WESTERN AFGHAN HOUND OPEN SHOW- OCTOBER 5TH 2014

Thanks to the Society for the privilege of judging at this show and of course their hospitality. Special thanks to Annette and Paul for stewarding.

Very pleased with the entry majority of hounds were in good muscular condition, perhaps due to the fine weather allowing plenty of exercise. Good to see some ringed tails in the youngsters.

MINOR PUPPY DOG – 5 entries- 1 absent

1st DEVANMARN COULD IT BE MAJIC OF TERSTINE

Still a baby, black and tan, well balanced throughout, good depth of chest, level topline, well angulated front and rear. Covered the ground with ease. Went on to Best Puppy Dog and Best Puppy in Show. Promising future.

2nd AYOUBKHAN PERSIAN SILK

8 month grey/silver, very striking in appearance, excels in head good expression, good length to correct shoulder placement. Level top line and ringed tail. Again moved with high order.

3rd DEVANMARN SHOW ME MAJIC AT SADIDA

PUPPY DOG- 3entries- 1 absent

1st AYOUBKAN PERSIAN SILK- 2nd in minor puppy.

2nd DEVANMARN SHOW ME MAJIC AT SADIDA

Another from this promising litter, nice head, length of neck, level top line and good rear angulation.

VETERAN DOG- 1 entry

1st ANDIZHAN ARTURIUS JW

10 year old brindle, well worthy of 1st place, very active, in extremely good muscular condition, deep chest, kept his top line on the move. Enjoyed his day out. Best Veteran.

JUNIOR DOG-7 entries

1st GARAMOND SUNBERRY

16 month old back/tan, very promising youngster, super expression, dark eye, good length of neck to good front angulation. Deep chest and well ribbed, ringed tail. Well muscled and covered the ground with ease. Credit to the breeder as all the litter here today have a promising future.

2nd GEZANCOL STRIKE A LIGHT AT ZADAL

Still a baby only just out of puppy, super conformation throughout, what a head/expression, looks right through you, well balanced front and rear completes the picture, and on the move true Afghan gait. One of another fabulous litter of dogs and bitches here on show today.

3rd GARAMOND CLOUDBERRY FOR TOKANDO

YEARLING DOG- 6 entries- 2 absent

1st GARAMOND CLOUDBERRY FOR TOKANDO

Litter brother to SUNBERRY very similar conformation, excels in head and expression, correct front and rear angulation.

2nd GARAMOND TAYBERRY

Another from this litter, similar comments on construction not quite so settled on the day. A well bred litter for type, congratulations.

3rd BONDOR I AM A LEGEND

NOVICE DOG-2 entries

1st GEZANCOL STRIKE A LIGHT AT ZADAL

2nd ANDIZHAN CONSTANTINE

Unfortunately this exhibit was late in arriving and was unsettled, which made initial assessment difficult. After being settled was able to be examined and has a good head, nice lay of shoulder, level topline, movement still needs some work.

GRADUATE DOG- 5 entries -1 absent

1st GEZANCOL STRIKE A LIGHT AT ZADAL

2nd GARAMOND CLOUDBERRY FOR TOKANDO

3RD GARAMOND TAYBERRY

POST GRADUATE DOG- 4 entries

1ST PAHLEVI DA-VINCI AT LAZAKHAN JW

Very impressive black standing and was not disappointed when examined. In total proportion well balanced head with darkest of eye and placement, good lay of shoulders, deep chest and spring of rib, well coupled to pin bones. Lovely sweep of rear angulation and in tip top condition, moved with ease.

Delighted to award Best Dog and later Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex in Show.

2nd GEZANCOL IN THE ZONE

Another well bred classic hound. Black/tan/silver, very impressive head and eye shape, good length of neck to shoulders, level topline to ringed tail.

3rd SARAKHAN SHAR-BASHIR JW

LIMIT DOG- 4 entries

1ST KHATIRA ODYSSEUS FROM ZINZANI KARIANCA

A black masked cream of true Afghan hound quality, lovely elegant head and dark eye. Long leathers, bare pasterns, deep chest, level topline, sweeping rear quarters and well muscled.

2nd SYRDARYA HAZELNUT HOBNOB AT SHUKRIYA

Another well constructed hound, black masked gold, elegant head, deep chest and well ribbed, good front and rear conformation, ringed tail. Again another example of a well exercised hound.

3rd SYRDARYA CUSTARD CREAM AT TAZKINDI

OPEN DOG- 3 Entries- 1 absent

1st SARAKHAN SHAMIR JW

Black masked gold of good quality breeding, excels in head and expression, lovely to see a beard. Well angulated front quarters ,level topline to correct fallaway and pin bones. In good condition and well presented.

2nd SARAKHAN SULTAN AL KABIRA JW

Litter brother to above, similar comments apply again in good condition, just preferred outline of 1st place. No doubt will change places in the future.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH- 5 Entries -1 absent

1st DEVANMARN SAY THE MAGIC WORD AT KHATIRA

Black& tan similar comments to her litter brother in minor puppy dog, good balanced outline with correct front and rear angulation with level topline.

Moved with ease.

2nd AYOUBKHAN SILVER CLOUD

Interesting colouring silver/blue very houndy. Good body definition with lovely head and neck to correct shoulder placement, level and good fallaway, lovely rear assembly.

3rd TAMARIKI PEACH DREAMER

PUPPY BITCH- 4 entries

1st SLEEPY HOLLOW AT YANSUKHIM

Very elegant young lady, black masked gold brindle. Super outline, cracking head with expression, lovely front angulation, deep chest and well ribbed. Good coupling to rear with nice sweep of angulation, Ringed tail. Excellent condition and looked a picture on the move. Delighted to award Best Bitch Puppy and later Reserve Best Puppy In Show.

2nd DEVANMARN SAY THE MAJIC WORD AT KHATIRA

3rd AYOUBKHAN SILVER CLOUD

VETERAN BITCH- 4 entries

A quality class of super veterans and a delight to judge.

1st CH.HUBSHE UZUME

9 year old still in fabulous condition, a worthy Champion.

Very elegant and with all the angles creating a balanced picture especially on the move. In tip top condition. Pleased to award later Best Veteran in Show.

2nd CH.ZANDAHAR TREACLE TART

Another quality bitch and worthy Champion. 7 year old brindle, again created a super picture standing and was not disappointed on examination. Lovely topline and ringed tail.

3rd CH/IR ALOUANN HOT N SPICEY AT ORASHAN

JUNIOR BITCH- 5 entries

Super class of outstanding quality

1st GEZANCOL SAVING GRACE

What a little cracker, just out of puppy, black masked gold, super head and expression with dark eye. Good length of neck to first class front assembly, level topline, lovely rear angulation creating a balanced picture and a ringed tail. A delight on the move. No hesitation in awarding Reserve Best Bitch to this youngster.

2nd GEZANCOL SWEETNESS N LIGHT

Another cracker, litter sister to 1 above, the critique is the same. Just preferred 1 on the day. I am sure they will change places on another occasion.

Together with their litter brother I am sure they have a bright future. A privilege to judge them.

3rd GARAMOND WINEBERRY AT SOCHERA

YEARLING BITCH- 3 entries

1st ZANDAHAR JUST TIGER LILY JW

Lovely grey brindle maturing into a quality hound. Very feminine, lovely outline, front and rear assemblies are well balanced, in superb condition and excelled on the move.

2nd MARINGO EVENING IN PARIS

Another lovely bitch.Black/tan, lovely head with keen expression with good all round confirmation and again in super condition and well presente. Another that moved with ease.

3rd HUBSHE FUNADAMA

NOVICE BITCH-5 entries

1st GEZANCOL SAVING GRACE.

2nd GEZANCOL SWEETNESS N LIGHT

3rd ANDIZHAN CZARDIN TO SUZAPH

GRADUATE BITCH- 4 entries

1st GEZANCOL TIT FOR TAT

Lovely black masked gold, super head and expression with dark eye, good length of neck to correct shoulder placement Level topline and rear assembly making moving effortless.

2nd GEZANCOL TOPSY TURVY

Litter sister to 1st ,very femine black/silver, delightful conformation throughout as per above. Another that moved with ease.

3rd GARAMOND SPICEYBERRY JW

POST GRADUATE BITCH- 3 entries

1st PAHLEVI DISCO DIVA AT ORASHAN JW

An outstanding black of quality which creates a perfect balanced outline standing and doesn't disappoint on examination. Striking head with that wicked arrogant expression, correct length of neck to angulated shoulder placement, deep chest well coupled with a level topline and good fallaway with balanced rear angulation. In super condition and presentation was first class. A true springy gait to complete the picture. Not a difficult decision to award Best Bitch and later Best In Show, interesting to find out after judging that both Best dog and bitch are from the same litter.

2nd SITANA NISHANA AT LAKARNADREAM JW

Another quality hound, different type than 1 above, but still meets the standard. Very mature in outline with a saddle so rare these days. Elegant head, taller exhibit but still balanced throughout with correct front and rear angulation. Excellent presentation, wasn't keen to get her tail up today. Still a first class exhibit.

3rd ZHAROOK HOLD ONTO THE DREAM AT SADIDA

LIMIT BITCH- 5 entries

1ST ZENDUSHKAS SPARKLING ROSE

Beautiful bitch of outstanding features, black/silver in good condition and well presented. Lovely head and expression with dark eye. Correct front shoulder placement, level topline and balanced rear quarters. Didn't disappoint on the move.

2nd KATANGA KANDY KREME AT SHIMONAY

What a super colouring, very striking hound, full of true afghan qualities, again another saddle. Correct placement for front and rear assemblies. A picture on the move.

3rd BELAMBA GOODNIGHT VIENNA AT CUSHIDA.

OPEN BITCH-3 entries

1ST CLOUDSIDE WAR OF THE ROSES

Brindle bitch with correct head and expression, good length of neck, well placed shoulder, deep chest, good rib cage, well coupled. Well muscled and in good condition.

2nd ANDIZHAN BALQIS

Grey brindle, again good front and rear angles creating a balanced picture.

Not quite the movement of 1. Well presented.

3rd GILARI DEVIL MAY CARE

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