WESTERN AFGHAN HOUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 15TH OCTOBER 2017

I was delighted to be invited by the committee to award my very first set of "Tickets" at this friendly and well run club. My thanks to my two super stewards and to the exhibitors for the lovely entry. I was delighted with my final lineup and the icing on the cake was my Dogs being awarded BIS, RBIS & BVIS by Best in Show Judge Kathy Fulford.

Vet dog 4 1abs

1 BVIS. Ch Saxonmill Midnight Mayhem of Terstine. All black dog in good coat and condition. Nice head and expression. He has a lovely front, deep chest and well angulated rear. Moved out well with his head and ring tail raised to take this class. A credit to his owners.

2 Ch Shimalma Mercurial Magic. Classic red dog with a lovely outline and a favourite of mine. Beautiful head and expression, super bone. Excellent front and rear with deep chest and well set on ring tail. Another in super coat and condition. Moved well but just didn't give his all today.

2 Ayoubkhan Fleur De Noel.

Minor puppy dog 5 1abs

1 Shine On You Crazy Diamond at Ruannas(imp nor). Black masked cream puppy of just 6 months. Loved his shape on the stack. He has a lovely head and expression. Excellent front with good forechest. Well laid back shoulder and great return of upper arm. Level topline, good rear and correct fallaway leading to long ringed tail. When settled he moved with such a ground covering stride for a baby. Totally fell in love with him. BPD. Wish him well for the future.

2 Sitana Aag Toofan. Black masked red puppy. Another very nice boy with good head and expression. Lovely front with legs well under body, level topline. Another who moved well but wasn't using his tail as well as winner.

3 Sitana Barisa Karianca

Puppy dog 3 1abs

1 Affietar Glen Maragan. Gold puppy with very dark mask. Rising 12 months. He has a profuse and well presented coat, under which he has a fair front, level topline and balanced rear with a well carried ring tail. For me he still needs develop in body but moves with an easy stride.

2 Nighwind You Are The One(imp Deu). Black and tan puppy, very much the baby of the class. He has a nice shape and is balanced all through. He moved with great confidence with his head and ring tail raised.

Jun dog 3

1 Rhazamakh Tymeless At Suzaph JW. Very striking and houndy young gold with a super outline. Have admired him from the ringside and was not disappointed. Masculine head, very good front, level topline, prominent pin bones leading to good fallaway. He has good depth, short loin, low hocks. His movement is super with a springy ground covering stride. Can only get better with maturity. Hope his owner can keep up with him. 2 Affynetta Dionysius. Heavily coated black and cream boy in lovely condition. More compact in shape than 1 but another with a lovely front, good layback to shoulder and return of upper arm. Level topline and well made all through. moved well.

3 Affietar Glen Maragan

Yearling dog 1

1 Pashtari Lord Tennyson Tokando JW. Black and Tan dog in super coat and condition. He has a very nice head and expression, good front and depth of chest, prominent pin bones and well set on ring tail. His well angulated rear and low hocks enabled him to cover the ground with an easy gait but would like to see a bit more animation.

Novice dog n/e

Grad dog 6 2abs

1 Saxonmill Rising Pheonix. Brindle in a smaller mode but very balanced from his long lean head to the tip of his ringed tail. He has an excellent front, good depth, level topline and good pin bones. He is in excellent condition and moved well with a style of high order. Really liked him.

2 Gilari Roso Corsa. Shaded masked red. Beautiful dog with a super outline. Has balanced angles front and rear with level topline and well set on tail. Moved with a lovely easy stride and close up to winner. Such a good class and his owner knows why he was 2nd.

3 Gilari Red Diamond At Tazkindi

Post grad dog 9

1 Cloudside Flash Heart. Highly marked black and silver with a stunning outline and level topline. He is of good size with a long lean head and good expression. Very good front with good depth of chest and well ribbed back. His balanced rear, low hocks and condition enabled him to cover the ground with a smooth springy gait when he settled into it. Lovely boy.

2 Ayoubkhan Firethorn. Self masked blue. Another lovely dog for size and shape. Pleasing head, level topline, good front, deep chest and well set ring tail and well angled rear. He moved with a lovely easy gait and when he raised his tail won himself 2nd over his litter brother.

3 Ayoubkhan Persian Silk jw.

Mid limit dog 4 2abs

1 Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska. Upstanding brindle with a lovely outline. He has a well balanced head, good neck into excellent lay of shoulder with legs well under body. Level topline, good fallaway to well set ringed tail with good ribbing, strong loin and well-muscled quarters. Moved so well with an easy action. Did him well as a junior and delighted to see he has matured into a super hound. Pleased to award him RCC and See him go RBIS.

2 Garamond Cloudberry for Tokando. Black/silver dog with a super head and expression. Another with great balance and conformation throughout. Many of above comment also apply here.

Shown in super coat and condition and handled to perfection. Very close decision but just preferred line over withers of 1st.

Limit dog 10 1w/d

1 Thendara Fait Accompli. Black dog of good size and shape. So well balanced and in superb condition which showed in his movement. He has a good head and expression, matching angles front and rear, level topline, good depth and well ribbed body, short strong loin and ring tail. He powered around the ring and never stopped showing to take this very strong class.

2 Alouann Mr High N Mighty at Grenowood. Mature cream dog who has a glorious outline. Nice head with good pigment for his colour. Long neck leading to very good front, deep chest, level topline, prominent pin bones and well set on and carried tail. Superb presentation as always from this exhibitor. Moved well but just felt he was holding back a bit on the floor. Have seen him go so much better outside and another I have done well for in the past but it is on the day and had to settle for 2nd.

3 Javidan All in The Name of Drishaun.

Open dog 2

1 Ch Tulak The Sentinel at Tazieff jw shcm. Upstanding self masked gold with a stunning outline. In his prime. A favourite of mine for his type and balance. Masculine head with super expression. Excellent front, neck and topline with front legs set will under body. Well made body with prominent pin bones, good fallaway and well set on and carried ring tail. He has super big feet and low hocks which he used to carry himself so easily round the ring. Can sometimes be his own worst enemy but today he pulled out all the stops and never stopped showing. I just couldn't bypass him in the challenge and was pleased to award him the CC and delighted to see him go BIS.

2 Ch Syrdarya Ginger Nut. Self masked red. Another lovely dog with a super outline. He has a lovely head and expression, very good gront, level topline with good depth to body. Matching rear and well set on tail. Again in lovely condition. Moved really well and considered him for the RCC but just preferred houndier outline of his litter brother.

Elizabeth Beck (Zilbec) Judge