

AHA CH show dog critique 4 May 2015

I would like to thank those who voted for me to judge this show and to all who entered, we were fortunate to have good weather which enabled us to be outside all day thanks also to my stewards who kept the ring running smoothly, front assembly is still the most common fault, but we must not forget that an afghan is not just a coat rack he is a sight hound and must therefore have good muscle tone in order to be fit for what was his original purpose it is possible to have both and overall I was very pleased that my final line up were of top quality.

Veteran: 1) McCormack, Ch Sitana Jaranwala at Tulak JW B/M cream, a great favourite of mine which is probably what won him the class a worthy champion admittedly I have seen him move with more drive than he showed today but I believe that has more to do with age and I forgave him RBVIS. 2) Drage, Sarakhan Sirocco JW B/M gold another nice hound shown in grand condition has good head & eye long neck into well laid shoulders level top line sound quarters moved well. 3) Simpson & Fitzgerald, Neliapilan Jaakko-Kulta at Tajikh (imp fin).

Minor puppy:1)Latimer Jeremiah De Koulangar at Zharook 6 months B/M gold what a super baby boy lean head with dark well shaped eye well made everything in the right place good angulation front and rear well sprung ribs correct ring tail, set and carriage, after the initial high jinks expected of a puppy this age he moved straight and true with correct extension should have a very bright future, one which I will watch with interest the best pup I have seen in a long time his owner and breeder must be very proud BPD RBVIS. 2) Barley & Franklin-Barley, Zhivias Sunrise Spirit B/M gold another nice pup has lots to like about him, well put together a little longer cast than the winner has good head & eye and good angulation another who moved soundly. 3) Greening, Zilbec Zanthus.

Puppy:1)Scott, Arushkhan Dancin in my heart, B/M/gold well grown youngster good outline long lean head dark eye good length of neck into well laid shoulders & equal return of upper arm level top line well bodied with well sprung ribs of good depth, good sweep to quarters movement was sound and true. 2)Gardner, Drishaun Black and Tan Rebel masculine head long neck good angles has level top line, well sprung rib cage with sloping quarters correct tail set with ring moved soundly. 3) Murphy, Arushkhan born to be a Star.

Junior:1)Hall, Devanmarn it's a Kind of Majic at Saxonmill Black & Gold beautifully balance hound shown in tip top condition can't fault his confirmation has masculine head good dark eye has all the breed requisites from proud head carriage to ring tail smooth sound mover. 2)Gosling, Ayoubkhan Persian Silk, elegant blue hound different type from winner lean head & good eye shape has correct angulation level top line with well sprung ribs of good depth, well muscled moved with reach & drive. 3) O'Neill, Devenmarn Could it be Majic at Terstine.

Yearling: 1)Bunney, Gezancol Strike a Light at Zadal B/M gold maturing into a lovely hound reminiscent of his grandsire in type has a good head & eye, balanced angulation front and rear good rib cage of correct depth level top line sloping croup to ring tail moved with drive. 2)Dowd & Marlia, Thendara Fait Accompli, black another nice youngster everything flows together beautifully masculine head dark well shaped eye, well bodied shown in good condition both muscular and coat true mover with drive. 3)Ayoubkhan Persian Silk.

Maiden: 1) Jerimiah de Koulanger at Zharook. 2)Arushkhan Dancin in my Heart. 3) Stevens Ayoubkhan Firethorn.

Novice: 1)Devenmarn it's a kind of Majic at Saxonmill. 2)Arushkhan Dancin in my Heart. 3) Lee-Brown Simpson & Lee-Brown Palamedees Tallon.

Special Beginners: Stainsby, Istani Breaking Every Code, stood alone but is a good solid hound who is well made with correct angulation front and rear good spring and depth of ribs sweeping quarters sloping croup to correct tail set with ring, shown in great bloom moved with drive.

Graduate:1)Felder, Garamond Sunberry Bl/gold splitting hairs between litter brothers 1 and 2 much the same comments apply both have long lean heads good eye shape well laid shoulders with equal return of upper arm well sprung ribs and well bodied, both are good movers really covering the ground won the class on his overall balance . 2)Mclay, Garamond Tayberry Bl/Br . 3)Gardner, Drishaun it ain't What You Do.

Post Graduate:1)Trainor & Blake, Syrdarya Ginger Nut strongest class of the day this sh/m/gold this dog has often been his own worst enemy as he does not always shine but today he stood out for me good head & eye Long neck into well laid shoulders with equal return of upper arm, well sprung ribs of good length level top line correct quarters and tail set with ring today he excelled on the move really covering the ground with smooth easy strides, delighted to award him the CC and see him achieve BIS. 2) French, Sitana Jal Mahal at Zalmerrah pushed the winner hard two dogs that could change places on another day but today I felt that the winner had the edge on maturity love his head and eye with an expression that looks straight through you both dogs have balanced conformation and both moved with correct reach and drive well deserved RCC. 3) Gardner, Maringo Wicked Games with Bichoux.

Mid Limit:1)Finch, Hopper & Scott, Sitana Rajajani from Zinzani B/M gold super lean head dark well shaped eye with keen expression being picky would prefer more underjaw but loved his outline & balanced confirmation won this class with his sound floating movement. 2)Dunston & Waterhouse, Syrdarya Custard Cream at Tazkindi S/M gold litter brother to my cc winner and has much to commend him would prefer finer back scull but he has balanced confirmation and moved well. 3) Cannon, Calamus Mediator (imp) ShCM .

Limit:1)Broadhead, Tulak the Sentinel at Tazieff JW ShCM sh/m gold good head & eye long neck into well laid shoulders correct return of upper arm well sprung ribs level top line that he held on the move sweeping quarters well muscled, correct tail set with ring moved with reach and drive. 2)James, Xenos Art Deco at Jahadi (imp ita) Blue/Brindle another close decision he is of different type from winner an elegant hound with masculine head & expression long neck balanced angulation front & rear well sprung ribs of good depth moved with great drive shown in rock hard condition a credit to his owner many could take a leaf out of their book. 3)Gill & Marshall, Miamarna Masquerade JW ShCM.

Open: 1)Kemp, Ch Andizhan Banjalucah to Suzaph JW a quality class as you would expect at this level worthy champion looked a picture both standing and on the move in good body condition you can see his balance even though he has a huge coat, he is more my type than the second and that was the decider on the day as both dogs were on good form in the challenge just preferred the younger

dogs. 2) James, CH Shimalma Mercurial Magic B/M gold it goes without saying that this dog has everything in the right place different type to winner and I am sure that they have changed places many times sound mover with a coat put down to perfection. 3) Hitch Wilson & Parker, Zendushkas Amaretto.

Judge Yvonne Odell