

Afghan Hound Association

63rd Breed Championship Show

2 May 2011

Dog Judge: David Evans

Bitch Judge: Gail Link

BIS Judge: Lyn Appleby

It is always an honour to be asked to judge the breed and I was very proud to be invited to judge the dogs at this show. My thanks for the hospitality when we arrived at the show, a bacon bap and a cup of coffee - what more could you want?

A big thank you to my stewards, Joe Brown, Jeff Bulled and Georgia Bulled, who helped to keep the ring running so smoothly.

I was pleased with my winners and in many classes would have liked to issue more red cards. It was all down to preference in the end - judging is very subjective and on the day was only my opinion; you take the best dogs home with you at the end of the day. Thank you for graciously accepting my decisions, many dogs will change places on other days, even if it were I that was judging the same entry again.

Class 1 Veteran Dog (5) 1 absent

1. Finch and Hopper's **Ch Arushkan Lord Of The Ring**

Most striking, elegant black and silver male of 9 years. Refined head and dark eye. Good overall conformation with balanced quarters. Held his topline on the stand and on the move. He covered the ground well, which won him this class. Presented and handled beautifully.

2. Coates' Gilari **That'll be the Day at Bukhara**

Nine year old handsome red grizzle. Totally all male of good type. He was reluctant at first, but eventually took it in his stride, though lacked verve. In glorious coat and well presented.

3. Evans' **Sukeshi Special Cargo for Amshura**

Class 2 Minor Puppy Dog (4) 1 absent

What a lovely class of very promising youngsters! These will all change places as they mature.

1. Morrison's **Tulak Under Siege**

Shaded masked gold male who exuded quality. When he settled he really showed off his excellent conformation. On the move he was so free, extending at the front and back. Just fell in love with him.

2. Broadhead's **Tulak the Sentinel at Tazieff**

So close between these two brothers. All the same qualities, though today I preferred the winner's hindquarters. So little to pick between them both.

3. McPhillips' **Tulak The Navigator at Dargai**

Class 3 Puppy Dog (7) 1 absent

1. Morrison's **Tulak Under Siege**

2. Harrison's **Sarakhan Sultan Al Kabira**

Mischievous, striking black masked gold male. Good head and lovely dark, triangular eye. I liked the length of his shoulder and his good return of upper arm, his rib to loin ratio leading into excellent rear hindquarters. Eventually settled to give glimpses of what he is capable of on the move.

3. Buttle's **Sarakhan Shamir**

Class 4 Junior Dog (4)

1. Gill and Marshall's **Miamarna Masquerade**

I liked this handsome black and tan who gave nothing but his best today. I liked his head and his good angles which reflected in his sound and springy movement. He has the desired rib to loin ratio.

2. Collett's **Khamis Jamiroquai at Mhasud**

A most elegant black and cream male in excellent condition. I adored his head and eye shape. He possesses good conformation all through, which he held together on the move. Presentation excellent. He was just out-moved on the day.

3. Edwards' **Valkor The Truth Be Told**

Class 5 Yearling Dog (6)

1. James' **Shimalma Mercurial Magic**

I fell in love with this elegant red male and considered him for top honours today. He has the most elegant head and desirable mandarins. Long neck into well laid shoulders and corresponding rear quarters and low set hocks - he moved out well to win this class.

2. Young and West's **Andizhan Baal At Shirobana**

Exciting, handsome cream grizzle male of quality. Loved his head, which had strength and elegance. Good eye shape and colour. He has well-placed shoulders and return of upper arm, strong back into excellent rear quarters. Such a close decision between him and the winner, but at times he ran away with his handler.

3. Bastow's **Karandikar Moon Dancer**

Class 6 Maiden Dog (3)

1. **Tulak Under Siege**

2. **Sarakhan Sultan Al Kabira**

3. **Tulak The Navigator At Dargai**

Class 7 Novice Dog (4)

1. **Sarakhan Sultan Al Kabira**

2. Buttle's **Sarakhan Shamir**

A raw, gold baby of good type. Upstanding and has it all in the right place. Just needs time to develop - I am sure he will mature well.

3. Hunn's **Sarakhan Shah-Bashir**

Class 8 Special Beginners Dog (5)

1. King's **Karandikar Star Storm**

Quite striking black male who was balanced all through. He has an elegant head and has good eye shape and colour. Moved lightly and with springy steps around the ring.

2. Ryall's **Ritzina Firestorm**

A self masked pale gold who is in excellent condition. I liked his shape and quarters, just thought he was a little uncoordinated on the move as I have seen him go better on other days.

3. King's **Darwazi's Trailblazer**

Class 9 Graduate Dog (4)

1. Cross's **Gilari Handsome Devil JW**

Magnificent red male, everything is so right about this exciting dog. Compact and balanced, excellent front and rear quarters. I liked the correct length of back and length of leg which gave him that desirable square shape. I loved his head and I

go weak at the knees for mandarins, so often shaved off in many cases. He moved with lift and drive and I was pleased to award him the RCC.

2. Nisbet's **Finix Treig**

A very handsome black and cream male who was unfortunate to meet the winner in such good form today. He possesses good conformation which he used on the move in relaxed free-flowing strides.

3. Elliott's **Finix Veldricken**

Class 10 Post Graduate Dog (12) 2 absent

1. Kemp's **Andizhan Banjalucah to Suzaph JW**

Striking shaded masked cream male, most delightful head and eye shape. Good strong neck into well laid shoulders, good return of upper arm. Correct length of back and lovely rear quarters - please don't overstretch him! Well presented and moved out well covering the ground easily. One to watch.

2. Winters' **Ashanhi Azzam with Tokando JW**

Quality black and cream of correct proportions. Excellent head and eye. Good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Correct length of back, correct fall away and good rear quarters, on low set hocks. Covered the ground easily and stylishly. A happy chappie!

3. Parker & Hitch's **Zendushkas Glemmorangie**

Class 11 Mid Limit Dog (10) 1 absent

What a lovely class, dogs will change places on different days.

1. King's **Wilbus Mithras at Kinpaja**

Stunning black masked gold of correct size. Elegant head and good eye shape of correct colour. Long, strong neck into excellent length and lay of shoulder with corresponding return of upper arm. Strong, level topline complimented by his natural saddle, excellent fall away and ring tail. His rear quarters balance his front. He was in tip-top hard condition and covered the ground effortlessly. Coat so well presented it shone in the sunlight. Pleased to award him the CC.

2. Griffin's **Ashahni Ajmal at Lazakhan**

Handsome, compact black and cream male of quality. I loved his head and eye shape. He has a long neck into well-laid shoulders, level topline and balanced rear quarters. Heavy coat was presented well. He moved out well with long, springy strides.

3. Gill and Marshall's **Car_e D'as Du Menuel Galopin avec Miamarna**

Class 12 Limit Dog (2)

1. McCormack's **Sitana Jarawala at Tulak JW**

Striking black masked cream, with most regal head carriage which I adored - lean, but totally male. Good dark eye of correct shape. Excellent shoulders and return of upper arm, strong level topline, correct fall away and strong well-muscled rear quarters. Good length from hip to low set hocks. Presented well. He moved sound and true.

2. Churchill's **Tannique's Blowing In The Wind (imp)**

Nearly all-black striking male of quality. He has a long, strong neck into well-laid shoulders, strong well-muscled back and good rear quarters which he used to power around the ring.

Class 13 Open Dog (2)

1. Gilbert's **Firos Caperdonich**

He easily won this class on his springy, long strides. He is black and cream and has a handsome head. Has good quarters, front and rear are so balanced. He was well muscled and presented well.

2. Odell's **Jatabe Kakur Khorrikhan at Sukeshi**

A blue dog of completely different type to the winner. his front and rear are balanced and he moved well. He is well muscled.