

Afghan Hound Association Open Show

20th July 2019

I would like to thank the Afghan Hound Association for the honour of judging their club open show. I had the lucky straw in that I was judging the afternoon show which meant that judging could be outside as it had been wet in the morning. I always feel that hounds look their best outside. Fronts do seem to be a real issue in the breed at the moment and are so important to ensure correct movement with spring and style of high order. All dogs had well presented coats being clean and free of mats and knots.

Minor Puppy dog (1 entry)

1st. Mullen's El Roalito Keep Smiling (Imp Deu). Promising black and cream puppy with a good head and excellent eye shape and strong underjaw. Lovely length of shoulder currently laid with a balanced upper arm and good depth of chest for his age. Good topline and nice sweep of stifle with a well angulated rear, low set hocks and a good tail with the desired ring. He moved with a style of high order when settled and had particularly had strong rear movement for one so young. Sadly in the challenge this youngster had just had enough and tiredness got the better of him however a well-made puppy with plenty of positive qualities and one who I am sure has a good show career ahead of him.

Puppy Dog (1 entry)

1st. Bastille's Shadowfax Meistersinger. Brindle dog with a masculine head, strong jaw and lovely triangular eye. A good enough front but slightly more upright than the minor puppy who I felt scored higher in this department however had good depth of chest and more developed overall. Good top line with a nice low set ring tail. Good rear angulation and very good feet. A touch loose in movement but when he did move had a good springy gait and style of high order. In the challenge for best puppy dog he really decided to show off to his advantage with his head and tail up and showing off good profile movement. Best Puppy Dog and Best Puppy in Show.

Junior Dog (2 entries)

1st. Gardner's Drishuan Said Tiger to Lily. Brindle dog with a good head and eye shape although would like a bit more strength in underjaw. The better front of the two and good depth of chest. Nice short loin and a balanced rear. OK feet and tail set. Best mover of the two in this class.

2nd. Hurl, Nisbet and Forrester's Zandahar Xcuse Me Mister. Heavier type to the winner with a masculine head and a strong underjaw. OK front, a touch shorter in upper arm than I would like and slightly more rear angulation which showed in his movement.

Veteran Dog (2 entries)

Two quality dogs

1st. Gardner's Javidon Bad Boy Boogie. Handsome male with a good head and eye shape, nice length of neck and very good front with a good depth of chest, nice spring of ribs and a

nice short loin. Good feet and balanced rear angulation. Overall the better mover of the two today with a lovely springy gait and style. Best Veteran Dog, Reserve Best Dog and Best Veteran in Show.

2nd. Cannon's Multi Ch Calamus Mediator (Imp) ShCM. Another quality dog with a handsome head and expression. Lovely square proportions and good ring tail. Excellent feet. Not as good in front as the winner being a touch wider in front, possibly due to carrying a bit of excess weight however moved well overall.

Novice dog (2 entries)

1st. Bastille's Shadowfax Meistersinger

2nd. Hurl, Nisbet and Forrester's Zandahar Xcuse Me Mister

Post Graduate Dog (3 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Seemarks and Nemoto's Sayadena Northern Lights (Imp Bel). Cream dog with a balanced head and beautiful eye shape. Ok front, would like a bit more layback of shoulder although upper arm length is balanced. Good feet. Nice square outline with a short loin and a balanced rear and good tail. Moved well although would like more spring in his gait.

2nd. Cullen's Khamis Auquitas at Eweyisska. Another cream with a good eye shape and ok head however would like a stronger underjaw. Slightly upright in shoulder. Well angulated rear. Moved well when settled.

Limit Dog (2 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Stevens and Craft's Ayoubkhan Firethorn. I liked this dog for overall type. Good head and eye shape and nice length of neck. Very balanced front with well laid shoulders and balanced rear angulation with a good ring tail correctly set. Moved soundly.

Open Dog (2 entries)

1st. Cullen's Syrdara Toffee Pop at Eweyisska. Quality brindle dog of excellent type. Lovely head and eye shape. Good length of neck going into well laid shoulders and a balanced length of upper arm. Excellent feet and a good topline. Good coat texture and a nice saddle. Good short loin. Low set ring tail and well angulated rear. Beautiful movement being particularly strong at the rear. Happy to award Best Dog and reserve best in show.

2nd. Gardner's Drishaun It Ain't What you Do. Black masked gold dog who was of a heavier type overall. Masculine head. Ok front with his shoulders being slightly more upright than I prefer. Excellent feet and in excellent coat. Well angulated rear. I felt the winner was more balanced overall.

Special Racing Dog (2 entries)

1st. Cullen's Syrdara Toffee Pop at Eweyisska

2nd. Gardner's Javidon Bad Boy Boogie

Yearling Bitch (2 entries)

1st. Stevens and Craft Joneca Fireblade. Black masked gold. I felt this bitch had more positive breed specific qualities. Beautiful feminine head with a triangular eye, exotic expression and strong underjaw. Very narrow in front although the most balanced of the two present with regards to shoulder and upper arm proportions. Balanced rear angulation with low set hocks. OK feet. Moved well in profile but slightly erratic in front coming towards you. One who needs time to mature in body.

2nd. Bartram and Perry's Altside Donna Queexote at Chardara. Brindle bitch with a nice head and eye shape. Would like a bit stronger jaw. More upright in shoulder than I would like and a bit short in upper arm. Well angulated rear. Moved soundly enough but looser at the rear. Another who was quite narrow and needs time to mature in body.

Veteran Bitch (2 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Adam's Gezancol Good as Gold. Beautiful typey black masked gold bitch with a lovely head and eye shape giving typical afghan expression. Good shoulders and a balanced upper arm. Very good feet and an overall balanced outline with a good rear. Low set tail but sadly lacking a ring at the end. Moved nicely.

Post Graduate Bitch (2 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Stevens and Craft's Ayoubkhan Jasmine. Blue bitch with a lovely head and expression. Well laid shoulders although would like a bit more fill in front. Good feet. Nice outline and lovely bred type. Good hindquarters and well-set tail. Moved well with a springy gait when settled.

Limit Bitch (3 entries, 2 absent)

1st, Adam's Gezancol Good as Gold

Open Bitch (2 entries)

1st. Gunn and Cannon's Lux Ch Amal Salang Hey I'm the Star at Zushkhan (Imp), Beautiful black bitch with excellent head and expression and a lovely triangular eye. One who really looks at and through one! Excellent length of neck going into well laid shoulders with a balanced upper arm. Excellent feet. Good topline and balanced rear with good low set hocks. In fantastic condition with excellent muscle tone, something sadly lacking in so many today. Good depth of chest and beautifully presented in excellent coat. Moved very soundly with a beautiful springy gait and style of high order. Happy to award this quality bitch Best Bitch and Best in Show.

2nd. Peek- Matar's Sleepy Hollow at Yansukhim JW ShCM (Imp). Another well made bitch who is slightly heavier in head with a good eye shape and strong under jaw. Not quite the front of the winner. Excellent feet and depth of chest. Good rear angulation and low set hocks. Moved well with style and spring. Reserve best bitch.

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