

# Western AHC 2024 Championship Show

Three Shires Field, BATH

Saturday 25 May

## DOGS

It was an honour and privilege to come back to my home county and judge this special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show. The weather was superb, and the arrangements by the Club and their hardworking committee were of equal merit. Thank You. (Also to Francis and Joanna for their hard work as my capable stewards).

Finally, a big Thank You to all those exhibitors who brought their wonderful well presented Afghan Hounds.

### Veteran (3)

(1<sup>ST</sup>) CH JEREMIAH DE KOULANGAR AT ZHAROOK.

9 y/o B/M gold in excellent coat and condition, as were all three in this class. Masculine head with good eye shape. Balanced outline with well angulated rear quarters. Well set ring tail. Moved with drive and enthusiasm. Went on to BVIS. Well done.

(2<sup>ND</sup>) SAYADENA NORTHERN LIGHTS

S/M cream, rather longer in body, with good reach of neck, and pleasant head with dark eyes. Prominent hip bones, and good ring tail. Moved well.

(3<sup>RD</sup>) SITANA AAG TOOFAN

### Minor Puppy (2)

(1<sup>ST</sup>) DARLING BOY PAUL OGRADY

B/M cream of substance. Good head and dark triangular eye. Good front and well angled rear, with well set ring tail. Moved steadily and with a good length of stride.

(2<sup>ND</sup>) THREADGOLD LIMELIGHT

B/M gold with those gorgeous puppy whiskers we all love. Giving much away in maturity to the winner, but still appealed in outline and head. A little erratic in movement, but at this age not something to be surprised about.

## Puppy (2)

### (1<sup>ST</sup>) RHAJIKHAN ACHERNAR'S RIVER

Brindle boy of great substance. Excellent outline standing with front legs well under his chest, and sweeping length between hip and hock. Long neck, pleasant head with good eye shape. Moved with drive and maturity for his age. Went on to BPIS.

### (2<sup>ND</sup>) XENOS KAI ZHAQQARI

Brindle youngster of a finer construction than the winner. Nevertheless, good outline and lovely balanced head and eye. Good rear quarters with ring tail. Moved well.

## Junior (1)

### (1<sup>ST</sup>) DRISHAUN BABY'S IN BLACK

Black boy with a tan mask. Stood alone, but is a dog of great quality. Lovely outline, with good reach of neck and lovely refined head. Well constructed with good sweeping quarters and ring tail. Moved with style. With maturity should trouble the best.

## Yearling (6, 2ab)

### (1<sup>ST</sup>) ZENDUSHKAS BORN TO RUN

S/M gold with appealing prominent saddle. Good substance, deep chest and well angulated front and rear. When standing he had an excellent outline. Went on to move with style to win this class.

### (2<sup>ND</sup>) ALTSIDE TOO HOT TO HANDLE

S/M cream/domino. Good body with masculine head and correct eye shape. Moved well but today not with the reach and style of the winner.

### (3<sup>RD</sup>) KATANGA'S GOD OF THUNDER

## Novice (1)

### (1<sup>ST</sup>) JAZZMEENAH ROHAN BLAZE

B/M gold of just 22 months who stood alone but has a lot to like. Well bodied, with good outline, and prominent saddle. Lovely head and dark triangular eye. Moved well. I liked him.

### Graduate (2, 1ab)

#### (1<sup>ST</sup>) SHAHFOLADI THUNDERBIRD

Black boy who also stood alone but presented a pleasing outline when standing. Lovely lean head, dark eye. Good body substance, well constructed with good front and short loin, good sweep from hip to hock. Well set ring tail. He moved with reach and style.

### Post Graduate (5, 1ab)

#### (1<sup>ST</sup>) SITANA THE KINGSMAN AT TEMENSHU

B/M gold/grizzle of correct proportion, and good substance. Good reach of neck into lovely masculine head and dark eye. Good outline standing with well set ring tail. Came into his own on the move with long easy strides, which won him the class.

#### (2<sup>ND</sup>) KRISHAN RAINBOW WARRIOR

Self masked Blue Domino. Well constructed dog of some substance. Lovely lean head with dark eye. Correct shape when standing free, and moved well, but not quite with the style of the winner.

#### (3<sup>RD</sup>) SHIMALMA DISARONNO AT TAZKINDI

### Limit (8, 1ab, 1 w/d)

#### (1<sup>ST</sup>) CLOUDSIDE SUNKING

B/M gold. Well balanced dog in excellent condition. Well constructed good angulation without any exaggeration. Masculine head with dark triangular eye. Well set ring tail carried correctly. Moved with reach and style to win this difficult class.

#### (2<sup>ND</sup>) YANSUKHIM'S SHERBET FIZZ

Black with shades of blue. A most appealing young boy with a lovely lean masculine head. Good reach of neck, deep chest and good rear angulation. Moved with style, a little exuberant but did enough to see his quality.

#### (3<sup>RD</sup>) SHIMALMA JAGERMEISTER

## Open (6)

An eye-catching line of dogs. All Champions, all with their own particular qualities and style. An absolute pleasure to see and judge.

(1<sup>ST</sup>) CH SYRDARYA DARJEELING CHAI OF SIMKHAN

S/M Gold dog of great presence. He caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring. He had all the qualities I was looking for. From his beautiful lean, masculine head through to his low set ring tail he could not be faulted. In excellent condition and standing, he oozed class and arrogance. I see I gave his sire the top award ten years ago, he moved with such style to deserve the same award over some dogs of such high quality. CC, and eventually BIS. Well done.

(2<sup>ND</sup>) CH DRISHAUN THE VAMPIRE LILY VIA GOTHIKA

B/M gold. Another eye-catcher, just a little rangier than the winner, but who has all those same qualities. He too exuded that arrogance that is so Afghan. He moved with that easy gait and style of high order. A most attractive boy who I see stood in front of his brothers, all of great quality and fine examples of the breed. Res. CC, and then RBIS.

(3<sup>RD</sup>) CH DRISHAUN SAID TIGER TO LILY

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Tony Cleak