

Western Afghan Hound Club
Bath – 30th May 2022
DOGS

It has been five years since I last judged the breed and I thank the Club for the kind invitation; my final two winners were a picture standing together and illustrated well a good afghan hound profile. It was a pleasure to be able to liaise with my co judge, Peter Luty, and we were in complete agreement over the final selections for BIS.

Veteran (3)

1. Ch Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska, 10 year old dark brindle male with construction to admire, nicely balanced, good body and matching angles, ringed tail. In profile his outline was pleasing at all times, movement was sound and ground covering; presented well. A worthy Champion.
2. Arushkhan Born To Be Wild at Zinzani, attractive masked golden with a wealth of coat, must be quite a handful to deal with. Masculine in head, rangier in body than 1, balance of angulation, large feet, ring tail, movement was sound and ground covering.
3. McLay's Garamond Tayberry

Minor Puppy Dog – no entries

Puppy Dog (1)

1. Gardner's Saxonmill Majic Me Danwish, black/tan youngster well grown and plenty of coat almost hiding his outline, face full of whiskers but underneath lies a good masculine head, dark eye, good foreface and jaw, lovely front nicely angled, big feet, level back and reasonable depth for age, slope off to croup, nicely angled quarters, ringed tail, moved well and feel he should have a bright future.

Junior Dog (3)

1. Semple/Beck's Ayoubkhan Stargazer, all white/silver with very slight cream shading through his foreface which was lean and fairly fine, super dark triangular eye, balance to head, adequate length of neck, liked his forehand angulation, straight front, bit of a saddle coming on him, still at the developing stage and a way to go for the finished article, lovely sweep to hindquarters, well set ringed tail; powered around the ring stylishly with ease and light easy strides, promising.
2. Gosling's Ayoubkhan Silk Road, litter brother to 1, almost identical in colouring and liked him a lot, slightly more substance and stronger all through and similar comments apply. His outline showed nice construction and he covers a lot of ground, slightly unsettled here but he is a young male and has loads of time on his side.
3. Peek-Matar's Yansukhim's Sherbet Fizz

Yearling Dog (4)

1. Drape's Shimalma Drambuie, well-coated pale golden masculine youngster holding his outline well; good detail to his head, liked his foreface and eye, forehand construction good, large feet, adequate depth at this stage, prominent hipbones, fallaway, well angled quarters & ringed tail. Is a handful moving but covers plenty of ground, has a certain style about him.
2. Semple/Back's Ayoubkhan Stargazer
3. Gosling's Ayoubkhan Silk Road

Novice Dog (2)

1. Gardner's Saxonmill Majic Me Danwish
2. Peek-Matar's Yansukhim's Sherbet Fizz, black/brindle strong male with a huge coat and a huge personality, attractive male head and dark eye, very much the teenage stage, full of himself making it difficult to assess movement well, he will settle I'm sure.

Graduate Dog (2)

1. Dunstan/Waterhouse's Shimalma Disaronna at Tazkindi, litter brother to Yearling winner, slightly smaller in stature, pale golden with balanced head & almost roman nose, overall his construction is very pleasing and his outline is good, still needs to mature through his body, well set ringed tail, moving freely with style.
2. Harwood's Krishan Rainbow Warrior, different type and slightly larger male gold/grizzle with very nice head and eye, his angulation front & rear was well balanced, nice fallaway and low set ringed tail, his front was true and sound, did not have the same freedom of movement of 1 however should mature well.

Post Graduate Dog (5) 1 w/d

1. Lockett-Davies Bryelis Rebel Heart JW black/tan, this male was well-sized has great appeal for masculinity and outline. Good in head shape, foreface and eye shape, strong neck to well-placed shoulder and good return, large feet, prominent pin-bones, good fallaway and well set ringed tail. Came into his own on the move, very good striding dog whose best is yet to come, expertly handled.
2. Mitchell & Smithson's Zandahar Explosive Storm, of similar shape and outline to 1 this one was a silver/grizzle/brindle whose overall shape took my eye. Masculine in head, well placed shoulder and return of upper arm, good in body, level back and sweeping quarters, huge coat hiding some of that outline but swept around the ring with stride and style.
3. Finch/Hopper Zandahar Xtraordinary Me at Zinzani JW

Mid-Limit Dog(4) 1 w/d

1. Hurl/Nisbet/Forrester's Zandahar Xcuse Me Mister dark silver/brindle, dark mask on his masculine head, good eye shape & colour, appealed for his very balanced outline which came from a well set shoulder, good width of front, large feet, depth of chest good, pin-bones prominent and good fallaway, sweeping quarters, well set tail, moving very well here which won him the class.
2. Anderson's Zandahar Tartan Xplorer JW, wonderful head on this very glamorous dark golden, lovely type. Very similar in outline to his litter brother who won this class and similar remarks on construction apply, his presentation was outstanding and he looked a picture. Swept across the ring with good stride and was sound coming towards, very close decision between the two however preferred the moving outline of the winner on this day.
3. McLay's Cloudside Flash Thunder

Limit Dog (4)

1. James/James Syrdarya Darjeeling Chai of Simkhan, shaded red/gold of lovely type, head & expression just my cup of tea. The detail of eye shape, expression, chiselling all made for a quality look, and this added to the balance of construction, strong muscle tone, and overall afghan outline makes for an outstanding look in my view. Has a beautiful coat, silky and well presented, is a bit of a handful and often nearly throws his chances however he moved with animation, style and ground coverage.
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2. Bovey's Sitana Barisa Toofan Karianca, handsome dog gold/red with shading, takes the eye on the stack, lovely male head and good keen expression, lovely long ears, matching angles front & rear, strong in front, level back, good depth of chest, strong quarters, well set tail, shown in the most beautiful bloom, a credit to his owner. Moving well enough here but not with the freedom of 1.
3. Lancashire/O'Donnell's Drishaun Star Among Lilies JW

Open Dog (5) – three litter brothers and all to be proud of, all slightly different.

1. Thompson/s Ch Drishaun The Vampire Lily via Gothika JW, b/m golden, have often admired him from ringside, masculine with decent backskull, slight stop and balance to foreface, dark eye, strong neck, strong front, large feet, lovely ribcage, level back short loin, pin-bones prominent and fallaway sloping nicely to low set ringed tail, sweeping quarters and a huge coat all finishes him off well. Not a flashy dog in any way but he looks quality and has free open stride. Has proved to be a big winner and was very pleased to select him for **Dog CC**; and in complete agreement with my co-judge he was **BIS**
2. Gardner's Ch Drishaun Said Tiger to Lily, lovely brindle whose outline was eye catching, liked his length of foreface and eye shape, length of neck to nicely placed shoulder, good return and straight front, level back and a shade longer than 1, good depth, hipbones, fallaway and sweeping quarters, well- muscled throughout, he moves soundly with purpose, lovely coat and condition.

3. Ch Drishaun Fair As A Lily JW

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