

Western Afghan Hound Club Open Show

31st January 2016

My thanks to Jill and the committee for the kind invitation to judge at this friendly well run show and special thanks to my two efficient stewards who kept the ring running smoothly and looked me. It is a shame no puppies were present, but I had some lovely dogs to judge. Do please watch front angulation as it seems to be lacking in some otherwise lovely dogs.

Junior Dog

1 Hunns ARASHKHAN KING FAROUQUE

Just 17 months old and so well made throughout he is hard to fault. He has a masculine well chiselled head with dark triangular eyes and he just dared me touch him. He is of good size and carries just the right amount of weight with a well muscled firm body. His long arched neck leads into superb shoulder and front assembly which is perfectly matched by his rear angulation. He has straight forelegs which are held well under the body and that finish in huge well padded feet. He has a well sprung ribs with a good deep chest with plenty of heart and lung room as is desirable in a hunting hound. His topline is level, with correct fallaway and a nicely ringed tail. He really owned the ring when he moved powering across the ground with long raking strides. He was beautifully presented and handled and just needs maturity to complete the picture

I was pleased to award him Best Dog and with my co judges co-operation BIS!

2 Greenings ZILBEC ZANTHUS

Self masked cream lad who was a real character and determined to play the clown today – super head and eye shape with lovely chiselling and a good strong jaw. A little rangier than my winner his strong neck leads into good shoulder and front assembly with corresponding rear angulation. His topline is level with a short broad loin and a pleasing angle to his fallaway with a slightly loose ring to his tail. He has good depth of chest, forelegs held well under the body with lovely big well padded feet. He moved well but was less controlled than my winner but is one to watch – a lovely lad

3 Mclays CLOUDSIDE FLASH THUNDER

4 Harveys CLOUDSIDE FLSH N TAN AT BASHANABAD

Yearling Dog

1 Greenings ZILBEC ZANTHUS

2 Stevens AYOUBKHAN FIRETHORN

Tall rangy lad who has as masculine well chiselled head and strong jaw. He has a long well arched elegant neck that leads into nice front assembly that is matched by his rear angulation. Good depth to chest with well sprung ribs, level topline, just a little longer in the loin than is ideal and good angle to fallaway with a nicely ringed tail. Moved well but just lacked the free easy movement I look for and beautifully presented.

Novice Dog

1 Hunns ARASHKHAN KING FAROUQUE

2 Mclays CLOUDSIDE FLASH THUNDER

Super silver brindle lad who was looking immature in today's company and at just 14 months it should be expected. He has a lovely well chiselled head with the darkest of eyes and a true aloof expression. He has a long well arched neck with correct shoulder and upper arm placement and corresponding rear angulation, his hocks are low and he has huge well padded feet. He is well bodied with the deepest of chests and a short broad loin, with correct fallaway. He moved well and was beautifully presented – just needs maturity to finish the picture.

Graduate Dog

1 Bunneys GEZANCOL STRIKE A LIGHT AT ZADAL JW

Alone in this class but his placing was well deserved. A nicely balanced with a masculine well chiselled head and punishing jaw, well arched long neck that leads into well laid shoulders with the correct return of upper arm, he has a level topline with a short broad loin and correct angle to fallaway. Well angled quarters, low hocks and well padded feet. Moved well covering the ground with true style.

Post Graduate Dog

1 Morris & Meakes GEZANCOL TWIST OF FATE AT CADMORE JW

Eye catching black and cream lad I loved his outline and I was not disappointed on going over him. He has well chiselled masculine head with the darkest triangular eyes, showing typical far away expression, low set well fringed ears. He has excellent conformation with a long arched neck leading into superb shoulder and front assembly is perfectly matched by his rear angulation. Carrying the desired amount of weight he has a deep chest with plenty of heart and lung room as is desirable in a hunting hound. His loin is short and broad and his topline is level with a good angle to fallaway and a low set ring tail. He moved as an Afghan should covering the ground with a real style of high order. He was beautifully presented and I was pleased to award him Reserve Best Dog, winning Reserve Best in Show on the referees decision

2 Goffs GEZANCOL IN THE ZONE

Another lovely black and tan, also showing good balance and with excellent muscle tone. He has a well balanced masculine head with the darkest of triangular eyes and a real drop dead expression. He has a long well arched neck leading into his well laid shoulder and return of upper arm. His topline is level and he has well sprung ribs, a short broad loin and good depth to his chest. He put his hind angulation to good use on the move but just lacked the free easy movement of my winner

Limit Dog

1 Hunns SARA KHAN SHAH BASHIR

No doubting the sex of this lad he is masculine without coarseness or exaggeration. Nice head with dark triangular eye and typical drop dead expression. Correct angulation fore and aft, with straight front legs held well under the body, with spring pasterns and large well padded feet. Short broad loin with good depth of brisket, level topline with just the right amount of fallaway, all finished off with a ring tail. He moved with great drive covering the ground well

2 Cullens SYRDARYA CUSTARD CREAM AT TAZKINDI

Nicely balanced with a masculine well chiselled head with the darkest of eyes and a true aloof expression. He has a long well arched neck with good shoulder and upper arm placement and corresponding rear angulation, his hocks are low and he has huge well padded feet. He is well

bodied with the deepest of chests and a short broad loin, with correct fallaway. He powered round the ring covering the ground with style

Open

1 Absent

Judge Sandra Woodley