

## **Afghan Hound Association Back to Back Show 2 at Chieveley, Berks 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

It is a long time since I judged and I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the hounds. I have just lost my last Afghan and that reinforced what a privilege it is to go over your dogs. I would have been delighted to take any of them home. Thank you for bringing such a fine selection in just about every possible colour.

Nearly all the exhibits had dark, correct shape eyes, most had spacious chests and movement was generally very pleasing. On the other hand, tails, if not the most important aspect, are a breed characteristic and we seem at risk of losing the combination of low set and ring. There were heavy coats and sparse coats, but saddles were in evidence everywhere so coats had no impact on placings.

MPD (1,0) 1 Hills' **Laavas Golden Opportunity** B/M Gold Promising, youngster. Good angles and balanced. He can move well and I particularly liked his expression with his jet black mask. **BPD**

PD (4,2) 1 Buttle's **Gilari Redwood Earl At Zarankhan** B/M Gold Good angles. At a difficult stage and a bit loose but moved well when he chose to. Nice head and neck, good depth and spring of chest. I expect him to develop into a fine young dog. 2 Cullen's **Khamis Aequitas at Eweyisska** Oyster Brindle. His puppy whiskers disguise a nice head. Another one who needs to grow up a bit to be at his best on the move. Good angles, I would prefer a little more depth of chest.

JD (1,0) 1 Thomson and Truckle's **Spanish Gigolo De Mariscalato (imp Sp) Taf** Blue Domino 1 Good head and neck. Level topline and good chest, a real showman with lots of drive from the rear.

YD (7,1) 1 Greening's **Zilbec Zanthus** S/m Cream Beautiful Head, neck and eastern expression. Level topline, balanced and powerful. I would prefer a tighter ring to his tail on the move but overall I liked him very much. **RBD** 2 Boydell and Faquhar's **Kerrijoy The Pyramid King** B/m Gold All dog with good topline and angles very sound.

VD (1,0) 1Aldous' **Ifmaraf Go In Pinstripes At Ambela** Brindle. Lovely head and eastern expression. Moved exceptionally well. Good angles with and chest under his huge coat. Other than an over tight ring to his tail he was hard to fault. Despite his age I considered him in the challenge. After the show I discovered that I highly placed both his parents in the past. **BViS**

ND (3,2) 1 Buttle's **Gilari Redwood Earl At Zarankhan**

GD (5,0) 1 Gosling's **Ayoubkhan Persian Silk JW** Blue Brindle Very pleasing outline and moved with real style. Has a nice ring to his tail. 2 Stevens' **Ayoubkhan Firethorn** Blue Brindle 1 and 2 very similar with good heads and expressions, nice angles and sound movement. I slightly preferred the head on 2, but 1 moved a little better today.

PGD (3,0) 1 Gardner's **Drishaun It Ain't What You Do** B/m Gold Strong head, but it suits this dog with lots of substance. Level and balanced with powerful movement. Tail held a little high when moving. 2 Bastille's **Andizhan Constantine** Blue Silver Balanced with good spring of rib. Moved better in this class.

LD (3,0) 1 Neilly's **Cloudside We Sing We Dance** Brindle Good head and neck with lovely dark eyes. Level topline to a good fallaway. Great mover, smooth but with spring. 2 Gardner's **Javidan Bad Boy Boogie** Blue Brindle Lots of substance with nice head and expression. I would have liked more extension on the move.

OD (1,0) 1 Care and Fairburn's **Nightwind True Colours (imp Deu)** B/m Gold Very sound throughout. Dark mask and fine eastern expression. Not the most angled dog today, but beautifully balanced with a level topline and good depth and spring of rib. Moved smoothly and stylishly difficult to fault, perhaps a slightly lower tail set and a bit more ring. **BD RBIS BOS**

SRD (1,0) 1 Gardner's **Drishaun It Ain't What You Do**

MPB (1,0) 1 Thomas' **Cinderella Story De Mariscalato (imp Sp) Taf** S/m Gold. Nice head disguised by her whiskers. She is very together for a baby. Nicely balanced with a pleasant outline. She has a lot of growing up to do but at this stage she moved the best of the puppies. BPB BPIS

PB (3,0) The three in this class were hard to split, they all need finishing. The order might have been different on another day. 1 Evans, Hillier, Thomson and Truckle's **Gilari Hollywood Cerise** B/m Gold Well balanced with good angles and nice expression. Moved well at times. 2 Cross' **Gilari Prada Rouge** S/m Gold as 1 but slightly preferred the winner's expression.

JB (0,0)

YB (1,0) 1 Scott and West's **Arushkhan Sent From Heaven** Silver Keen expression with balanced, decent angles front and back. Smooth and stylish she really sparkled on the move. I would prefer a little more spring to her ribs.

VB (6,0) Green, Powell and Hitch's **Zendushkas Whiskey Galore JW** B/m Gold Feminine yet fierce expression Good outline, great depth and spring of rib. Graceful, smooth movement with lots of extension. **RBB** 2 Wilson's **Warrenoaks Cloud Waltzer At Tahir** Black and Tan Very fine, feminine bitch. Level topline but quite hard to see the rest of her good shape under her coat. Moved correctly.

NB (3,0) 1 **Gilari Hollywood Cerise**. 2 **Gilari Prada Rouge**.

GB (3,0) 1 Stevens and Crafts' **Ayoubkhan Jasmine** Blue Feminine bitch with level topline, excellent ribs, good neck and head. Moved stylishly with good spring and reach. 2 Turner's **Gezancol La Di Da** B/m Gold This was close, similar strengths to 1, just a little more drive in the winner's movement.

PGB (6,1) 1 Smart's **Gezancol Sweetness N'Light JW** Cream Brindle beautifully presented. Very sound throughout, lovely expression, good neck, chest, shoulders and balance. Moved smoothly yet powerfully for a slight bitch. 2 Green, Barley and Powell's **Garamond Wineberry At Sochera** Black and Silver Feminine bitch, balanced and sound. Moved well, a little taller than I would prefer.

LB (7,0) 1 Link's **Popov's Bora Bora At Orashan (imp Ned) JW** B/m Gold Another feminine bitch with substance. Beautiful eyes and expression, good neck chest and angles. Very stylish on the move. 2 Gosling and Humphrey's **Ayoubkhan Silver Cloud JW** Silver Blue Feminine head on a long neck. Moved with good spring and great extension.

OB (4,1) Three very different but fine bitches in their own way. 1 Link's **Pahlevi Disco Diva At Orashan JW ShCM** Black Good angles, balanced and compact. Feminine head and neck. Great angles with outstanding correct, stylish and enthusiastic movement. The best mover of the day. **BB Bis** 2 Peak-Matar's **Sleepy Hollow At Yansukhim (imp) JW** Brindle Good head and neck, great condition, balanced angles, good spring and depth of chest, level topline. Also moved very well.

SRB (1,0) 1 Adam's **Gezancol Good As Gold** B/m Gold Good head shape hidden by face coat. Sound all round, I would prefer more neck. Moved powerfully in this class.

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