

Thank you to the Western Afghan Hound Club for inviting me to judge Afghan hound Dogs.

A big thank you to my two Stewards David Evans and Sue Kemp, who did a sterling job looking after me and kept the ring running smoothly. The sun finally came out and shone. It was nice to have a big ring, where I was able to see the dogs moving out freely. I had a lovely entry with some quality dogs. Unfortunately I also had quite a few dogs lacking in muscle and dirty teeth. Two things that could be easily rectified in the future. A number of unnatural saddles which did not appeal to me.

On the whole I would say the quality of Afghans has been maintained since I last judged. Breeders still need to study pedigrees, have an eye for a dog and be mindful when choosing a sire for their next generation. Four classes were won by litter brothers. All different but all quality Males. Congratulations to their breeders. I was looking for an overall balanced dog both standing and on the move. I was able to find this in my CC winner Drishaun Said Tiger To Lily and my Res.CC winner, who is a litter brother; Ch Drishaun The Vampire Lily Via Gothika RCC.

Veteran Dog (6,0)

1st Trainor's Ch Syrdarya Ginger Nut. Handsome S/M Typy Red. Super balanced body, both stacked and on the move. Lovely to go over, everything in the right place. One I have judged before, awarding him a RCC. A worthy Champion. Sympathetically handled.

2nd Scott's Ch. Arushkhan Dancin in My Heart At Ambeshan JW; Another Handsome Dog, Houndy B/M gold. In good coat with natural saddle, ring tail, good condition throughout. 3rd Winter's Garamond Cloudberry For Tokando

Minor puppy Dog (0)

Puppy Dog (3,0)

1st Hills & Thornton's Absolute Afghan's Djibouti At Karnak (imp Nor) Taf Bl/M Gold confident youngster. Dark eye, ring tail. Springy gait, well off for bone, in good muscled condition, well handled.

2nd Davies Rhajikhan Adrastus Houndy brindle. Still very raw at this stage as one would expect. Balanced in outline. Well handled.

3rd Stoker's Kenxiwen Tourmaline

Junior Dog (3,1)

1st Newton's Shimalma Jagermeister Houndy S/M Cream Attractive head with slight beard, dark eye. Good front extension. Still quite raw at the moment.

2nd Stoker's Kenxiwen Tourmaline B/M Gold. Good head and expression. Ring tail. Has breed points but I could have cried going over this puppy. No substance at all. It was like a shell. Needs to body up ASAP. I do hope the owner succeeds.

Yearling Dog (1)

1st Shaw's Seoidin The Peacock (Imp RI) sh/M gold. Ring tail, saddle. Showed well with handler.

Novice Dog (3,1)

1st Newton's Shimalma Jägermeister

2nd Heritage's Krishan Captain Morgan at Jazzmeenah, Balanced Black dog. Finer throughout. Well-muscled. Moved well.

Graduate Dog (4,1)

1st James's Syrdarya Darjeeling Chai Of Simkhan, S/M Red. Typy head with Roman nose, Balanced outline standing and on the move. Ring tail. Exuberant, needs to slightly slow down on the move to show off his lovely body.

2nd Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Pictures of Lily. S/M Gold, What an aloof handsome boy. Arrogant Chiselled face. He literally took my breath away and gave me chills as he entered the ring. Correct construction. Balanced. Ring tail. Lovely to go over. But alas he decided he wasn't interested in showing today and was a bit sluggish giving his handler a hard time. One for the top drawer.

3rd Mullen's El Roalito Keep Smiling (Imp Deu)

Post Graduate Dog (6,0)

1st Gardner's Drishaun Said Tiger To Lily Stunning, upstanding gold brindle. Quality dog. Oozes type. Arrogant and aloof, triangular eye with an eastern expression, lovely beard. Deep chest. Natural deep red saddle, ring tail. Balanced fore and aft. Good angulation. Fantastic condition. Silky coat, excellent muscle. Moved with verve. Excellent front extension. Expertly handled, great rapport with handler. He reminded me of Ch. Karaburan Be Be King. I was Pleased to award him his first CC. A bright future ahead of him. I shall watch his career with interest.

2nd Trainor's Tulak Fast And Furious B/M Gold. Beautiful typy boy. Dark eye, ring tail. Lots to like about him. Balanced outline both standing and on the move. Sympathetically handled.

3rd Finch's Zandahar Xtraordinary Me At ZinZani

Mid Limit Dog (2)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Star Among Lilies. Handsome good looking Dark Gold brindle. Oozes Type and attitude. Deep chest. Super condition, natural red brindle saddle with gleaming coat. Great rapport with handler. Expertly handled.

2nd Reed's Cloudside Sunstrike JW; Striking B/M cream brindle. Good head with beard. Deep chest. Well-handled and presented.

Limit Dog (7,2)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Fair As A Lily JW Typy attractive S/M cream. In excellent condition. Deep chest. Moved well. Another with good front extension. Silky coat, well-muscled, ring tail.

2nd Gorman & Latimer's Affecter Glen Shell At Zharook; Handsome S/M Gold. Balanced front and rear. In Great condition. Moved out well. Lovely presentation.

3rd Buttle's Gilari Redwood Earl At Zarankhan

Open Dog (11,1) What a lovely strong quality class. Many dogs had to go cardless.

1st Thompson's Ch. Drishaun The Vampire Lily Via Gothika JW handsome, masculine B/M Gold who demanded my attention. Lovely expression. Moved with verve and a style of high order. Showing all the desired breed characteristics. A worthy champion. Well-deserved ResCC.

2nd Moore's Ch. Cloudside Flash Strike JW BI/Cream. One I have judged before, He has matured into a beautiful hound. Lovely effortless free flowing movement. Balanced fore and aft. In good condition. Well handled.

3rd Hall's Saxonmill Burr Burr Chan At Garamond

Rose Boyd Coates (Judge)