

Afghan Hound Association Championship Show  
May 4, 2009

Bitch judge: Mark Cocozza

Many thanks to the committee for all their hard work in delivering a great show at the new K.C. venue at Stoneleigh. Apart from the weather the day was unblemished, and the indoor rings were more than ample to allow all exhibits to demonstrate movement. Sportsmanship in this breed is as always exemplary with only one or 2 notable exceptions. Thanks also to my two stewards, John Nicols & Maggie Morton, for doing a great job.

BIS – Int, Sp, Port, Ch. Saxonmill Star Style  
RBIS – Alouann Fame N Fortune  
BPIS – Kabella Blue Moon Rising Over Moonshadow  
BVIS – Ch. Tulak Risky Business At Wilbus

All main awards were in agreement with my co-judge Linda Bishop-Saunders.

Veteran Bitch

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ch. Tulak Risky Business At Wilbus – Excels in outline and proportions, topline, croup and tail set. Good angles both ends, free profile mover.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ch. Jalhar Leading Lady With Azmari – Very feminine and pretty bitch. Sound mover with balanced, moderate outline. Worthy champion, beautifully presented.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Khorinya Opal At Portianja

M.P.B (2)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kabella Dark Side Of The Moon. Blue baby, square in outline, feminine head, good topline, sound and together on the move.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kabella Shimmering Moon. S/M cream with beautifully proportioned head. Taller and houndier than 1<sup>st</sup> at the moment and not so together, but nice overall balance.

Puppy bitch (6)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ashahni Alarah At Harlextan – If only this exhibitors sportsmanship was a good as his presentation. Bl/tan puppy bitch. She is so together, well trained and beautifully presented. Her head is a bit plain and lacking detail though acceptable. Overall a bit long and low in outline and not holding her topline as firm as I would like, which is surprising as she is in lovely body condition. I would prefer a better placed shoulder, though she has a lovely croup, hip bones, tail set and tail which she uses fully on the move. Her movement is very together and sound for her age. She has style but she lacks athleticism and could come up off the ground more with spring. Best puppy bitch and in total agreement with my co-judge we felt that her topline was so slack by the time it came to best puppy in show she could not be considered any further.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ashahni Azanti At Garamond. Litter sisters to above and of different type, with qualities to admire. She is not so together for age, but has a beautiful head and expression. She is houndier in outline and overall better balanced, but needs to drop into herself a little and fill out a bit. She was not settled on the move and using the ring as 1<sup>st</sup> did, though I have since seen her really stride out. However on the day I could not justify her winning on her performance, though I think this young lady will start to come into her own very soon.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ashahni Ataya

#### Junior bitch (9)

1<sup>st</sup> Cubanba Northern Star

2<sup>nd</sup> Cubanba Mara With Kinpaja

Another set of litter sisters, again slightly different in outline. 1<sup>st</sup> is so well schooled and together with big side gait and balanced outline. 2<sup>nd</sup> I love from head to tail, but not performing in the ring as I would have wanted. She has such great movement but needs to be taken faster. A sure star for the future.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Azmari Opal Mist.

#### Yearling Bitch (8)

1<sup>st</sup> Cloudside Glitterstorm – Leggy brindle bitch with long lean feminine head with strength. Balanced, moderate outline. Sparsely coated with excellent profile movement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sitana Jandiala – Feminine cream bitch with lovely head, excellent topline and croup. Balanced mover with good outline. Just preferred reach in front of 1<sup>st</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sitana Patiala of Syrdarya

#### Maiden Bitch (6)

1<sup>st</sup> A Azanti At Garamond

2<sup>nd</sup> Jahadi Najine – Feminine bl/tan bitch with good neck, topline, head and eye.

3<sup>rd</sup> Cubanba Dare To Dream

#### Novice Bitch (7)

1<sup>st</sup> A Azanti At Garamond

2<sup>nd</sup> C Mara With Kinpaja

3<sup>rd</sup> Metewand Zaraza At Birkhall

#### Special Beg Bitch (5)

1<sup>st</sup> Cloudside Glitterstorm

2<sup>nd</sup> C Mara At Kinpaja

3<sup>rd</sup> Palamedees Sualishah

#### Graduate Bitch (8)

1<sup>st</sup> Metewand Zaraza At Birkhall – I could have taken her home. When she gains a little confidence with her tail will easily win the highest honours. She is totally balanced, angular, square and feminine. Loved both her parents so not surprised. I love her, though the first time I have seen her.

2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Curacao of Zendushkas – Powder blue with nicely balanced outline. Sound, free mover with good neck, shoulder and topline.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gezancol Simone.

#### Post Graduate Bitch (16)

1<sup>st</sup> Javidan Keep The Faith – Another one new to me. She is tall enough but still feminine in both head and body. Excellent neck, shoulder, and tail and rear. Effortless ground covering movement, though did not perform so well in the challenge.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kazzlyn She's The One At Mhasud – Bl/Br bitch beautifully presented in both coat and body condition. Firm topline, attractive head and balanced front and rear. Moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kabella Lavender Blue

#### Mid Limit Bitch (7)

1<sup>st</sup> Gezancol Dolly Day Dream – Reserve CC – Feminine gold bitch with substance. Square outline and totally balanced. Good neck, excellent topline, croup and tail set, properly carried. Flowed round the ring today effortlessly looking as good as I have seen her look. Unlucky to meet the CC winner today. I am sure her day is not far away.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cloudside Wardance At Montravia – Lovely expression with good neck, topline and square balanced outline.

3<sup>rd</sup> Iamaraf Go In To Win.

#### Limit Bitch (8)

1<sup>st</sup> Metewand Koomooloo At Zilbec – S/M gold bitch. Workmanlike with excellent neck shoulder and body condition. Correct coat pattern. When settled moved with readh, drive and lift. Played up a little in the Challenge.

2<sup>nd</sup> Neliapilan Jaakarimmorsian – Lovely proportions, good head, topline and strong rear. Moves round the ring with good style and strong driving quarters.

3<sup>rd</sup> Miamarna True To Garamond.

#### Open Bitch (19)

1<sup>st</sup>. Ch. Int. Sp. Port Ch. Saxonmill Star Style – bl/brindle. If Afghans are the king of dogs, then this is the queen. Her balance and outline are close to perfection. Elegant with substance. Beautiful head. Firm topline held perfectly on the move. She moves with style and power, keeping her outline always. She is not without fault, but when you look into her eyes, she lets you know they are not that important. A truly outstanding bitch who in her full prime I was delighted to judge and award the Champion Certificate and Best in Show.

2<sup>nd</sup> Khamis She's Khorinyas – Brindle bitch with classic outline and carriage. Looking great if a little grey. Her balance and outline are excellent and she moves beautifully in profile. A shame she has never gained her title as she would be a very worthy champion.

3<sup>rd</sup> Can, Port, Fr, Sp Ch. Polo's Black Cinder At Andros.