

Western Afghan Hound Club CH Show 2025 - Bitches

Thank you to the club for the invitation to judge, I thoroughly enjoyed the quality entry and the warm welcome. Beautiful bitches and lots of promise for the future in the younger classes. My co judge, James Kelly and I were in complete agreement for the principal awards, a pleasure to meet him. Thank you to my supportive steward John and to the exhibitors for their sporting acceptance of my decisions.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3,0abs)

1st Dare's Sitana The Eternal At Lakarnadream - BPIS - Pretty, shaded masked cream happy girl who won today on her overall balance and steady, true movement. So well behaved for such a baby. She has the most lovely outline, level topline and correct fallaway leading to a well carried tail. So much promise for the future.

2nd Sanghera's Sitana Beautiful Dreamer - Beautiful indeed, litter sister to the winner and many comments apply but she's at a different development stage meaning she's a bit high at the rear so I preferred her sister's outline. I love her head and expression and sound easy movement, another promising puppy. Shown in superb muscle condition.

3rd Hughes, Hughes, Forrester & Nisbet's Gezancol Finix Love Me Do

Puppy Bitch (1,0abs)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Consider It Done - Highly marked Black and Silver feminine bitch, so very pretty. Under the gleaming coat is a well-constructed puppy in super muscle and body condition, she moved soundly and with drive.

Veteran Bitch (6,2abs)

Always a favourite class to judge and this one didn't disappoint. 4 beautiful Afghans proving to me for the umpteenth time that Afghans just get better and better with age.

1st Adams' CH Zandahar Just Tiger Lily Jw ShCM VW - at 12 years old I gave this beauty her 2nd CC a decade ago. Under the darkest of well-presented brindle coat is a lovely bitch in good body and muscle condition - all credit to her owner. She has a feminine head, full and correct dentition, flowing neck into a level topline which she maintained all day. Still moving with verve and drive she was beaten to BVIS by her equally attractive son. A real treat to have the opportunity to judge her again.

2nd Gunn & Cannon's Int/Lux CH Amal Salang Hey I'm The Star at Zushkhan VW (imp Rus) 10-year-old solid black but would easily pass for half her age. This stylish bitch really appealed for her great shape, sound energetic movement and overall femininity.

3rd Fairbairn & Roberts' Cloudside Sunset

Junior Bitch (2,0bs)

1st Bloor's Pretty Infinity A Touch of Freedom at Pashtari (imp Deu) I really did like this pretty, solid black girl. She is so feminine with the darkest of well-shaped eyes, great overall balance with prominent hip bones and correct fallaway. Her profuse coat is immaculately presented, and she showed so well.

2nd Fairbairn, Della Rocca & Joy's Way Up Bombay Sapphire (imp Ita) Heavily coated brindle who has a feminine head and expression, correct topline, and well angulated quarters. She's a lot shorter than the winner but even when finally settled couldn't

match her in movement. I like her overall shape, superb muscle tone and happy attitude.

Yearling (1,0bs)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun A Gift Of A Thistle AI - RCC -A blast from the past who is so like our Calulo in looks, movement and attitude at just the same age. She is a self-masked silvery red with a flowing outline. Feminine and attractive head with great pigmentation, she truly looks at and through one. Sweeping rear with low hocks, big feet and a long, well-set tail with a ring. She really settled into her effortless stride in the challenge.

Novice Bitch (3,1abs)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Consider It Done - repeat.

2nd Fairbairn, Della Rocca & Joy's Way Up Bombay Sapphire (imp Ita) - repeat.

Graduate Bitch (5,0abs)

1st Rhodes' Shaverneva & Garrad's Alaqadar Ariodante of Shadowfax AI (imp Aus) This black and brindle bitch's exuberance is all part of her charm, she's so purposeful on the move she seems uncollected but settled into her stride and showed her strong and powerful, balanced movement. She has a lovely head adorned with mandarins and a wicked expression. Lots to like.

2nd Lorenzo Rivers' Prestigious How Will I Know - this eyecatching brindle strode into the ring with great ground covering movement, gleaming saddle, feminine head and expression. Just a bit narrow all through for me.

3rd Bellringer's Pramya Keep Your Eyes On Me (imp Fin)

Post Graduate Bitch (2,0abs)

1st Latimer, Latimer, Gorman & Gorman's Sitana Moon Star at Zharook JW. Self-masked red with delightful shading. This one's a real character, personality plus. Good head with plenty of underjaw adorned with mandarins, good topline which she maintained despite carrying extra weight. Looks great standing and moving.

2nd Collyer-Todd's Shimalma Kamora. This elegant brindle showed well but just couldn't match the winner's movement for reach and drive. She has a well-presented silky coat and a feminine head, rather narrow all through.

Limit Bitch 5,0abs)

1st Sanghera's Sitana Love And Thunder - Racey looking litter sister to the PG winner, this girl could hunt all day long. Built for speed and shown in superb condition. A self-masked red with an attractive head, gorgeous well shaped eyes and chiselling, deep saddle and a good quality of coat. Plenty of depth of chest and spring of rib, large feet. A strong contender in the challenge.

2nd Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Don't Call Me Baby - Profusely coated self-masked pale gold with lovely pigmentation. I appreciated her overall balance and construction which led to sound movement. Proof, if needed, that you can have a long silky, immaculate coat with great muscle tone.

3rd Gunn & Cannon's Karagez Kartina Maslom at Zushkhan (imp RFK)

Open Bitch (9,4abs)

1st Dowd & Malia's CH Saxonmill Mirror Image - CC & RBIS. For me the easy winner of a very beautiful class, she's just what I love in an Afghan. Her outline both standing and on the move is correct, she flows and has effortless ground covering movement that didn't falter all day long. I loved her head and expression with plenty of underjaw, well set ears, beautiful eyes. This stylish bitch has a silky, well presented, black and cream coat that gleamed in the sunshine, a natural saddle and a correctly carried ring tail. I've just checked her pedigree and see that she's the 4th generation in a row that I've given a CC to and she's so reminiscent of them all. Loved her.

2nd Hall's CH Saxonmill Magic Mirror - Black litter sister to the winner and very beautiful. I think I prefer this one's head, her dark triangular eyes have the most wicked expression, level topline and balanced angulation. Shorter overall than I prefer she is still balanced and moved so very well with spring and enthusiasm.

3rd O'Donnell & O'Donnell's CH Drishaun Faith Is Like A Lily For Javidan JW. Completed a trio of beautiful Champions.

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