

THE AFGHAN HOUND ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Monday 2nd MAY 2016

DOGS – Judge Mrs A Wilcox (Alaqadar Afghans , Australia)

I am delighted and honoured to have been awarded the opportunity to judge the AHA 68th Breed Championship Show. I would like to thank the committee and show managing team for their professional organization, and in particular the efficiency of my ring stewards. I was extremely impressed with the overall depth of quality. It was pleasing to judge the many exhibits with excellent head, expression, topline, croup and tail set.

I looked for dogs which stood firmly on four feet, not required to be pulled or pushed into shape. The young handler with my Dog CC excelled in this. I requested the dogs be shown on a loose lead as the head held up with a tight lead can restrict the gait and natural head carriage is unable to be assessed. Unfortunately many of the exhibits were unfamiliar with moving on a loose lead. Dogs were generally well presented but many lacked muscle tone which I found disappointing and surprising. Tails were a concern with some showing little to no indication of a ring whilst others were soft and tending to bounce on the back whilst on the move.

Veteran Dog.

Sarakhan Sirocco JW. Black masked gold, lovely breed type with good top line and excellent croup and tail set. Nice head and expression, well presented and moved well.

Minor Puppy Dog

1.Khamis Aequitas At Eweyisska 7 month old white puppy with balanced outline on the stack , good topline croup and tail. Nice head and expression .A challenge to his handler on the move. Should be interesting in the future.

2.Kouros Tell Me On A Sunday (Imp. ITA) 8 month old blue puppy, lovely on the move , good head with dark well shaped eyes. His one white leg was a distraction to me today but this may blend in to his coat colour with age. A lovely puppy but I preferred the balance of number one.

3.Gilari Rosso Corsa 7 month shaded masked gold puppy. Houndy youngster with good head and expression. Easy on the move although a little unsettled which is typical for this age. Would prefer more indication of a ring in his tail.

Puppy Dog.

1.Jazzmeenah Moody Blues black masked silver with superb head and expression .Well balanced with good front and hind quarter. Moved well with easy springy gait when he was not challenging his handler. Could have a better ringed tail. A lovely puppy.

2.Shimalma Italian Sunset, shaded masked gold impressive puppy .Excellent head and expression. Nicely balanced and ringed tail. Moved with great enthusiasm around the ring but not as settled coming and going. Another lovely youngster.

3.Saxonmill Rum Tum Ricochet black and tan puppy with an overabundance of coat at this age. Good head and expression and moved well.

Junior Dog

1.Shimalma Italian Sunset, this puppy moved in a more settled manner in this class and with his irrepressible enthusiasm deserved first place.

2.Cloudside Flash Strike unmasked black and silver. Lovely refined dog with balanced outline. Stylish youngster and easy on the move, nice head and expression. Close decision with number one.

3.Amal Salang Hermes In Genue Carafina (Imp RUS) black masked brindle elegant houndy youngster. Nicely balanced with good head and expression. He was unsure of what was wanted of him on the move today.

Yearling Dog

1.Arushkhan King Farouque black masked silver with lovely head and expression. Good front and hind quarter, nicely balanced, ringed tail. Moved well.

2.Zilbec Zanthus tall balanced cream youngster. Nice head and expression, good front and rear. Moved very well. Would prefer a more definite ring in his tail.

3.Way Up Imperio At Bichoux (Imp ITA) black masked gold nicely balanced and with good head and expression. Moved well. Immature in this class today.

Maiden Dog

1.Zilbec Zanthus cream dog from yearling class who easily moved into first place.

2.Jazzmeenah Moody Blues Black masked silver winner of puppy class. Immature in this class but deserved second place.

3.Kouros Tell Me On A Sunday (Imp ITA) blue minor puppy who moved well but immature in this class.

Novice Dog

1.Shimalma Italian Sunset shaded masked gold who moved better each time he entered the ring.

2.Arushkhan Zahir black masked silver with good head and expression. Nicely balanced .Moved better in this class but still a challenge for his handler.

3.Sofico Graffeti black masked gold with lovely head and expression. Lacking enthusiasm on the move.

Special Beginners Dog.

1.Ayoubkhan Firethorn blue dog with lovely balanced outline. Free stands on four feet. Good croup and ringed tail. Loved his head and expression. Moved well and deserved the win. Impressive hound.

2.Arushkhan Zahir black masked silver second place in Novice Dog.

3.Kouros Tell Me On A Sunday (Imp ITA) Blue second from minor puppy class.

Graduate Dog

1.Altside Mr.Wickham black masked brindle well balanced with good front and hindquarter. Good topline with ringed tail. Lovely head and expression moved well and beautifully presented. Stands on four feet.

2.Joneca Suede pale blue brindle with good head and expression. Moved very well. Would prefer more ring in his tail.

3.Ayoubkhan Persian Silk blue dog with good outline and lovely head and expression. Just preferred the first two in this lovely class.

Post Graduate Dog

1.Ayoubkhan Firethorn blue dog winner of Special Beginners Class.

2.Javidan All In The Name Of Drishaun black masked brindle, lovely type of hound well balanced with good head and expression. Moved very well .

3.Devanmarn It`s a Kind Of Magic Saxonmill heavily coated black and tan who moved well. Nice head and expression.

Mid Limit Dog

1.Javidan Bad Boy Boogie blue dog nicely balanced with good head and expression. Moved well.

2.Garamond Cloudberry For Tokando elegant black and tan. Lovely head, nice topline. Moved well.

3.Ashahni Blaze Of Fire refined black and tan. Nice outline and moved well. Preferred head and expression on first two dogs.

Limit Dog

1. Zaram Zeus interesting domino dark brindle .Nicely balanced with strong topline. Ringed tail. Lovely head and expression. Moved very well and stands on four feet.

2. Asiaskies Claret N Blu ShCM silver brindle dog with lovely head and expression. Moves very well .Close decision for the class but I preferred the outline of number one.

3. Davashey Move Like Jagger Via Affiah tall red brindle another nice dog in this class. Balanced with good outline and moved well. I preferred the head and expression of the first two dogs.

Open Dog

This was an excellent class with many wonderful exhibits

1.Ch. Garamond Sunberry black and brindle who was left free standing most of the time. Balanced outline, excellent head and expression. Good front, topline and hindquarter with lovely croup and tail. Moved very well and not over handled. Lovely representative of the breed and my eventual CC winner.

2.IT/INT/CRO Ch. Way Up Mr. Grinch Balanced shaded masked gold with excellent topline, front and hindquarter. Lovely head and expression moved well with style. Reserve CC.

3.Way Up James Bond lovely balanced stylish black and tan. Good head and expression. He moved very well with great enthusiasm. Another impressive hound.

Thank you to all the exhibitors for your entries ,there were many dogs I believe would compete favourably anywhere. I was pleased to find those who won congratulated by all and those who did not on the day very gracious.

Ada Wilcox (Judge)