

Southern Afghan Club – Championship Show – Sunday 6 December 2009

Critique – Bitches – Avril Lancashire

First of all, many thanks to all concerned for the appointment to judge at this prestigious club show. Also my thanks to my two very able stewards, Pauline Mullins and Robert Wignall who helped the day run smoothly.

My main concerns are untypical heads and eyes which in turn lead to an incorrect expression. These faults were present in great numbers, especially so in the younger classes which is very worrying. Front assemblies were in the main very average with one in particular having an astonishingly short shoulder blade and upper arm. This is essentially a long boned hound and such faults should not have been rewarded. A few hounds were not presented as they should be and I personally find it difficult to understand why anyone would take a dog to a show with a matted coat. Muscle condition on the whole was good, especially so considering the bad weather we have all experienced of late.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH – 10 (1 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> Evans, Hillier, & Carr – GILARI DEVIL IN DISGUISE WITH NUMA BOZWOOD – s/m red baby, very much at the gawky stage but showing much promise, needs to tighten up all round but had good angles front and rear, good balance, ring tail, managed to put a few strides together to show me what she is capable of but really gave her handler a hard time. Lovely to see a puppy being just that and not robotic. Head and eye could be better but overall a very nice puppy, should finish well. Best Puppy Bitch, RBPIS

2<sup>nd</sup> Cross – GILARI DEVIL WEARS PRADA – s/m litter sister to 1 and very similar, just bigger all through. Very good balanced outline with good angles and steady movement. Just preferred size of 1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ryall – RITZINA FIRESTAR JW

PUPPY BITCH – 7 (1 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> – GILARI DEVIL IN DISGUISE WITH NUMA BOZWOOD

2<sup>nd</sup> – RITZINA FIRESTAR JW – b/m gold with lots to like about her. Presented in excellent condition, very sound on the move and well angulated front and rear, good balance, pleasing dark eye, ring tail.

3<sup>rd</sup> – FINIX TULLA

7 YEARS AND UNDER 10 YEARS VETERAN BITCH - 3

1<sup>st</sup> – Vowles – CH JALHAR LEADING LADY – b/m cream in excellent condition. I judged this lady as a raw puppy and liked her then, she has more than fulfilled all expectations. Very sound on the move and lovely proportions, immaculate presentation. Best Veteran In Show

2<sup>nd</sup> – Dollman, Appleby & Minchin – KAZDANABAD KOUTHERN SOMFORT – b/m red in beautiful condition, well angulated and with good proportions, moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Farquhar – SUKESHI STARLET

10 YEARS AND OVER VETERAN BITCH - 1

1<sup>st</sup> – Wyatt & West – STORM IN A TEACUP AT BELLAPAIS – b/m dark silver very elegant with lovely head and eye, one of my most favourite bitches and a great shame she has not won her title. Sadly now showing her age a little but still displaying excellent breed type and sound movement.

JUNIOR BITCH – 11 (1 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> – Hitch – ZENDUSHKAS SPARKLING ROSE – b/silver, quite a big girl but of good proportions. Nicely angulated front and rear, well bodied and with plenty of coat of good texture, ring tail, moved soundly, would prefer a darker eye.

2<sup>nd</sup> – FINIX TULLA – another big girl and stronger in head than 1 but had good length of foreface. Would benefit from carrying more weight. Good proportions and moved soundly.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Westgarth – BICHOUX BELLA FOR TAMAREESHA

YEARLING BITCH – 5

1<sup>st</sup> – Metcalfe – CUBANBA NORTHERN STAR JW – b/m silver, very compact bitch carrying good weight, well angulated front and rear, moved very well displaying great reach and drive, ring tail, should have a bright future. One of the best classes of the day.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Fielder – ASHAHNI AZANTI AT GARAMOND JW – b/silver, very close up to 1 and a difficult decision, just preferred length of neck of 1 and not quite the front extension on the move. Lovely head and eye, presented in excellent condition, lovely sweep of rear quarters, ring tail.

3<sup>rd</sup> – King – CUBANBA MARA WITH KINPAJA JW

MAIDEN BITCH – 7 (2 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> – GILARI DEVIL IN DISGUISE WITH NUMA BOZWOOD

2<sup>nd</sup> – Care – BELAMBA GOLD PLATED – b/m gold, another big girl but with lots to like about her. Nicely put together with good angles and ring tail, moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Milligan-Bott – BICHOUX BELLITA AT THENDARA

NOVICE BITCH – 8 (2 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> – GILARI DEVIL IN DISGUISE WITH NUMA BOZWOOD

2<sup>nd</sup> – Wright – BRANDESWOOD CHIQUITITA – B/silver, very compact bitch of good size and proportions, good head, excellent presentation, ring tail, moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> – BELAMBA GOLD PLATED

GRADUATE BITCH – 7 (3 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> – Roper & Moore – AZMARI BLACK ONYX AT TEMENSHU – b/tan bitch with lovely head and eye. Balanced in outline and beautifully presented. Good angles front and rear, moved well, ring tail.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Vowles - AZMARI OPAL MIST – b/m gold, litter sister to 1 and close up, just preferred head and eye of 1. Good outline and excellent coat presentation, well angulated front and rear moved soundly, would benefit from more body weight.

3<sup>rd</sup> – ZENDUSKHAS SPARKLING ROSE

BROOD BITCH WITH PROGENY OPEN BITCH – 1 (1 abs)

Withdrawn

POST GRADUATE BITCH – 10 (1 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> – Andrew – ANDIZHAN ALEXANDRINAH – Black, pretty bitch with compact body shape, lovely head and eye, very well balanced and carrying good weight. Moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lockett-Davies – MAHSUD WIND OF CHANGE OVER RHAZMAKH – b/silver big girl but in proportion, ring tail.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Taylor – JHANSI MISHU AT KHUSHINDU

MID LIMIT BITCH – 4

1<sup>st</sup> – O'Donnell – JAVIDAN KEEP THE FAITH – Beautiful brindle with excellent head and eye, in fabulous coat and condition. Very well proportioned with good angles front and rear, ring tail, powerful movement, should make up with ease. Reserve CC.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Virgo – ALTSIDE IN BLACK SILK FOR SUMAHARI JW – Black of good size, nice head and very dark eye, carrying good body weight and in excellent condition overall. Deep chest, ring tail, moved soundly.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Harrison – SITANA KAMALIA ShCM

LIMIT BITCH – 5 (1 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> – Beck – METEWAND KOOMOLOO AT ZILBEC – s/m gold, nice head with good expression, well angulated front and rear, carrying good weight, good proportions, ring tail, moved very well.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Moore, Rodgers & Freer – CLOUDSIDE WARDANCE AT MONTRAVIA – Brindle of correct size and well balanced throughout, good angulation front and rear although not quite the front extension of 1. Beautifully presented.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Fisher – IFMARAF GO IN TO WIN

OPEN BITCH – 6 (1 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> Cross – GILARI TAKE THAT JW – s/m red of excellent type, true Afghan expression and character. Stubborn as they come but to my mind this is more correct than the robotic, eager to please showdogs we are sadly becoming accustomed to. Not carrying a huge coat but this only served to show off her excellent conformation and correct angles, sound coming and going, covering the ground with good extension and drive, ring tail. CC and BOS.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Barber & Henry – NORMARAND DARK N DELICIOUS – B/tan bitch with gorgeous head and eye, beautiful silky coat of correct texture. Long neck, sound front assembly and good rear quarters, ring tail, moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Adams – CH ZANDAHAR TREACLE TART JW ShCM