: Self masked cream dog with a masculine head and good length of neck into well laid shoulder. Good depth of chest and spring of rib and balanced angulation. Moved purposefully around the ring. Well presented. 2: McClay's Cloudside Flash Thunder Brindle with a lovely handsome head of excellent proportions. Super sweep from neck into shoulder. Good depth of chest and correct fallaway, tail set and ring tail. 3: Cullen's Khamis Aequitas at Eweyisska 4: Mullen's Celestian Space Oddity

Post Graduate Dog (6, 2) This was a very closely contested class and I liked all four dogs present.

1: Buttle's Gilari Redwood Earl at Zarankhan JW Red dog with a beautiful, elegant yet masculine, head and long neck which flows into a well laid shoulder and correctly proportioned return of upper arm. Good depth of chest and ribbing with spring. Correctly angled fallaway and tail set completed with a ring tail. Moved with good front extension and super light springy style. **RBD** 2: Winters' Pashtari lord Tennyson at Tokando JW Another super quality dog. Black with a beautiful handsome head, super profile stacked. Slightly longer cast than 1. Excellent shoulder and return of upper arm, good depth of chest with well sprung ribs. Correct fallaway with good tail set and ring tail. Moved purposefully with good front extension and style. Pushed 1 hard. 3: Drage's Gilari Rosso Corsa 4: Gardner's Drishaun Black and tan Rebel

Limit Dog (5) 1: Gosling's Ayoubkhan Persian Silk Blue dog with more substance than I had anticipated. Correct eyes and chiselling on foreface. Good layback of shoulder with correct return of upper arm. Excellent ribbing with depth and spring and strong short loin. Well-muscled in super condition with lovely springy movement and good extension. 2: Greening's Zilbec Zanthus Very nice Self masked white dog, longer cast than 1, with a handsome head and chiselling on his foreface.

Good length of neck into and correctly angulated shoulder and correspondingly balanced rear. Well ribbed with good spring and depth. Correct tail set and springy extended movement. Plenty of substance with no trace of coarseness. 3: Gardner's Drishaun It Ain't What You Do 4: McClay's Garamond Tayberry 5: Stevens and Craft's Ayoubkhan Firethorn

Open Dog (5, 1) 1: Cullen's Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska: Brindle with everything to like. Really nicely constructed dog with no exaggerations and lovely balanced outline. Lovely handsome head, correctly angulated and balanced front and rear angles. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Square loin. Correctly set ring tail and super light easy flowing strides. **BD BIS** 2: Winters' Garamond Cloudberry for Tokando: Another lovely dog, Black and Brindle. Handsome head of correct proportions. Nicely laid shoulder and correct return of upper arm, good spring of rib. Slightly longer in loin than 1. Good tailset, fallaway and ring. Moved well with nice spring. 3: Hurl's Javidan Kiss the Sky Over Tarakhi 4: Gardner's Javidan bad Boy Boogie

Special Racing Dog (2) 1: Cullen's Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska 2: Gardner's Drishaun Black and tan Rebel: Handsome dog with lovely head and long neck with balanced angles front and rear. Good depth of chest. Excellent fallaway. Lovely shaped profile and light springy movement.

Minor Puppy bitch (1, 1)

Puppy Bitch (1) 1: Stevens and Craft's Joneca Fireblade: Very pretty and feminine self-masked gold. Well laid shoulder and good depth of ribbing with spring. Balanced rear angulation. Good fallaway and tailset with a ring tail. Her sound movement was very together for a youngster and she was true coming and going. **BPIS**

Junior Bitch (3) 1: Callard and Borash's Cloudside Sun glow at Shimonay: Black masked gold, beautiful feminine head. Lovely flow from neck into shoulder and sweeping rear angulation. Well ribbed with square loin, excellent tail set and carriage with ringed tail. Lovely springy movement. 2: House and Hinchliffe's Cloudside Sun Angel for Jodak: Black sister to 1 and another lovely well-built youngster. Very dark, beautiful head with lovely flow from neck into shoulder. Excellent front with corresponding return of upper arm, balanced rear angulation. Springy movement but looser behind at the moment than her sister. 3: Turner, Hutton and Boydell's Nightwind you're My Kind Of Crazy

Yearling Bitch (1) 1: Fairclough's Affietar Glen Shira Black and tan with a feminine head, correct eye and good length of neck. Correct depth and spring of rib. Balanced angulation front and rear. She was carrying excess weight which unfortunately impeded her movement, she has the potential to do better.

Veteran Bitch (2) 1: De Felice's Ayoubkhan Fleur de Jardin: Blue bitch thoroughly enjoying her day out considering it was her very first show ever! It certainly wasn't obvious. Feminine head with a good length of neck. Balanced angulation and good fallaway and tail set. Correct depth of chest with spring of rib. Light springy movement. **BV** 2: Green, Powell and Hitch's Zendushkas Whiskey galore: Well constructed, feminine, gold bitch with good length of neck, balanced angulation, correct ribbing, fallaway and tail set with ring tail. Unfortunately today she didn't want to show the movement that she's no doubt capable of.

Novice Bitch (1) 1: Callard and Borash's Cloudside Sun glow at Shimonay

Graduate Bitch (0)

Post graduate Bitch (3, 1) 1: Cross' Gilari Crimson Magic Shaded Masked gold. Beautiful feminine head with long neck flowing into well laid shoulder. Well-constructed throughout, correct front with

corresponding return of upper arm and beautifully balanced rear angulation. Good fallaway with correctly set, ring tail carried well. Won today on her sound movement. Correct coming and going with excellent, ground covering, front extension and a lovely light springy style. BB **RBIS** 2: Stevens and Craft's Ayoubkhan Jasmine: Blue with feminine head and well-constructed front. No exaggerations, balanced angulation. Correct depth of chest and well ribbed with correct spring and square loin. Good tailset and carriage. Moved out well with good reach and springy style. **RBB**

Limit Bitch (3, 1) 1: Green, Barley and Powell's Garamond Wineberry at Sochera: Feminine black with lovely head. Good length of neck and well-constructed front assembly. Balanced rear angulation. Correct fallaway and tailset, with tail carried well. Lovely side profile when stacked. 2: Adams' Gezanco Good as Gold: Shaded mask gold, longer cast than 1. Really pretty head, very feminine with lovely expression. Nicely balanced construction throughout and spring in her step but lacked oomph in this class. Moved better in later class to win.

Open Bitch (2) 1: Cross' Gilari Prada Rouge: Beautiful red with feminine head of excellent proportion. Lovely balanced construction throughout with well laid shoulder, correct return and corresponding rear angulation. Good ribbing with correct spring, with square loin. Tailset and fallaway correct. Moved with spring and drive particularly in first go round. 2: Peek-Matar's Sleepy hollow at Yansukhim JW shCM: Blue brindle, longer cast than 1. Feminine, with a long elegant neck. Good depth of chest and well ribbed. Well angulated rear and good fallaway with a ring tail well carried. Moved well with reach.

Special Racing Bitch (2) 1: Adams' Gezanco Good as Gold: Moved with much more exuberance to win this class. 2: De Felice's Ayoubkhan Fleur de Jardin