

I thoroughly enjoyed my day judging at this well run show. The atmosphere was brilliant with the hall beautifully decorated, and Christmas music played in the background. Unfortunately the venue owners had not rolled the floor surface correctly; unbelievable when you consider the number of dog shows that are held there. The loose surface caused many of the bitches to move erratically, especially those in the later classes. Some of the bitches worse affected were those that I very much admire. However it was a level playing field, and I was judging 'on the day', and other bitches were not bothered in the slightest.

Poorly constructed fronts continue to be a problem, as do over-fine heads, and it now appears to be acceptable to have high set tails, completely spoiling the picture on the move. There were many bitches that would benefit from better muscle condition. Not always evident from the ringside, but more apparent in the movement.

Minor Puppy Bitch (10)

1. **Cubanba Mara with Kinpaja**

Stunning brindle puppy, 9 months on the day, with so much to like about her. Balanced houndy outline, sweet feminine head and everything fitting so well together. There is nothing that I would change about her, and I shall watch her future with interest. She was completely unfazed by the floor surface and moved with spring, and correct extension & drive. She was still moving out as well at the end of the day, as she was at the start. Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy in Show.

2. **Cubanba Northern Star**

Cream litter sister to above, and another super puppy. Again a lovely head, body slightly cobbier than her sister but nevertheless a lovely outline. She moved off well from her low set hocks, and her

movement was so collected for one so young. She could have put some of the mature bitches to shame.

3. **Ashahni Alarah at Harlextan**

Sweet feminine black and tan baby of just 6 months. Lovely head and eye, and appealing outline. Needs to fill in of course, but her front is sound and she presents a lovely picture. Moved a little playfully but I would not penalise that in one so young.

Puppy Bitch (7)

1. **Cubanba Mara with Kinpaja**

2. **Jahadi Nadine**

Appealing black and tan, very well put down. Fine head with dark eye, slightly longer cast than some but nevertheless very striking on the stack. Moved off well from her well-angulated quarters.

3. **Cubanba Dare to Dream**

Brindle puppy, litter sister to first in this class. Appealing head and eye, good outline and correct tail set. Very naughty on the move, making it very difficult to assess her gait, but I did catch glimpses of what she is capable of.

Veteran Bitch 7-10 Years (4)

1. **Ch. Jalhar Leading Lady at Azmari**

Difficult to believe this bitch is in veteran as her looks certainly belie her years. Feminine head, nice overall shape with strong topline, deep chest and good tail set. Most attractive coat with saddle and she moved well to take this class.

2. **Ch. Nanak Freecloud Firenze**

Brindle bitch, in flowing coat. A picture of femininity from her lovely head and elegant neck to her correctly set tail. Moved well.

3. **Khorinya Opal at Portianja**

Heavily coated cream with refined head. Would benefit from more muscle although I do appreciate

that Afghans can be very lazy in advancing years. A glamorous happy girl though, who gave her all.

Veteran Bitch 10+ (3)

1. **Ch. Amudarya Shubad**
Dark brindle bitch in very good condition for her age. Unperturbed by the floor, she looked as if she would have kept on going all day. Beautiful head and expression and moved out well in the challenge to take Best Veteran Bitch.
2. **Araki Pandora's Xotica**
Self-masked gold bitch, with good head and eye. Well-angled quarters. Moved happily although a little loosely.
3. **Valkor a Kinda Majic at Ritzina**
Gold bitch in full coat and still looking good for her age. Refined feminine head, balanced angulation and deep chest. Not so happy on the move as the first two in this class.

Junior Bitch (14)

1. **Sitana Patiala of Syrdarya**
I loved this beautiful red/gold bitch. She is of lovely type with feminine head and correct eye shape. I could not take my eyes off her uncluttered profile. So balanced, from her correctly angled front and firm topline, to her low set hocks. Finished off with a correctly set ring tail. Not the most cooperative of bitches on the move on the day, but she and her handler worked hard, and got there in the end.
2. **Sitana Kamalia**
Gold litter sister to 1 and has very similar attributes. Again, a lovely head and eye and a good topline with sweeping quarters and low hocks. She has an outgoing temperament and moved extremely well, continuing to do so how ever many times it was asked of her.

3. Azmari Opal Mist

Another lovely bitch, pale gold with red saddle. She has a refined feminine head and her front assembly is completely balanced with her hindquarters.

Correctly set on ring tail and she moved off very well from her low set hocks.

Yearling Bitch (6)

1. Zandahar Treacle Tart JW

Brindle bitch in good coat, of the most lovely shape, and very mature for her age. Conformed well to the standard, with good head and eye, long neck and superb front. Well ribbed back with short loin, correct tail set, and very much the make and shape that I admire. Balanced co-ordinated stride, free and easy, and she kept going all day, never faltering in the challenge to take her first CC and BOB.

2. Sitana Kamalia

3. Metewand Marradadi

Striking cream bitch with deep saddle. Nice outline with long neck and correct shoulder placement and well set on tail. Very playful, making her movement rather difficult to assess.

Maiden Bitch (9)

1. Cubanba Mara With Kinpaja

2. Azmari Opal Mist

3. Jahadi Nadine

Novice Bitch (9)

1. Sitana Patiala Of Syrdarya

2. Azmari Opal Mist

3. Jahadi Nadine

Graduate Bitch (9)

1. Sarakhan Swansong JW

Gold bitch who I have admired for a long time. On the day she put in a faultless performance, powering around the ring at the end of the day, as well as she did at the start. Very much of a type that I admire, with no exaggerations, sound throughout, and in beautiful coat. She maintained her topline on the move and with her correctly set on tail presented a lovely picture. Moved her heart out in the challenge to take the Reserve CC.

2. Jimellree Molly Maquire at Pahlevi

Another bitch that I like very much – it was a shame that these two were in the same class. Red/gold with a lovely old coat pattern and I particularly liked her long lean head and dark well shaped eye. Everything fits well together, and it a pleasure to watch her conformation manifest itself on the move as she strides effortlessly around the ring.

3. Sochera's Asti Spumante

I loved this self-masked cream bitch. Very much my cup of tea, and a completely different type again, she presents the most elegant of pictures. Feminine head with chiselling in evidence and a lovely neckline into good shoulders. I loved everything about her but she refused to cooperate on the move and therefore had to take this place in strongly contested class.

Brood Bitch With Progeny \$(4)

1. Metewand Chibya

This bitch had a line of very typey children standing behind her. There was much quality there, rich in breed characteristics, and she has most certainly passed her own qualities on to her progeny.

2. Ch Jalhar Leading Lady With Azmari

Some nice youngsters were standing behind this bitch and I am sure that her owner must be very

proud of them. Still young juniors yet, and it will be interesting to see if they fulfil their early promise.

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Post Graduate Bitch (10)

1. *Jimellree Wrong is Right at Zaram*

Brindle litter sister to the 2nd in graduate but finer all through. Very feminine and elegant, with a refined head and exquisite expression. I liked her overall proportions and she moved extremely well to take this class.

2. *Metewand Mamabula*

Cream grizzle bitch of the 'no frills' type. Soundly made throughout with balanced angulation fore and aft. Super feet with bare pasterns and in good condition, she powered around the ring.

3. *Gezancol Whoopsie Daisy*

Very pretty gold bitch with lovely head and dark eye. I have often watched her in the ring and thought her hard done by, as she presents a nice outline on the stack and with her correctly carried ring tail she moves out very well. Not quite the layback of shoulder of the first 2 in this class, but nevertheless a very nice bitch.

Mid Limit Bitch (10)

1. *Gezancol Dolly Day Dream JW*

Young gold bitch that already has a stack of wins under her belt. Good overall balance, with feminine head and lovely expression. Sound throughout with level topline and in good body with ring tail. Strode round the ring to take this class, but did not quite maintain it in the challenge.

2. *Cloudside Wardance at Montravia*

Very feminine brindle bitch with beautiful head and very dark eye. Lovely overall shape with a level topline and good quarters sweeping into low hocks. I

would like a little more body on her, but other than that I loved her, and her movement was exemplary.

3. **Hubshe Izanami**

Black & cream bitch in good body, coat and condition. Pleasing head and expression, very sound throughout with deep chest and sweeping quarters into low, strong hocks. Moved with determination and drive.

Limit Bitch (12)

1. **Alouann Hot N Spicy at Orashan JW**

Dark masked pale gold, very glamorous, with beautifully presented coat. Feminine head, sound in front, with level topline and balanced angulation. She put everything into winning this class, moving round the ring with style and purpose.

2. **Cloudside War Dawn**

Self masked cream bitch, different type to 1, but gave her a run for her money. Chiselling well evident in her foreface, clean lines throughout presenting a balanced picture on the stack. In good condition with strong topline, correct ribbing, super feet and low hocks.

3. **Metewand Kiharat**

Dark masked cream, one of my favourite bitches that just would not do the business on the day. Oozes quality and I love everything about her - her exquisite head and eye, her coat pattern, her balanced angulation and correctly carried tail.

Open Bitch (10)

1. **Ch. Firos Neave JW**

Well proportioned gold bitch that pulled out all the stops, and was in contention at the end of the day. In complete harmony with her handler, she was completely unfazed by the floor surface. Lovely head and eye, nice overall shape, sound in all

departments and in good body with the most beautiful coat.

2. **Ch. Andizhan Arateekah**

Brindle bitch, and a worthy champion. She presents a balanced picture with everything fitting well together. Feminine head, good front and low hocks. In good muscular condition, she moved very well but not with quite the determination of the winner of this class.

3. **Baltoro Crystal Clear at Portianja**

Very glamorous self masked cream bitch. Pleasing head with chiselling on foreface, and nice overall shape although I would prefer a little more width to her. Moved very well.

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