

SOUTHERN AFGHAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

2nd DECEMBER 2007.

JUDGES CRITIQUE – DOGS

Thank you for asking me to judge at this show. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks too to my most capable stewards who kept the ring running smoothly. All dogs were presented well – I found no knots! The majority of hounds were well muscled so must be getting properly exercised. With very few exceptions handlers moved their charges at the proper pace; oh how I hate that breakneck speed we so often see. Quality was varied, although my principal winners were stunning examples of our beautiful breed. Thank you for the sporting way my decisions were accepted and if you didn't win today, as I always say when I judge, this was my opinion and the only opinion that matters to your dog is yours.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (7,1)

FIRST - ZANDAHAR TREACLE TOFFEE

Brindle Very exciting puppy who looks just about right in every department. He moved with the correct smooth springy gait and was collected enough to beat his, also very lovely, litter sister for Best Puppy in Show. Very good prospect for the future.

SECOND - PALAMEDEES SHAHKAI

Red/gold pup. He has a long neck into well laid shoulders, level topline and good depth of chest. Good sweep from hip to hock. He moved a little erratically today but when he tightens up, should be a good prospect for the future

THIRD - PALAMEDEES SHUKRAH

Black and tan litter brother to above. Appealing head, like his brother he has a good front matched by his rear assembly. He was riding a little high behind but nevertheless moved well today

PUPPY DOG (4)

FIRST - ZANDAHAR TREACLE TOFFEE

SECOND – ARRATRABELLA OSCAR BE WILDE

Black and cream I really liked this pup, he has a gorgeous head, grand neck and shoulders, good depth and ribbing, level topline, prominent hipbones and ring tail. He was unsettled on the move but I believe this was his first show. Very good prospect for the future

THIRD – TANNIQUE'S BLOWING IN THE WIND

Black and cream. This beautifully presented pup had a very lovely head, level topline, ring tail, good sweep from hip to hock and huge feet.

SPECIAL VETERAN DOG (7years and under 10 years)

FIRST – INT CH EXXOS GAME BOY AT ZHAROOKJW (IMP)

Black and silver dog who needs no introduction from me. Great showman who commands the ring. Balanced all through, he has a lovely head with that 'look at and through' expression. He moved with verve and took Best Veteran In Show

SECOND – AMSHURA THE MINSTREL

Cream. Very elegant dog who has the 'old' style and correct coat pattern. Appealing head, good depth and spring of rib, good quarters – he moved with a springy gait

THIRD – ARAMAIC ERROL FLYNN

Cream dog who had a lovely head and expression. Again a balanced dog who kept his topline on the move.

SPECIAL VETERAN DOG (10 years and over)

No entries

JUNIOR DOG (7.3)

FIRST – ZHAQQARI T”NAGE KICKS

Hugely coated black dog. Had a very good outline, his head appealed, good depth and spring of rib, good fallaway with good length between hip and hock, ring tail, huge feet. He moved well and with the correct springy gait.

SECOND – SARA KHAN SENATOR

Black and silver. Good quality dog, great presentation. He moved steadily and kept his topline

THIRD – SARA KHAN SHERDAN

Black and silver who gives the impression that he is still growing into his frame. Appealing head. He was well muscled and presented well.

YEARLING DOG (9.1)

FIRST - CLOUDSIDE WARSTRIKE

Cream. Stunning dog, a most beautifully balanced hound. Has all the attributes one would want in structure and displays our totally unique breed characteristics. He has a lovely head and great movement. I believe that he is this owners first ever Afghan Hound how lucky you are to have him as your blueprint for the future. I loved him and had no hesitation in giving him the CC. Eventual BIS on referee's decision.

SECOND – ARAMAIC TAKE ME I'M YOURS

Black and cream. Again a lovely, balanced hound who was unlucky to meet 1. Super head and expression, good front, deep chest, level topline and great sweep from hip to hock. Moved well.

THIRD - ZHAQQARI T”NAGE KICKS

MAIDEN DOG (1)

FIRST - ZANAHAR TREACLE TOFFEE

NOVICE DOG (3.1)

FIRST - SAXONMILL PTOLOMY AT LORAHS

Black and cream dog. His head appealed, he had a level topline, good sweep from hip to hock, prominent hipbones. Very well presented he moved well.

SECOND – SARA KHAN SHERDAN

GRADUATE DOG (6)

FIRST - ZHAQQARI T’NAGE KICKS

SECOND – KHORINYAS JET WITH CHARDARA

This black dog has a fabulous head. Balanced outline, level topline, huge feet. Has great ring presence. He was beautifully presented and moved with verve – he just needs to ‘tighten up’

THIRD – CLOUDSIDE WARPAIN T

Brindle with a lovely head and expression. Moved freely.

WITH PROGENY STUD DOG

No entries

POST GRADUATE DOG (9)

FIRST – FIROS GLENFARCLAS AT TARAKHI

Black and silver. This well balanced hound had a lovely head and expression, long neck, deep chest, level topline, good fallaway, low hocks. He moved with the correct smooth springy gait and was beautifully presented.

SECOND – NELIAPILAN JAAKO – KULTA AT TAJIKH

Shaded mask gold who was smaller than 1. Good head level topline good spring of rib. Again good length hip to hock, ring tail. He moved true coming and going.

THIRD – ISTANI YOUR LOVE IS KING AT ZHAROOK JW

Self masked cream dog who was balanced fore and aft. Appealing head, big feet, ring tail. He moved extrovertly

MID LIMIT DOG (6.1)

FIRST – FIROS TORRAN AT ZADAL JW

Lovely gold dog. Balanced – his lines flow. Attractive head, long neck, deep chest, level topline, prominent hipbones and ring tail. Very free mover.

SECOND – ARUSHKHAN STORMCAT

Cream grizzle. Smaller dog and again a balanced fore and aft. Good head with dark eyes, deep chest, level topline, big feet and ring tail. Moved correctly

THIRD - BIRK HALL MARK

Black and silver, beautiful head, not quite the quarters of the first two but he had a level topline, deep chest and good spring of rib, short broad loin and ring tail. He moved steadily

LIMIT DOG (18.5)

FIRST – SAXONMILL ROCKET MAN JW

Black and brindle. Lovely dog, so well balanced. Beautiful head and expression. Very little to criticise about him. He was in tip top condition, moved very well and is surely a future champion.

SECOND – ARUSHKHAN BORN FREE

Gold grizzle, I really liked this dog too. No exaggerations, well balanced from head to toe. Ring tail, level topline. Moved steadily.

THIRD - SOCHERA'S MERLOT

Solid black again a very lovely dog with much to commend him. Beautiful head, good quarters, large feet, good depth and spring of rib. He was beautifully presented and moved well.

OPEN DOG ((12.1)

FIRST – CH. AMUDARYA SHEKINAH AT TERSTINE JW

Beautiful gold dog. Absolutely balanced throughout, he commanded my eye from the minute he walked into the ring. I do not need to rehearse his attributes sufficient to say he has it all. A most worthy champion and my RCC winner

SECOND – FREECLOUD COPENHAGEN

Cream – again the old fashioned coat pattern which leaves nothing hidden. He has a great front matched by his hind quarters, level topline, good head and expression. He moved with a style of high order. I liked him a lot

THIRD - METEWAND KILTRAVIA TO FREECLOUD

Self masked cream dog - very similar to 2 and many of the same remarks apply. He moved easily and with a springy gait.

Pauline Mullins - Judge