

SOUTHERN AFGHAN CLUB

5th December 2021

I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge at this prestigious show and compliment them on making it such an outstanding show in such difficult times. I would also like to thank my stewards, James and Pauline for the excellent job they did in keeping the ring flowing smoothly and, of course, I would like to thank the exhibitors for bringing some quality bitches for me to judge. I found that most of the bitches were in excellent condition but that one or two in the younger classes could have had a little more weight. I found that a lack of ringed tails is still a problem and also still a problem is a fault which I first noticed when I judged quite a few years ago of short ribcage and long loin. Most had lovely, typical Afghan heads.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (6)

There were 5 in this class from the same quality litter and it was very difficult to choose between them.

1st Parsons' AYOUBKHAN HONEYSUCKLE TO SHUKRIYA – 7 months – cream - very promising puppy and, even at this young age, she has personality and presence. Feminine head, good pigmentation, low set ears, correct lay of shoulder and return of upper arm and complementary rear angulation, standing she has a balanced outline, she is in exactly the correct body and coat condition for her age. Moved very well for such a young girl. I think she has a bright future. BPIS

2nd Stevens' AYOUBKHAN SILVER SAILS – another promising puppy, very similar to her litter sister, with a balanced outline and correct front and rear angulation. Didn't move quite as steadily as 1st.

3rd Allan's AYOUBKHAN MAGNOLIA AT KABELLA

VETERAN BITCH (9 – 1 abs)

1st Fairburn, Roberts & Fillis-Moon's MARINGO EVENING IN PARIS – almost 9 years old – b/tan beautiful, girl of quality in excellent coat and body condition, lovely head with dark, almond shaped eyes, well balanced outline, with a level topline which she kept on the move, ringed tail – she moved with style and elegance.

2nd Adams' CH ZANDAHAR JUST TIGER LILY JW SH CM – 8 years old - another beautiful girl in excellent body and coat condition Well placed shoulder, good front and rear angulation. She moved soundly.

3rd Hughes' GEZANCOL SAVING GRACE

JUNIOR (5 – 2 abs)

1st Collyer-Todd's SHIMALMA KAMORA – 15 months brindle, well proportioned head with dark, well shaped eye. Overall balanced conformation, good bone and substance; level topline and correct fallaway. She moved steadily.

2nd Milligan-Bott's MEDAWLARK ATTITUDE IS KEY THE WONES THENDARA (IMP RUS) 16 months – b/tan - again she has a very feminine head and expression. Good length of ribcage and short loin. I just preferred the front assembly and shoulder placement of 1st. Moved well.

3rd Tanner's RHAJIKHAN ATHENA OF ALEYAZAR

YEARLING (1)

1st Gilbert's ALTSIDE HOT AS HELL AT AFFIETAR – I liked this girl a lot – oyster blue brindle, lovely head and expression, perfectly balanced all through with very good front, correct shoulder placement and return of upper arm, deep chest with spring of rib, good fallaway with correctly set, ringed tail. She was in excellent body condition and her coat was immaculately presented. Exuberant on the move. I think she has a great future.

MAIDEN (6 – 1 abs)

1st Beavon's ALTSIDE HOT GOSSIP – litter sister to winner of Yearling – balanced outline with good front and shoulder placement and return of upper arm with complementary rear angulation with good bend of stifle and low hocks. In excellent body and coat condition. She moved soundly covering the ground with long strides

NOVICE (5 – 1 abs)

1st Beavon's ALTSIDE HOT GOSSIP

2nd Parsons' AYOUBKHAN'S HONEYSUCKLE TO SHUKRIYA

3rd Collyer-Todd's SHIMALMA KAMORA

GRADUATE (4 – 2 abs)

1st Lancashire's SYRDARA CEYLON CHAI DRISHAUN – s/m gold of quality, lovely head and expression, long neck into well placed shoulder, deep chest with good spring and length of rib, short, strong loin, good rear angulation and bend of stifle, In very good body and coat condition. She settled in movement when the handler slowed down.

2nd Hughes' GEZANCOL FALLEN FROM GRACE – b/m gold, very nice type, well balanced outline with level topline, correct front and shoulder and correct fallaway ringed tail. I preferred the head of the 1st.

BROOD BITCH WITH PROGENY (2)

1st Adams CH. ZANDAHAR JUST TIGER LILY JW SH. CM

2nd Newton's SHIMALMA MIDNIGHT LIAISON

POST GRADUATE (6)

1st Hedge's UNSTOPPABLE HAPPY GO LUCKY (IMP SWE) – b/t – beautiful girl in excellent body and coat condition which was well presented, feminine head with darkest of almond shaped eyes, long strong neck into well placed shoulder, correct return of upper arm, good front assembly. Deep chest with good spring of rib and short strong loin. Good angulation front and rear. On the move, not only does she cover the ground with great front extension but she also has the lift of true Afghan movement which isn't seen so often these days. She also has powerful rear drive. I was delighted to award her first CC and I hope she goes on to greater things

2nd Bastow's CLOUDSIDE MUINEIRA TO KARANDIKAR – black – another lovely girl, very well balanced with good front and rear angulation. Deep chest with correct spring of rib. Moved with style, covering the ground with ease. In good muscular condition. Immaculately presented and handled. I was pleased to award her the Res CC.

3rd Humphreys' JONECA ETERNAL FLAME

MID-LIMIT (5)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell's DRISHAUN CONSIDER THE LILY JW - brindle of excellent quality – pleasing head with dark eye, long ears, long neck into well placed shoulder, very well balanced outline and good front and rear angulation, presented in excellent condition.

2nd Moore's CLOUDSIDE FLAMENCO – brindle with a feminine head, excellent front assembly and shoulder placement, good rear angulation, correct bend of stifle and low hocks. She didn't move as well as 1st.

3rd Fairburn & Roberts' CLOUDSIDE SUNSET

LIMIT (9 – 1 abs)

1st O'Donnell's FAITH IS LIKE A LILY FOR JAVIDAN JW- red brindle – well proportioned head with underjaw, correct placement and angle of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest and ample spring of rib, short strong loin. Beautifully presented. Moved with powerful strides, covering the ground.

2nd Newton's SHIMALMA MIDNIGHT LIAISON – brindle, feminine head, long ears, long neck onto well laid shoulder, good rear angulation with low hocks – Moved soundly but didn't have the scope of movement of 1st.

3rd McCormack's TULAK NEVER BEEN KISSED

OPEN (6 – 2 abs)

1st Lockett-Davies' CH. BONDOR A GOLDEN AGE OVER RHAZMAKH JW SH CM – brindle of excellent quality and type with well balanced conformation throughout. Long neck into well placed shoulder. Level topline, correct fallaway. Excellent, well bodied and muscled condition and immaculately presented coat. Moved soundly.

2nd Bastow's CLOUDSIDE FLASHLIGHT AT KARANDIKAR JW – lovely head and expression. Very well proportioned body and shapely outline. Presented immaculately in both coat and body condition. She didn't move quite as well as 1st.

3rd Links' INT.CH. NED. CH. POPOV'S BORA BORA AT ORASHAN

Linda Worthy