

Western Afghan Hound Club 23/05/2025 - Dogs

Thank you to all the committee especially Jill Cross and the late David Evans for inviting me to judge. And my lovely steward Lorna Dunstan. It was heart-warming to see so many quality youngsters coming through. I look forward to seeing how these develop. I was spoilt for choice in some classes where decisions were very finely drawn especially Limit, Open and Veteran. I was delighted with my choices for the CCs as they had everything I would expect from an Afghan Hound male. It was a pleasure to meet my fellow judge Claire Hindley, at long last, and we agreed on all the awards.

Minor Puppy Dog 5/0abs

A really lovely group of minor puppies

1 Cloudside Ebony Prince At Johda (Bellringer Mrs S & Mr P) Bl/Brindle well put together and balanced youngster. Excellent head properties with strong jaw and well-shaped eyes. Excellent shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Moved effortlessly fore & aft, really covering the ground well.

2 Cloudside Soul Prince For Jodak (House & Hinchcliffe Miss J & Mr M) Bl/Cream litter brother to 1 & 3. A bigger frame than 1 but just as well balanced and good head properties. Lovely sweeping rear angulation and large feet. Just thought 1 was more together on the move today.

3 Cloudside Prince Of Thieves At Jahoda (Bellringer Mrs S & Mr P)

Puppy Dog 5/1abs

Again, another lovely class of youngsters all had super qualities

1 Drishaun Autumnal King (Lancashire & O'Donnell Mrs AM & Mr M & Miss C)sh/m Red classically built hound. Super head with long foreface and correct eye shape which looking at the pedigree might come from his Dam Lovely long limbs beginning to reach and drive when he's steady on the move, showing off his nice ring tail. Look forward to seeing him develop. BPD

2 Drishaun Consider This Baby (Gardiner Mrs G) Delicious brindle so well behaved and has a typical front. I liked everything here, balance, size and very together just a tiny bit less confident on the move so didn't reach as much as 1 but he's going to be tough competition for him.

3 Chinzaes Tartan Highlander (McLay Mrs S & Mr D)

Veteran 4/1abs

1 Ch Zandahar Tartan Xplorer JW (Anderson Mr M & Mrs L) Lovely quality upstanding masculine hound. BI mask/Gold 7y Super head, strong jaw, good oriental expression and far gaze. Correct amount of stop. Well balanced construction, long limbed muscled athletic build. Won this class on his stylish springy ground covering movement and head qualities and carriage. RCC

2 Ch/Aust Ch Tahkira Affogato (Millward, Millward, Ferguson & Race Miss C Miss E Mts B & Mrs L) Built on a different frame to 1 but well balanced. Excellent bone and lovely sweeping rear angulation. Beautifully presented.
Good head qualities and strong neck. Keeps his topline perfectly on the move.

3 Cloudside Sunking (McLay Mrs S & Mr D)

Junior 1/0abs

1 Chinzaes Tartan Rebel (Anderson Mr M & Mrs L) A super quality BI/Silver youngster from clearly a quality litter as his brothers showed in the puppy class. Good head qualities, strong jaw and correct foreface. Good neck and shoulders with complimentary return of upper arm. Good length of rib and rear angulation ring tail. Lovely big feet.

Yearling 3/2abs

1 Darling Boy Paul O'grady (Cook Ms R) 20 mths BI Mask/Silver Teenage youngster with nice bone and balanced construction. Good depth of chest and ribs going back well. Nice pin bones and good feet. Just needs to fill out and mature.

Novice 4/0abs

1 Drishaun Autumnal King (Lancashire & O'Donnell Mrs AM & Mr M & Miss C) as before in puppy

2 Shimalma Chambord (Watson Miss A) 4y Cream Well balanced mature dog. Beautifully presented and well-schooled. Good shoulders

and rear angulation and ring tail. Nothing not to like just a touch too feminine for me.

3 Drishaun Consider This Baby (Gardiner Mrs G)

Graduate 2/0abs

Here we have 2 brothers both quality exhibits. I preferred the movement and condition of the first but the head and balance of the second.

1 Zendushkas Born To Run Isjulees (Drage Mr M) Gold Very fit strong looking and moving dog. Good bone and nice length of rib. Lovely saddle and excellent coat.

2 Zendushkas Rolling Stone At Farakushk (Holder Mr A & Mrs K) Shaded mask/Gold Lovely head properties nice chiselling and eye shape. Construction good and I am sure would move well if settled. Nice pin bones, ring tail and feet just needs more body.

Post Graduate 5/2abs

1 Sitana The Winter Soldier (MacMillan Mrs L) BI/Cream 3y Well balanced dog with good bone and feet. Nice rib length and spring. Lovely length of neck and well chiselled head. Excellent front and good rear angulation. Moved out well and nicely done in profile too.

2 Shahfoladi Thunderbird A.I. (Gizewska Ms M) BI/Tan quality 3y Liked his strong masculine head piece. Nice eye shape and good work in the head. Good topline and ribs. Moved well just preferred the angles of 1.

3 Shimalma Drambuie Isjulees (Drage Mr M)

Limit 8/1

Super class of 8 quality males

1 Driahaun Baby's In Black Lancashire & O'Donnell Mrs AM & Mr M & Miss C) A fine upstanding male with a lovely head piece. He reminds me of dogs from years ago. Good head and correct eye shape. This dog moves so beautifully So well-muscled but not muscle bound. Long lean athletic limbs. Good return of upper arm and good hip to hock length. He's young he's next in line to the throne he is a great hound.

2 Saxonmill Magic Moment At Khatira (Parker Miss CM) A favourite character. Not the biggest most imposing dog but on the move he is superb with that real springy gait.

He has lovely qualities. He has a good chiselled head and correct eye and strong neck. Lovely length of rib good pin bones and big feet. He keeps his topline on the move but not so much stacked if he would just stand still for a second he would do better.

3 Sitana Moon Knight At Zalmeerah JW (French Ms M & Mr W)

Open 7/2abs

5 smashing exhibits all super hounds and all presented beautifully

1 Dog CC and BIS: Ch Syrdarya Darjeeling Chai of Simkhan (James Mrs E & Miss I) He presents a picture of what I think an Afghan hound should look like and then on the move he comes into his own. Excellent head proportions and qualities. Strong jaws and perfect eye shape and well chiselled features and correct stop. Beautiful long strong well-muscled limbs that let him cover the ground effortlessly with that springiness of movement and perfect head carriage. He floats around with reach and drive. It's so easy for him he looks like he's enjoying it he has the perfect attitude.

2 Ch Drishaun The Vampire Lily Via Gothika JW (Thompson Mr RC & Mrs JA)

Another strong upstanding dog. 6y BI mask/red. Well deserved champion. I remember judging and being impressed by his siblings as puppies. Excellent head properties and eye shape. Well laid shoulders and upper arm. Good front and rear angulation. Nice feet. Lovely saddle and ring tail. Everything to like and moved very well.

3 Ch Ayoubkhan Silk Road (Ms T & Mrs J Gosling)

Judge : James Kelly (Vansant)