

Southern Afghan Hound Club Open Show 1/9/2019

Many thanks to the committee for the invitation to judge this well run and friendly show, it had a great atmosphere and all competitors were very sporting. I found no bad mouths and one acceptable level bite, presentation and condition was excellent on the whole with only one matt between the elbows and a couple that could have had better muscle tone, fitness & health should never be compromised for the sake of coat, they can have both... My only disappointment was that there were no puppies but that is a sign of the times at the moment, things do seem to be looking up for the coming year.

Veteran Dog 7-10 years (3)

1st Gardner's Javidan Bad Boy Boogie, Nearly 8 Upstanding Blue Brindle with good length of foreface & corresponding back skull, good under jaw and dark triangular eye, lengthy neck into well laid shoulder and good return of upper arm, well ribbed back with strong loin, sloping croup and correct tailset, he has well bent stifles with good length from hip to hock and is in hard condition. Took a while to settle on the move but had good reach & drive covering plenty of ground BVD & BVIS

2nd King's CH Karandikar Star Storm, Just coming up to 10 years, Smaller all through black with masculine head, plenty of under jaw, lovely dark triangular eye giving the desired oriental expression, deep chest and good spring of rib corresponding well balanced front and rear angulation, prominent hip bones and correct tailset, moved out with light springy steps and good drive from the rear, just not the condition of one

3rd Herd & King's Sukeshi Olympic Storm

Veteran Dog Over 10 (1)

1st Parker & Hitch Zendushkas Glenmorangie ShCM VW Nearly 11 years Blk/Cream who is still full of himself & enjoying every moment, balanced masculine head, correct dark triangular eye and lovely expression. Good length of neck, well laid shoulder and good return of upper arm, fair spring of rib, strong loin, prominent hip bones, good bend of stifle & short hocks, he was a little erratic on the move but was light on his feet with good reach and drive and in great condition for his age. I understand this was his last show, I'm sure he will enjoy his retirement

Junior Dog (5)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Star Among Lilies, Super, houndy red brindle, loved his head which is masculine but refined with strong jaw, dark well shaped eye and arrogant expression, long neck into well angled front assembly, well ribbed back with deep chest and strong loin, nice slope to croup with correctly set ring tail, great length from hip to hock and

well bent stifle, he moves out with confidence covering the ground with easy effortless strides, I'm sure he has a very bright future RBD & RBIS

2nd Bastille's Shadowfax Meistersinger, Another lovely brindle, more compact boy with balanced masculine head dark eye and good expression, enough length of neck, good lay to shoulder and return of upper arm, shorter in ribcage but well sprung and good depth, correct slope to croup and well set ring tail, moves steadily with good reach and drive

3rd Gardner's Drishaun Said Tiger to Lily

Yearling Dog (2)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Star Among Lilies

2nd Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Pictures of Lily, Houndy pale red, stronger in head than his brother but still balanced with strong under jaw and dark triangular eye, long neck and another with well balanced angles front and rear, deep chest, very well bodied and in super condition, he does move with correct reach and drive but today he lacked confidence and was rather unsettled, hopefully with time this will improve

Novice Dog (3)

1st Trainor & Rodger's, Tulak Fast and Furious, Classic b/m gold of good type, lovely masculine, balanced head with strong jaw and dark well shaped eye, houndy balanced outline with good shoulder placement & upper arm, well sprung ribcage & good depth of chest, broad loin, prominent hip bones, well bent stifle with good length from hip to hock, another who is in good condition and covered plenty of ground with light easy strides

2nd Gardner's Drishaun Said Tiger to Lily, Silver brindle of smaller stature, 3rd in Junior where he was a bit unsettled due to having to change handlers, balanced head with good eye shape and expression, long neck into excellent form from assembly which he uses to advantage when settles into his stride, good spring of rib and well angled quarters, finished with a well set ring tail, he has good drive from the rear but needs to tighten up

3rd Earnshaw's, Shadowfax Rakes Progress at Moonshadow

Graduate Dog (2)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Star Among Lilies

2nd Lancashire & O'Donnell's Drishaun Pictures of Lily

Post Graduate Dog (2, 1 Absent)

1st Seamarks & Nemoto, Sayadena Northern Lights (Imp Bel) S/m Cream who is maturing well, would prefer more length to foreface but head is balanced with a strong jaw and good expression, adequate length of neck with fair lay of shoulder and good return of upper arm, well sprung ribcage of good length, sloping croup and correct tailset, sweeping well muscled quarters giving good drive from the rear when moving, he has benefitted from losing a few pounds since I judged him previously

Limit Dog (2)

1st Gardners, Drishaun It Aint What You Do, Upstanding B/m Gold, heavier in head than I would prefer but everything is balanced and he is stronger all through, he stands square with legs well under, good front assembly, well bodied with good spring of rib, strong loin, good length from hip to hock with well bent stifle, he powers round the ring covering good ground with reach and drive, his tail is not his fortune and does detract your eye slightly

2nd Boydell's, Nightwind You Can't Stop The Beat, All black dog who is the complete opposite to one, finer all through, fine head with a lovely dark triangular eye and oriental expression, long neck into well laid shoulder with fair return of upper arm, deep chest, good spring of rib with slightly longer loin, prominent hip bones, sloping croup, well bent stifle and short hocks, he strides out well but just not the scope of one

Open Dog (2, 1 Absent)

1st King & Millward's, Aloun Steel N' The Show, Tall upstanding S/m Cream who I have admired from a youngster and was not disappointed, elegant masculine head, dark triangular eye and arrogant expression, long neck leading to lovely front assembly, long bones, well laid shoulder and good return of upper arm bringing the legs well underneath, excellent depth of chest, well ribbed back and strong loin, sloping croup with well set ring tail, well bent stifle with good length from hip to hock, he has an effortless ground covering stride, powerful but light with spring, pleased to award him BD and BIS

Veteran Bitch 7-10 years (1)

1st Adams Gezancol Good As Gold, 7 Year old B/M Gold not showing her age at all, balanced head with long neck and balanced angles front and rear, she is rather narrow all through but has good muscle tone and moves out well with good reach and drive BVB

Junior Bitch (4 1 Absent)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnells Drishaun Say She Ain't Gazon (AI) Tall elegant Blue/Cream Domino with the darkest of eye and gorgeous expression, long neck into well laid shoulder with good return of upper arm, correct slope of croup & tailset, well bent stifles & strong hock, she has plenty of substance, is well bodied and in excellent condition. Light springy movement with

good reach and drive, today she just kept going no matter how much I moved her, please to award BB & BOS

2nd Rhodes & Shaverneva Shadowfax Threepenny Opera, Another Blue/Cream Domino of similar type to 1st, balanced head with well shaped dark eyes and lovely eastern expression, long neck with very well laid shoulder & good return of upper arm, good spring of rib & strong loin, correct slope to croup and tailset, good bend of stifle and another in excellent condition, free flowing strides covering plenty of ground, just needs to body up

3rd Lancashires Drishaun Consider The Lily

Yearling Bitch (3)

Repeat of Junior

Graduate Bitch (3)

1st Lancashire & O'Donnells Drishaun Say She Ain't Gazon

2nd Lancashire Drishaun Consider The Lily 3rd in Junior & Yearling Lovely Red Brindle who is smaller in all departments than 1 & 2 but is still completely balanced, with well angled front and rear, good spring of rib & well bodied, short loin with correct fallaway & tailset, moved out well covering the ground with reach and drive

3rd Turner, Boydell & Hutton's Nightwind Your My Kind of Crazy (IMP GER)

Post Graduate Bitch (2)

1st Gill & Marshall's Miamarna Viva La Vida, 3 Year old B/C who I haven't seen since she was a puppy and she has grown into a lovely young lady who is balanced throughout, beautiful head with strong underjaw, dark triangular eyes and lovely expression, well angled front & corresponding rear, good spring of rib and strong loin, correct croup and tailset and in hard condition. She has light springy movement with good reach and drive but gives her handler a really hard time with her exuberance!! RBB which she won by keeping all 4 feet on the ground and going in the same direction for the last few strides

2nd Parkers Devanmarn Say The Magic Word at Khatira, Striking B/T from the same lines as 1, again another well balanced bitch with a lovely expression, long neck into good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, adequate spring of rib and well muscled loin, correct croup and tailset with sweeping quarters, cover plenty of ground on the move with light springy strides. Although I fully understand the frustration of bitches and their hormones, she does need to gain some weight

Limit Bitch (2)

1st Lawson-Ball & Wardell Andizhan Charisma With Zarcas JW Brindle of good substance with balanced head dark well shaped eye, well laid shoulder with good return of upper arm and good spring & depth of chest, correct fallaway and lovely length from hip to hock, moves out well with reach and drive but tends to drop her topline

2nd Parkers Saxonmill Jean Genie at Khatira B/T more compact than first with a beautiful balanced head, strong underjaw and the darkest of eyes with a lovely expression, well angled front assembly, adequate spring of rib and strong loin, good bend of stifle and short hocks, moves out well with good reach and drive, just preferred croup and tailset on 1st

Open Bitch (2, 1 Absent)

1st Peek-Mater Sleepy Hollow Of Yansukhim JW ShCM (IMP) Tall but balanced Brindle, dark triangular eye and good expression but would prefer more stop, long neck into well laid shoulder with good return of upper arm, lovely deep chest & spring of rib, prominent hip bones with correct slope to croup and tailset, covers a lot of ground on the move with long easy strides

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