

Judges Report: Western Afghan Hound Club Championship Show 2024

Judge: Pauline Mullins

BITCHES

Thank you so much for inviting me to judge the bitches at this your 50th Championship Show it was an honour. Thanks also to my very able stewards John and Francis who kept things going very smoothly. There were some lovely bitches for me to go over.

VETERAN BITCH (2)

FIRST: CH SAXONMILL ZAN ZAN Black bitch who had a lovely head and eye. Long neck flowing into a level topline. Correct front. Deep chest with plenty of heart room. Great sweep from hip to hock with low set hocks. Ring tail. Beautifully presented, she moved correctly.

SECOND: CH ZANDAHAR JUST TIGER LILY Black bitch. Good front assembly with complementary hindquarters. Level topline with prominent hipbones. A little erratic on the move today. Again beautifully presented.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (2)

FIRST: GRACE KELLY Cream bitch. Good front assembly, level topline, prominent hipbones and short loin. Good sweep of stifle. Loose ring to her tail. She moved with verve.

SECOND: THREADGOLD ANGEL DELIGHT Another cream bitch who was very much a baby. Fuzzy face with good shaped, dark eyes. Low set ears. Big feet. Tail rather high set but good sweep from hip to hock. Ring Tail. She moved as you would expect from a six month old pup.

PUPPY BITCH (No entries)

JUNIOR BITCH (2)

FIRST: DRISHAUN WHAT BABY WANTS. Self masked red with correct shape dark eye. Good front. She has both correct spring of ribs and depth to her chest. Level topline with prominent hipbones. Large feet. Strode out on the move with good reach. Grand condition and beautifully presented.

SECOND: AAQADAR ARIODANTE OF SHADOWFAX (AI) (IMP AUS) Black and silver. Lovely head and eye. Long neck and level topline. Grand hindquarters with low set hocks. A bit unsettled today and her movement suffered for it.

YEARLING BITCH (2)

FIRST: DRISHAUN WHAT BABY WANTS

SECOND: KATANGA BLACK WIDOW AT SHIMONAY Black and silver bitch. Good head with the darkest of eyes. Long neck. Correct front. Level topline, prominent hipbones. Large feet. A bit erratic on the move.

NOVICE (1,1abs)

GRADUATE BITCH (5)

FIRST: SITANA LOVE AND THUNDER self masked red bitch. So balanced in outline, she has it all from her lovely head through to her long neck, classic front, level topline, short loin, prominent hip bones, good fallaway, ring tail. Deep chest with well sprung ribs. Great sweep from hip to hock, low set hocks, big feet. Her movement was a joy – smooth and springy. In terrific condition and well presented. Absolutely beautiful bitch. I had no hesitation in awarding her the CC.

SECOND: SITANA MOON STAR AT ZHAROOK JW gold bitch litter sister to (1). Another very nice bitch. Good front with complementary rear assembly, deep chest and good spring of rib, level topline, short loin and prominent hip bones. Moved easily and with power. Beautiful presentation.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (6)

FIRST: AYOUBKHAN MAGNOLIA AT KABELLA Cream bitch. Lovely bitch with no exaggerations, her lines just flow under your hands. Beautiful head with dark eyes. Long neck into good shoulders, level topline, good depth to chest and correct spring of rib. Level topline with prominent hipbones. Good fallaway with large sweep from hip to low set hocks. Large feet and ring tail. She moved with long flowing strides. My RCC today.

SECOND: DRISHAUN DON'T CALL ME BABY JW Self masked red. Another very nice young bitch. Good head and eye, long neck into level topline, deep chest. Prominent hipbones and correct fallaway. Great length between hip and hock which were low set. Big feet. She moved powerfully with long easy strides.

LIMIT (9, 1 abs)

FIRST: AYOUBKHAN HONEYSUCKLE TO SHUKRIYA JW Cream bitch whom I see is litter sister to the PG winner. Again she is a lovely bitch with beautifully balanced outline. Beautiful head, long neck, good front, deep chest and good spring of rib. level topline good fallaway. Ring tail. Good hindquarters. She moved with long springy strides.

SECOND: DRISHAUN LILY AMONG THORNS AT NYANZA Red bitch. Lovely head and eye. Level topline, short broad loin with good fallaway. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Huge feet. Beautifully presented and moved with a 'style of high order'.

OPEN (3)

FIRST: CH DRISHAUN FAITH IS LIKE A LILY FOR JAVIDAN Brindle bitch. Lovely balanced outline very appealing head and eye - she looked at and through me. Good front and complementary hind quarters. Low hocks and big feet. Level topline and prominent hipbones. Good depth of chest and good spring of rib. She moved easily and correctly.

SECOND: CH KARAGEZ CURTAIN CALL ZHAQQARI (Imp Rus) Black bitch who had the most gorgeous head. Long neck into well laid shoulders. Short and broad loin. Great sweep from hip to hock. Beautiful presentation. She moved with speed and power.