

Southern Afghan Club Ch Show- Bitches. 1 December 2019

I think this is probably the best club show I have been to. Congratulations to the committee for organising such a fun event and thank you for looking after me so well. Thank you also to my two excellent stewards, to friends of many years who turned up to watch and to all the exhibitors for entering your beautiful hounds. I know the work involved to present them in such good order especially at this time of year.

I was looking for a correct sized, feminine bitch with no exaggerations and the right balance for the breed and having as many of the breed characteristics as possible. I realise that in a breed with a very small pet demand it is difficult to breed for all the points you want. There are a limited choice of stud dogs and brood bitches and faults can quickly become established and accepted as the norm. There are a couple of problems that I found prevalent in the breed. There were many untypical heads that lacked quality and refinement. Hardly any had that lovely chiselling and detail that make a good Afghan Head. Many had Borzoi type shape but with a lot of 'padding' on the muzzle. It follows that eye shape and placement in these heads is not desirable. The other general problem was incorrect toplines - some dippy and some rising to the tail set - most obvious on the move.

I was very happy with my final line up with many typical Afghan bitches.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4)

1st. Moore's Cloudside Flamenco AI. This lovely brindle puppy had the best balance in the class. Excellent head carried on a long, strong neck. Well laid back shoulders and strong topline, ribbed back and compact strong loin. Good fallaway and correct tail set and ring tail which she carried well. Really covered the ground on the move. Very promising. She has the stamp of her kennel. Best Puppy In Show.

2nd Cullen's Cloudside Sevillana at Eweyisska. Very similar and I see she is a litter sister. Tall enough for a bitch but has probably had a growth spurt. Another good head with lovely Afghan expression. Well laid back shoulder. Well set ringed tail. Raw at the moment but promising.

3rd Hedge's Unstoppable Happy Go Lucky (Imp).

Puppy Bitch (4)

1st. Moore's Cloudside Flamenco AI

2nd Cullen's Cloudside Sevillana at Eweyissaka

3rd. Bastow's Cloudside Muineira to Karandikar.

Special Veteran 7 to 10 years (3)

Congratulations on the wonderful condition of your beautiful elderly ladies

1st Link's Multi Ch Pahlevi Disco at Orashan JW Sh CM. There is certainly nothing elderly looking about this beautiful black lady. Loved her size and profile movement. Correct pin bones and croup. Excellent rear angles. Wonderful showgirl with a style of high order. Can more than hold her own with the younger competition. Presented in gleaming immaculate coat and excellent body condition. B.V.I.S.

2nd Adams's Gezancol Good as Gold. Beautifully presented classic masked red. Well balanced with prominent pin bones and good tail set.

3rd Humphreys Ayoubkhan Fleur De Lyse.

Special Veteran 10 years and Over (3)

1st. Hitch's Ch Zendushkas Sparkling Rose. A very worthy Bl/tan champion bitch carrying her years lightly. Well laid Shoulder. Excellent spring and depth to ribbing. Correct large feet. In lovely condition and moving with style.

2nd. Coombes Gilari Devil Woman. Classic Afghan with good Breed Characteristics. Large feet and correct coat pattern. Corresponding balance of front and rear angles. Moved out very well.

3rd.Hayes's Valkor She's Got The Look of Saksfrith.

Junior Bitch (6)

Good depth of quality in this class.

1st. O'Donnell's Faith Is Like A Lily For Javidan. J W. Loved the overall picture of this beautiful brindle bitch. My eye kept being drawn to her in the challenge. She has the essence of a quality Afghan bitch. Correct size and she is totally feminine but with good substance. Her outline just flows without exaggerations. Beautifully balanced skull to fore face with just the right amount of stop and so lovely to see detailed chiselling in her foreface. Very typical outlook and expression. Well laid back shoulder without bulk and good return of upper arm. She has a nice spring of rib and a compact loin. Her rear angulation balances her front and so good to see her hold her topline on the move. Moved with style and lightness and covered the ground well. C.C. and R.B.I.S.

2nd. Lancashire's Drishaun Consider The Lily JW. Very close up and not surprised to see she is a litter sister of the winner. Most of the comments apply to both. Wonderful conformation with the best of fronts. Perhaps a shade longer in loin. Loved her balance , size and condition. Could change places.

3rd. Nisbet and Forrester's Pramya Not But Not Blonde at Finix (Imp Fin).

Yearling Bitch (4)

1st O'Donnell's Faith Is Like A Lily for Javidan JW

2nd. Lancashire's Drishaun Consider the Lily JW

3rd Lancashire's Say She Ain't Gazin (AI) JW

Maiden Bitch (2)

1st. Cullen's Cloudside Sevillana at Eweyisska AI

2nd Downes S'S Superstar De Zorb Specially For You (Imp). Attractive masked gold . She had not the scope of the winner but some good breed attributes. Good return of upper arm and /well sprung rib. Short hocks.

Graduate Bitch (5)

1st. Nisbet and Forrester's Kandahar Xclusively for Finix JW. Very stylish Bl/silver. In the final three for the ticket. Quality bitch that i am sure has a good future. Very sound front, strong loin of correct length. Front and rear angulation balanced well and her whole outline had harmony. Came into her own on the move and covered the ground with style.

2nd.Lancashire's Drishaun Fair As A Lily. Mouth watering self masked golden with everything I look for in an Afghan bitch including a stubborn streak! Just oozed breed type. Exquisitely feminine with a beautiful chiselled head and wonderful expression. Excellent balanced angulation, correct topline with prominent pin bones. Silky coat with the correct coat pattern. Large feet and low strong hocks. Long ground covering strides but threw away her chances by not carrying her head well on the move. When she gets over this she would surely make up. She has so much that the breed needs. Sister to my C.C. winner. What an impressive litter.

3rd.Bleasdale's Tulak No Strings Attached.

Brood Bitch.

1st. Adams Ch Zandahar Just Tiger Lily JW. Lovely bitch that I remember well. She has certainly done herself proud with a great lineup. They have all inherited her substance, balance and good outlines with a few future stars there.

Post Graduate Bitch (9)

1st. Gill and Marshall's Miamarna Viva La Vida. This kennel has certainly stayed true to the type they have bred over the years. Bl/Brindle bitch of substance and Strength. Well laid back shoulder and matching return of upper arm. Good bend of stifle and low set hock. Level topline which she held on the move. Good croup, well set tail carried well on the move. Large feet. Impressive powerful mover. Good condition.

2nd. Mc Cormack's Tulak Never Been Kissed. Very elegant cream bitch in great condition. Beautiful head, good topline which she held well. Not quite the front of the winner. Lovely coat texture and pattern. Much to like in this feminine girl.

3rd. Raper's Tulak Just Go With It For Amariz.

Mid Limit (8)

1st Stevens and Craft's Ayoubkhan Jasmine. This brindle bitch 'grew on me' as the class went on. Admired her femininity, balance and size. Good head shape, and correct back to leg length ratio. Moved lightly and freely. A good typical representative of the breed.

2nd. James's Gilari Vermillion Venus. Close up to winner. Would like less fill between the eye. This glamorous, well presented gold is a typical representative of the breed. Stylish on the move.

3rd. Vowles's Neytiri De Koulanger With Azmar (Imp Fra)

Limit (8)

1st. Barber, Henry and Sampson's Tianze Melt My Heart At Normarand AI (IMP). Typical masked golden bitch. Elegant and feminine. Good head with correct eyeshape. Nothing overdone with complimentary angulation. Good spring and depth of ribs. Dropped her topline occasionally. Steady on the move. Sympathetically handled and well presented.

2nd. Waggett's Just For You De Koulangar At Clenagh JW (IMP). Another typical golden bitch. Very closeup to the winner. Slightly more compact and good rear angulation. Moved well.

3rd. Newton's Shimalma Midnight Liaison.

Open Bitch (14)

What an amazing open class. Full of quality bitches. I just wish I could have awarded more. There certainly was the quality. Thank you for bringing your beautiful Afghans today.

1st Ned Ch Popov's Bora Bora at Orashan JW. B/m golden. Such a familiar type to me. Reminiscent of some of the V.D.O M. breeding. Loved her overall outline and her excellent lay of shoulder and corresponding rear angulation. Good sweep to back end and good bend of stifle. Correct topline with prominent pin bones. Held her shape well on the move. A lesson on presentation and conditioning. So much to admire about this lovely bitch. Res C.C.

2nd Moore's Cloudside Sunflower JW. Different in type. Beautiful and feminine quality self mask golden with correct coat pattern. Best of toplines which she held. Prominent pinbones. Good size feet, lovely rear angulation. Nothing overdone just real quality. So close up and could change places on another day. Oozed type. Moved soundly.

3rd. Hall's Ch Saxonmill Mirror Mirror.

Judge Mary Davies