

Afghan Hound Association – Afghan Hound Bitches – 2nd May 2022.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to judge this well-run show. Thank you to my stewards for attempting to keep me in order.

When I judged last, I commented on presentation and muscletone. My views have not changed – these are things that are in the control of the owners. If a hound is not muscled, then it cannot hunt, so therefore not fit for function. There are still some strong untypical heads appearing and this should be considered when breeding.

Veteran Bitch (5,2)

1st – Adams Ch Zandahar Just Tiger Lily JW ShCM

Dark brindle bitch, Good head and eye, strong neck, balanced fore and aft, well ribbed. In good condition. Prominent hipbones. Moved well for her age. Coat presented well.

2nd – Hayes Altside Henrietta Musgrove via Saksfifth

Brindle, different in type to 1, longer cast and finer all through. Balanced angles. Natural deep saddle. Moved well with raised tail.

3rd – Downes Juwan El-Shariat von Zorba (imp)

Minor Puppy Bitch– no entries

Puppy Bitch (2,0)

1st – Halls Saxonmill Magic Mirror

Black and silver, correct head and dark eye. Powerful neck leading in to well laid shoulders. Good substance throughout. Used her angles when moving to produce light springy strides. True coming and going.

2nd –Dowd and Malia Saxonmill Mirror Image

Black and silver sister to 1st. Similar attributes as her sister. They will change places, I preferred her length to the 1st but on this day was not matching the movement of 1.

Junior Bitch (5,2)

1st –Tanner, Tanner and Link Rhajikhan Athena of Aleyazar

Nice head and eye with chiselling starting to show. Long, strong neck, well placed shoulders and good return of upper arm. Good spring of rib for age. Correct fallaway. As she settled her movement just kept improving.

2nd –Day Ambrozja Piaffini Khorinyas (NAF)

Black with profuse coat which is hiding her true potential. Still maturing but is well proportioned and put together. Enjoys herself which is not a fault in a youngster. Moved well.

3rd – Stevens and Craft Ayoubkhan Silver Sails

Yearling Bitch (4,0)

1st – Milligan Bott and Bott Medawlark Attitude Is Key The Wones Thendara (Imp Rus)

Black and silver who is presented to the last hair and in super hard condition – showing that you can have both presentation and fitness. Strong jaw, good ribbing and broad strong loin. Prominent hipbones. Well handled on the move.

2nd – Heritage Jazmeenah A Star Is Born

Patterned black and cream who is carrying too much weight for me. Strong neck, adequate depth of chest. Fair length of back. Good length from hip to hock.

3rd – Hudson Shimalma Izarra

Maiden (2,1)

1st Newton 1st – Shimalma Kokoanu

Oyster brindle. Classic type. I really liked her head with beautiful chiselling. Well put together, everything where it should be. Another with first class presentation and muscletone. This bitch is well worth persevering with.

Novice Bitch (4,2)

1st - Tanner, Tanner and Link Rhajikhan Athena of Aleyazar - 1st in junior

2nd – Stevens and Craft Ayoubkhan Silver Sails Cream bitch, long head, would prefer darker pigmentation. Adequate angulation, level topline, prominent hipbones and good fallaway. Tail raised in action. Still maturing, needs attention to presentation and weight.

Special Beginners Bitch

No entries

Graduate Bitch (3,0)

1st – Hughes and Luty Gezanco Fallen From Grace

Gold bitch with sparse natural coat pattern. Dark eye and strong jaw. Balanced angulation front and rear. Covers the ground on the move holding a level topline with her tail raised.

2nd – Kirk -Vickers Calamus Dirty Dancing at Istani (Imp Pol)

Gold. Everything where it should be with good spring and depth. Carrying a bit too much weight. Enjoying herself too much on the move, giving her handler a hard time today.

3rd – Birds Cloudside Zarzuella at Ikusimokon (AI)

Post Graduate Bitch (4,1)

1st – Millward, Millward and Race Calahora Moonlite N Dreams of Tico at Alouann (Imp Aus)

Dark masked aloof silver brindle. Darkest of eye, low set ears, long neck. Well turned out. Matching angulation producing steady, sound movement. She has her head and tail raised on the move.

2nd – Craft and Stevens Joneca Fireblade

Taller, houndy red with good head. Lots to like – nothing exaggerated. Good substance throughout. Steady mover.

3rd – Downes S's Super Star De Zorba Specially For You (Imp)

Mid Limit (4,0)

1st: Phillips and Smith Karagez Curtain Call Zhaqqari

Superb presentation. Feminine head but not snipey. Dark well shaped eye. Long neck, good spring of ribs. Strong loin. Well-turned stifles. Moved well with good head and tail carriage. Pushed hard in the challenge.

2nd Cross Syrdarya Lapsang Souchong with Gilari

Gold of classic type with strong bone. Correct height to length proportions. Stands well over her front. Good depth of chest. Good length from hip to hock. Moved with an impressive side gait.

3rd – Unstoppable Happy Go Lucky (Imp Swe) AI

Limit Bitch (4,1)

1st – Campbell, Boieck and Thomas Agha Djari's Urban Cowgirl (Imp Deu)

Red brindle who looks at you and through you. Attractive head and dark eye. Low set ears and long neck. Straight front, well laid shoulder, good spring of rib. Big feet. Strong loin. Holds herself with attitude on the move.

2nd – Vowles Neytiri De Koulangar with Amariz JW (imp Fra)

Beautifully made balanced gold bitch. Correct angulation, good substance throughout. Deep saddle, coat well presented. This girl is built to move but unfortunately had other ideas today – such a shame.

3rd – Pashtari Lady Windermere to Phellezi

Open Bitch (4,0)

1st – Ch Bondor A Golden Age Over Rhazmakh JW ShCM

Silver brindle bitch. A very honest bitch who is difficult to fault. Correct height to length ratios. Balanced head, dark eye. Strong long neck. Well placed shoulder and corresponding return of upper arm. Well ribbed, good depth. Strong broad loin, prominent hipbones. Good bend of stifle. Well set ringed tail. Moved soundly with good ground coverage. CC and BIS.

2nd – Drishaun Faith Is Like A Lily for Javidan JW – Feminine brindle bitch. Well-presented, silky coat with a natural saddle. Good head and expression. On the stack she has a lovely outline – balanced throughout, level topline. Prominent hipbones. Sweeping rear quarters. Moved well – unlucky to meet 1 today who was at the top of her game. RCC

3rd – House and Hinchliffe Ch Cloudside Sun Angel For Jodak