

Afghan Hound Association Open Show
17th October 2009
Judge Sandra Woodley

My thanks to the AHA committee for their kind invitation to judge and their superb hospitality. Special thanks must go to Jeff and Georgia Buller for their expert stewarding skills and keeping my ring running smoothly.

I was thrilled with my entry, and I would have liked more than one red card in many cases. I did however feel that some of the younger bitches lacked the required depth to their chins.

Bitches

Minor Puppy

A lovely class with two very nice puppies. Today my winner just had the edge being more controlled on the move.

1 Ryalls Ritzinna Firestar

What a little star this black masked gold Afghan baby is. At just 7 months of age she is already showing great promise. She has a beautiful feminine head with dark triangular eye and low set ears. Her long well arched neck leads into well laid shoulders with correct return of upper arm. Straight front legs held well under her body, with large well padded feet. She has a deep chest with a short broad loin, level topline and nicely angled quarters. When she settled she moved with drive covering the ground well.

2. Ryalls Ritzinna Firebird

Litter sister to above and with a more rangy frame. Another lovely puppy of very good breed type and only lost out to her sister today on movement.

Puppy

1 Hitches Zendushkas Sparkling Rose

Beautifully balanced black & silver puppy just short her first birthday. She has well chiselled feminine with the darkest triangular eyes, already showing typical far away expression, low set well fringed ears. She has excellent conformation with a long arched neck leading into superb shoulder and front assembly is perfectly matched by her rear angulation. Carrying the desired amount of weight she has a deep chest with plenty of heart and lung room as is desirable in a hunting hound. Her loin is short and broad and her topline is level with a good angle to fallaway and a low set ring tail. She moved as an Afghan should covering the ground with a real style of high order. Well presented and handled as always from this breeder/exhibitor who really got the most out her bitch. My Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy in show – well done!

2. Green, Powell & Hitches Zendushkas Whiskey Galore

Gold litter sister to my winner and so close in type. They could change places any time, looking more mature than my winner but with not quite the layback of shoulder. Beautifully present mature coat with a natural saddle and well handled.

3 Ritzinna Firestar

Junior

A lovely class

1 Fielders Ashani Ashanti at Garamound JW

Beautiful black and silver bitch with a huge well presented coat. She has a lovely well chiselled head, prominent occiput and low set ears with the darkest of correctly shaped eyes and a true aloof expression. She has a long well arched neck with correct shoulder and upper arm placement, straight frontlegs with springy pasterns and with corresponding rear angulation, her hocks are low and she has huge well padded feet. Well bodied with a deep chest and a short broad loin, with correct fallaway. Moved well, covering the ground easily with her free flowing movement

2 Zendushkas Whiskey Galore

3 Dean & Harrigans Freecloud Naffrini at Jahera

I have to say how much I liked this bitch, but at just twelve months she still looked very much a puppy in this company. One to watch!

Yearling

1 Vowles Azmari Opal Mist

Stood alone in this class but was still a worthy winner. Black masked gold bitch of correct size. She has a long well arched neck with nicely constructed front assembly, straight fore limbs held well under the body, with correct angle to quarters, low hocks and large well padded feet. She is well bodied with the deepest of chests and a short broad loin, with correct fallaway. Moved with drive and a 'style of high order'

Veteran

1 Vowles Jalhar Leading Lady with Azmari

What a stunning bitch this black masked cream is, not looking her nine and a half years at all. Well chiselled head with prominent occiput and low set ears, her eyes are dark and triangular in shape giving her a wicked expression. Her long arched neck leads into superb shoulder and front assembly which is perfectly matched by her rear angulation. She has low hocks and large well padded paws. Still carrying the desired amount of weight she has a deep chest with plenty of heart and lung room as is desirable in a hunting hound. Nice angle to fallaway and ringed tail. She could certainly show a few youngsters how to move. Well presented and handled. Best Veteran Bitch and Reserve Best Bitch in Show

Novice

1 Zendushkas Sparkling Rose

2 Zendushkas Whiskey Galore

3 Freecloud Naffrini at Jahera

Graduate Bitch

1 Thompson & Truckles Jenwood Flames of Gold

Very attractive She had a lovely feminine head with dark correctly shaped eyes, giving her that aloof Afghan expression. Her well arched neck lead into a good layback of shoulder with the correct return of upper arm. Straight front legs with huge well padded paws. She had a good depth of chest with plenty of heart room essential in a running hound, her loin was short and broad with a good fallaway, just needs a tighter ring to her tail. Nicely angled quarters, which she put to good use on the move. Beautifully presented and handled well.

2 Wignal & Williams Sitana Patiala of Syrdarya

Nicely made beautiful deep gold bitch. She is of lovely type with feminine head and correctly shaped dark eyes.. She is sparsly coated which shows off her balanced outline. Lovely long well arched neck with correct front and hind assembly. Low set hock and spring pasterns with large well padded feet. She is well bodied with a deep chest, level topline and correct angle to croup, all finished off with a correctly set ring tail.

1 Turner & Hutton Genzancol Gigi

Post Graduate Bitch

1 Floyds Hubshe Ukemochi

Black and Tan who appealed and won this class with her free flowing movement. Feminine head with prominent occiput, low set well furnished ears, correctly shaped dark triangular eye giving her 'that don't touch me look' Strong well arched neck leads into good layback of shoulder with the correct return of upper arm, level topline, good rear quarters used well on the move. Super outline, she really fills the eye. Shown in wonderful condition, her huge coat gleamed with health.

2 Green & Powells Sochera Asti Spumanti

Well balanced self masked cream with a lovely outline. Ultra feminine head with dark triangular eyes, low set ears and prominent occiput. Her long well arched neck leads into correct front assembly with wll laid shoulders and return of upper arm. She has a short broad loin with a level topline, correct angle to fallaway and ring tail. She ran my winner close but was just a little apprehensive on the move.

1 Fielders Saxonmill Sundance at Garamound

Limit Bitch

1 Floyds Hubshe Uzumi

Black and tan who is litter sister to Ukemochi and built on the same lines so similar remarks apply. Uzumi is bigger all through but still has that wonderful free flowing movement with a style of high order.

2 Collets Kazzlyn She's the One at Mhasud

Close up to my winner this lovely blue brindle is well balanced with a feminine well chiselled head, low set ears, dark correctly shaped eye and withering expression. Nicely made throughout with correct angulation fore and aft, with straight front legs held well under the body, with springy pasterns and large well padded feet. Short broad loin with good depth of brisket, level topline with just the right amount of fallaway, all finished off with a ring tail. A very nice bitch who just didn't have the freedom of movement of my winner.

Open Bitch
Super class

1 Smart & Greenfields Birkhall Sophia

Just my cup of tea!! Most beautiful classical outline to this black and silver. She has a feminine head that is well chiselled, has a prominent occiput and low well fringed ears. Her long neck leads into 'text book' shoulder and upper arm assembly. Her fore legs are held well under the body and she has springy pasterns which are put to good use on the move. She is short coupled with a deep brisket correct angle to fallaway and ring tail. Her quarters have the correct angulation with low hocks. With this confirmation she cannot do anything but move beautifully. She covers the ground easily with long raking strides and displays the so often missing floating movement. My Best Bitch and Best in Show.

2 Greens Sashkan Adeje Gucci

Well balanced black and silver bitch. Good head and eye shape giving aloof expression. Long well arched neck leads into well laid shoulders with correct return of upper arm. Deep chest with short broad loin correct fallaway and low set ring tail. Beautifully presented in tip top condition. Bigger all through than my winner and just dropping her topline today.

3 Floyds Hubshe Ko No Hana

Special Racing Bitch

1 Smalls Metewand Mamabula

Well muscled and balanced domino. Feminine head with correctly shaped dark triangular with typical drop dead expression. She has a prominent occiput with low set ear placement. Well muscled throughout she has balanced angulation fore and aft, a short broad loin and level topline. Correct angle to fallaway and ring tail. A happy girl who moved well.