

Southern Afghan Club Championship Show – Dog Critique

I would like to thank the Southern Afghan Club for inviting me to judge dogs at their championship show, it will be one of my greatest memories. I consider it to be one of the best shows of the year. It has a wonderful atmosphere with its Christmas feel to be enjoyed by all. Today was my first time awarding CC's and I couldn't be more honoured. I would also like to thank the committee for their hospitality, my stewards for all their hard work for managing the ring ,also a big thank you to the exhibitors for your entries, I was very pleased with the overall quality and condition of the dogs .

Minor puppy Dog (3 entries, 1 absent) 1st, Pascoes. Popovs Aladdin at Sarakan A lovely black masked gold baby, beautiful dark eye and a balanced head underneath all his monkey whiskers. Well made boy with nice angulation elbows tucked under a deep chest, level back, good muscle to the rear. He moved well for such a baby. I think he has a promising future (best puppy dog).

2nd, Walsh . Calamus Devil in Desguise. Brindle of nice quality and good overall balance, correct in angulation to front and rear, ring tail just needs more time.

Puppy dog (3 entries). 1st, , Pascoes, Popovs Aladdin at Sarakhan. 2nd , Walsh, calamus devil in disguise . 3rd, Mullen, el Rialto keep smiling.

Special veteran 7-10 years (3 entries 1 absent). 1st Cheeseman Zaram Zeus. Nice upstanding brindle of substance,masculine head with Good chiselling and eye shape,pleasing outline with good front Shoulder placement,good top line,good width of loin nice bend to stifle,moved with long springy gait. 2nd Hurl, Javidan kiss the sky over Tarakhi. Another good sized gold dog with aloof expression and balance throughout,nicely proportioned angulation,good fallaway and tail set, didn't move as well as 1st on the day.

Special veteran 10 years and over (0- entries).

Junior dog, (5 entries). 1st Lancashire,Drishaun fair as a lily JW. Eye catching cream dog of good size and nicely proportioned head with dark triangular eye,strong arched neck,correct angulation to front and depth of chest,well sprung rib, well Muscled thighs over long bend of stifle,low set hocks,overall lovely condition moved with high order.

2nd Lancashire, Drishaun star among lilies JW. Brindle,litter brother to class winner with all the attributes as 1st And in the same lovely condition ,just preferred movement on winner but I'm sure on another day places will change.

3rd. Moyes,Bryelis rebel heart JW.

Yearling dog (5 entries) 1st finch & hopper, Zandahar Xtraordinary me at Zinzani. Very handsome black dog full of breed type with beautiful head And classic expression with dark triangular eyes,excellent front with deep chest and well sprung ribs level topline and well muscled hind quarters,good bend of stifle low set hocks strong loin and fallaway,moved with lovely front extension and equal drive at rear,good quality dog.

2nd , Lancashire,Drishaun fair as a lily JW.

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Novice dog (1 entry). 1st, Pascoes,Popovs Aladdin at Sarakhan.

Graduate dog (6 entries). 1st, Anderson, Zandahar Tartan Xplorer. An eye catching gold dog with great presence for a youngster,well balanced head with correct length of fore face to stop & then to occiput with a punishing under jaw,long neck lovely front with well laid shoulders and return of upper arm,good body substance and square loin and fallaway ring tail set on low, strong quarters with good length and bend ,nice picture stood and covered the ground well on the move,i can only see this boy improving with age.

2nd, Lancashire,Drishaun fair as a lily JW.

3rd, Churchill, Joneca Inferno under Afrikamoon.

Stud dog with progeny (0 entries).

Post graduate dog (11 entries 3 absent). 1st Neilly, Cloudside Sun Lord. This black dog immediately caught my eye when I moved the class and didn't disappoint when I went over him,beautiful classic Head with great expression,well arched neck flowing down to level top line and plenty of width to loin,nice croup well angled Rear with great bend to low hocks with good muscle and equally good front,elbows well under deep chest,lovely coat moved with power and good tail carriage,this was a dog i have not seen before and look forward to watching his progress.

2nd, Reed, Cloudside Sunstrike JW. Litter brother to winner also a lovely dog with many of the qualities of above,nice head and good angulation front and rear, a substantial well muscled dog with a pleasing outline,good coat condition,drove out on the move.

3rd, French, Sitana Bijali Toofan at Zalmeerah .

Mid limit dog (7 entries). 1st, Bovey, Sitana Barisa Toofan Karianca. Attractive black mask gold with a pleasing outline head and expression,nice chiselling and strong under jaw,lovely shoulder And upper arm,good depth of chest well coupled good top line strong loin,matching rear angulation,moved very well in the class but let himself down in the challenge.

2nd, Finch & Hopper, Arushkhan born to be wild at Zinzani. I really liked this dog with a lovely outline and long coat,good head Plenty's of fore face, nicely angled well balanced hound with no Over exaggerations just pleasing to go over, moved well with with good ground coverage.

3rd, Chadwick, Sofico Grafitti.

Limit dog (8 entries 3 absent). 1st, James, Sitana Aag Toofan. Cream dog caught my eye on the move right from the start and thought a dog that can move like this must be well constructed and that's just what he was,lovely to go over with good head and Dark eye good length of neck ,nicely laid shoulder and good upper arm,long sweeping quarters,lovely honest hound who proved his quality on the move.

2nd, Scott, Arushkhan dancing in my heart at Ambershan JW. Handsome gold boy who is well made,love his head of correct Proportion,keen expression triangular eye long neck flowing to Very nice front,good depth and spring and matching rear assembly,moved with long springy strides with good tail carriage .

3rd, Winters, Garamond Cloudberry for Tokando.

Open dog (12 entries 3 absent). 1st, Nisbet and Forrester, Saxonmill Rebel Rebel at Finix JW. Outstanding black and silver dog that oozed quality right From his first entrance into the ring, beautiful masculine head Nicely chiseled, dark triangular eye with ample foreface and strong under jaw,long well arched neck flowing down to excellent well laid shoulders and

correct return of upper arm elbows well under his deep chest, great spring of rib level topline, strong square loin, good fallaway leading to low set ring tail, his rear assembly With great length from hip to hocks good muscle to thighs balanced perfectly with his front allowing long flowing strides on the move tail carried high and proud head carriage finishing an excellent picture, very pleased to award him the CC, and he then went BIS.

2nd, Halls, Rum Tum Ricochet JW. Another top quality hound with a beautiful head & eye and an aloof expression, long neck, great front assembly, lovely lay of shoulder and return to upper arm, deep chest good spring of rib Strong loin and fallaway, long sweeping stifle, lovely coat and In overall top condition, moved with high order, well deserved RCC.

3rd, Cullen, Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska.

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