

The Southern Afghan Club Open Show at Hickstead All England Jumping Course, Sunday 31st August 2014

Firstly, I would like to thank all exhibitors for presenting me with such a lovely selection of dogs and bitches, making my trip over from France so worthwhile. After having the honour of judging the AHA Open show 7 years ago it was a pleasure to be invited over for this excellent show. I understand entries have been on the decline ever since the recession so to get such an entry is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the hard working stewards for their efficient running of the ring and the committee for their hospitality throughout the day.

I was very pleased with my final line ups. The standard overall was very good with any minor weaknesses more than compensated by strengths in other areas, making it extremely difficult at times to finalise some of the placings.

In all a very pleasant day, well organised and couldn't have wished for better weather.

Dogs

Minor Puppy Dog (3) 1. Gosling, **Ayoubkhan Persian Silk**. Nice black & brindle baby. Nice head and expression, good angulations front and rear, deep chest, short strong loin. Moved quite well with ringed tail. 2. O'Neill, Devenmarn **Could It Be Magic At Terstine**. Black & tan. Another nice baby. Similar comments to 1 but just preferred overall outline of 1

Puppy Dog (2) 1. Meakes & Morris, **Gezancol Twist Of Fate At Cadmore**. Black & tan. Nicely balanced puppy with lovely head and expression. Well laid shoulder and good return of upper arm with matching rear angulation. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Moved well with nicely ringed tail to complete the picture. Well presented. Best Puppy Dog and Best Opposite Sex Puppy in Show. 2. Bastille, Andizhan **Constantine**. Silver brindle. Well angulated front and rear, deep chest, good spring of rib and short, strong loin. Under that heavy coat is a well put together puppy. Very playful but saw glimpses of good movement

Veteran Dog 7-10 (3) 1 Aldous, **Ifmaraf Go In Pinstripes At Ambela**. Very handsome brindle. Outstanding veteran. Nice head and expression. Well angulated front and rear. Deep chest. Moved well with ringed tail. Well presented. Best Veteran Dog and Best Veteran in Show. 2. Fincham, Youssef Al Daoud (Imp). Silver brindle. Nice head and expression. Deep chest. Sweeping quarters, ringed tail.

Veteran Dog 10+ (1) 1. Aldous, **Rusmar Karrolan At Ambela**. Shaded masked gold. Grand old boy. Moved well for age. Nice head and expression. Amazing coat

Junior Dog (4) 1. McLay, **Garamond Tayberry**. Nice black & silver. Lovely head and expression. Well angulated front and rear. Deep chest. Moved very well with ringed tail. 2. Gezancol Twist Of Fate At Cadmore

Yearling Dog (2) 1. King & Millward, **Alouann Steal n' The Show**. Exquisite self masked cream. Good front and rear angulation, deep chest, short strong loin, moved very well with ringed tail. 2. Garamond Tayberry

Novice Dog (3) 1. **Garamond Tayberry**. 2. Kemp, Andizhan **Czardin To Suzaph**. Silver brindle. Good angulation front and rear. Good depth of chest. Moved well with ringed tail

Graduate Dog (4) 1. Earnshaw, **Lionheart Du Jegdalek JW (Imp)**. Black masked gold. Impressive boy. Very nice head and expression. Matching front and rear angulation. Good

depth of chest and spring of rib. Short strong loin. Nicely balanced throughout. Well presented and moved very well with ringed tail. Pulled out a little extra in the challenges to earn well deserved Best Dog and Best in Show. 2. Gardner, Drishaun It Ain't What You Do. Red. Nice head and expression. Good front, deep chest. Moved well

Post Graduate Dog (3, 1 abs) 1. Gardner, **Javidan Bad Boy Boogie**. Attractive blue brindle. Lovely head and expression. Well angulated front and rear, deep chest, short loin. Moved well. 2. Trainor, Syrdarya Ginger Nut. Nice looking black masked gold. Nice head and expression. Good angulation front and rear, deep chest. Moved well with ringed tail

Limit Dog (2) 1. Parsons, **Syrdarya Hazelnut Hobnob At Shukriya JW**. Very nice shaded masked gold. Nice head and expression. Well balanced throughout. Good angulation front and rear, deep chest, good spring of rib, strong short loin. Moved very well, covering a lot of ground, with ringed tail. Pressed hard for Best Dog. 2. King, Karandikar Star Storm. Handsome black and tan. Lovely outline. Deep chest, good spring of rib, short loin. Moved very well with ringed tail. Close but just preferred the overall outline of 1

Open Dog (4, 1 abs) 1. Gray, **Ayoubkhan Fleur De Noel**. Gorgeous dark blue. Lovely head and expression, Well angulated front and rear, deep chest, good spring of rib and short strong loin. Nicely balanced throughout. Moved effortlessly with good stride and ringed tail. Looked a picture on the move and in standing pose. Pressed very hard for Best Dog. Reserve Best Dog and Reserve Best in Show. 2. Gill & Marshall, Miamarna Masquerade JW. Classy looking black and tan. Nice head and expression. Pleasing outline. Moved well

Bitches

Minor Puppy Bitch (5) 1. Humphreys, **Ayoubkhan Blue Rose**. Lovely blue domino baby. Nice expression, well angulated front and rear, deep chest, good spring of rib. Playful but showed some nice movement. 2. Gosling, Ayoubkhan Camellia. Blue litter sister to 1. Another nice puppy. Moved well. Close decision. Similar to 1 but just preferred movement of 1

Puppy Bitch (3, 1 abs) 1. Peek-Matar **Sleepy Hollow At Yansukhim (Imp)**. Very nice brindle. Gorgeous head and expression. Well angulated, very clean lines. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Bit of a handful on the move but when allowed a loose lead she really strode out well. Moved even better in the challenges to take Best Puppy in Show. Considered for Reserve Best Bitch. 2. Turner, Gezanco La Di Da. Black masked gold. Nice head and expression. Well angulated, Very playful but moved well with ringed tail. Nice puppy but came up against one a bit special today

Veteran Bitch 7-10 (2) 1. Floyd, **Ch Hubshe Uzume**. Lovely black and tan. Keeping very well. Nice to see her again; not changed since I awarded her best Bitch 7 years ago. Moved well. Well presented as always. Best Veteran Bitch. 2. Allan, Kabella Lavendar Blue. Lovely blue brindle. Only just crept into this younger age group. Well angulated front and rear, deep chest, good spring of rib. Moved well and a credit to her very sporting owner

Veteran Bitch 10+ (1) 1. Humphreys, **Sukeshi Strip The Willow**. Black masked gold. Nicely balanced throughout. So lively for her age (approaching 12yrs). Great to see

Junior Bitch (2) 1. Fisher, **Harlextan Toutsweet Goto Ifmaraf**. Very pretty black and tan. Lovely head and expression. Well angulated front and rear. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Short loin. Well balanced throughout. Moved very well. Reserve Best Bitch. 2. G Adams,

Zandahar Just Tiger Lily JW. Very nice brindle. Well angulated front and rear, good depth of chest and spring of rib. Close decision. Just preferred movement of 1

Yearling Bitch (3, 1 abs) 1. **Zandahar Just Tiger Lily JW**. 2. Floyd, Hubshe Funadama. Nice black and cream. Lovely head and expression. Well angulated front and rear, good depth of chest and spring of rib. Close decision. Just preferred movement of 1

Maiden Bitch (1) 1. Humphreys, **Hubshe Okuni**. Black and brindle. Well angulated front and rear, good depth of chest and spring of rib. Moved well with ringed tail

Novice Bitch (2) 1. Arscott & Hirst, **Kabella Moon River**. Cream. Lovely head and expression. Nicely angulated. Moved well. 2. Thomson, Truckle & Lawson-Ball, Bondor Bombay Dreams. Nice bitch but difficult to go over as just wanted to play

Graduate Bitch (2) 1. R Adams, **Gezancol Good As Gold**. Nice black masked gold. Lovely head and expression. Good front and rear angulation. Moved very well. 2. Allan & Cottingham, Kabella Dark Side Of The Moon. Nice blue brindle. Good angulation, depth of chest and spring of rib. Just preferred the movement of 1

Post Graduate Bitch (7) 1. Fisher, **Sumahari Flowering Peach Goto Ifmaraf JW**. Gorgeous blue. Beautiful head and expression. Well angulated with nicely balanced outline. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Looked an absolute picture standing and on the move. Best Bitch and Best Opposite Sex in Show. 2. Humphreys, Ayoubkhan Fleur De Lys. Lovely blue brindle bitch. Similar comments as 1. Very close decision and strong challenge for Reserve Best Bitch

Limit Bitch (1) 1. Gill & Marshall, **Miamarna Look To Your Dreams**. Brindle. Nice head and expression. Well angulated throughout. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Moved well

Open Bitch (2) 1. Boydell & Cannon, **Nightwind That's Me**. Black masked gold. Nice head. Good angulation front and rear. Deep chest, good spring of rib. Moved well with ringed tail. 2. Fairburn, Holt & King, Belamba Goodnight Vienna At Cushida. Nice black and cream. Balanced front and rear. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Just preferred the movement of 1

Ron Bravington (Kalahari)

Judge