

Midland Afghan Hound Club – Sunday 16th March, 2014.

Thank you to the Midland Afghan Hound Club for their hospitality, a well organised show. I had an enjoyable day, thank you to all exhibitors for their sportsmanship.

Dogs

Veteran (1)

1. **Keates - Jodak The Court Jester ShCM** - Black and tan in lovely coat and condition. Balanced head with dark triangular eye. Balanced fore and aft. Great depth of chest and spring of rib. Strong broad loin, moved well with his tail raised.

Minor Puppy(5)

1. **Moores - Cloudside Music Maker** – Brindle with lovely head and eye. Long neck leading into the correct shoulder placement and return of upper arm with balanced rear angulation. Correct tailset and ringed tail completing the picture. As his construction suggests, he covers the ground with ease, such a steady mover for one so young. A lovely houndy puppy who I am sure will have a great future. Best Puppy dog, Reserve Best Puppy in Show.

2. **Dowds - Thendara Fait Accompli** - Black and Tan with lovely dark eye and wicked expression. Enjoying his day out, moved well. Presented well and in good condition.

3. **Kemp - Adizhan Czardin to Suzaph.**

Puppy (4)

1. **Moores - Cloudside Music Maker.**

2. **Harrisons- Garamond Longanberry at Kabira** - Pushed one hard, masculine head, long neck into correct lay of shoulder with good return of upper arm. Well sprung ribcage and depth of chest for one so young. Correct tailset and his ringed tail was raised as he moved steadily around the ring.

3. **Winters - Garamond Cloudberry for Tokando.**

Junior (5)

1. **Brookes and De Haviland Alouann - Mr High N Mighty at Grenoward.**

What a handsome boy! Loved him – beautifully constructed cream dog. Well laid shoulder and correct return of upper arm. Good depth of chest and fair spring of rib. Strong loin, prominent hip bones. Great sweep from hip to hock. Once settled moved well, covering the ground with long strides with his tail raised completing the picture. Pushed so hard in the challenge but lost out on maturity – one to watch, a lovely boy.

2. **Stainsby - Istani Breaking Every Code** -Loved his head and expression. Balanced construction throughout. Strong broad loin, good fallaway and ringed tail. Moved well, maturing nicely.

3. **Metcalfes - Calamus Orient Express.**

Yearling(4/2)

1. **Griffins - Pahlevi Da Vinci at Lazakhan JW** -Black dog of correct size. Dark eye. Good depth of chest and ribbing. Strong broad loin, prominent hipbones. Balanced construction throughout which he put to good use on the move. Moved soundly around the ring with springy gait and his correctly set tail raised. Handled well. Put down to perfection and in excellent muscle tone - a credit to his owners. Reserve best dog.

2. **Stainsby- Istani Breaking Every Code.**

Maiden(3)

1. **Harrisons- Garamond Longanberry at Kabira.**
2. **Metcalfes- Calamus Orient Express** –Balanced boy with substance. Had a wicked expression and was enjoying his day out. A stylish mover. Well-handled and presented.
3. **Virgos- Sumahari Blitz Attack.**

Novice Dog(5)

1. **Brookes and De Haviland Alouann Mr High N Mighty at Grenoward.**
2. **Harrisons Garamond Longanberry at Kabira.**
3. **Griffiths Warrenoak Hotshot.**

Undergraduate(4)

1. **McPhails- Pashtari The Priest of Love** -Masculine head with dark triangular eye. Loved his true afghan expression. Punishing jaw. Great depth of chest and good ribbing. Strong broad loin and correct fallaway and ring tail. Moved well.
2. **Metcalfes - Calamus Orient Express.**
3. **Gardner -Maringo Wicked Games with Bichoux.**

Graduate(2)

1. **Noble and Wilcox Gezancol Willy Nilly at Bichoux** - Beautifully presented black and tan. Enjoying his day out. Liked his head and dark eye. Good depth to chest and good spring of rib. Sweeping hind quarters. In good condition and moved well.
2. **McPhails – Pashtari Prussian Officer** - longer cast and taller than 1st. Lovely expression, good spring of rib. Good length from hip to hock. Large feet. Moved well.

Post Graduate(1)

1. **Morris and Meakes Adizhan Balzac of Cadmore.**
Stood alone but worthy winner. Balanced head with punishing jaw. Good depth of chest and ribbing. Strong broad loin. Good sweep from hip to hock. Moved well. In good muscle tone and presented well.

Limit(3/1)

Two beautiful dogs.

1. **Bastows Karandikar Moon Dancer JW.**
Black and tan with lovely silky coat. Dog of correct size. Beautiful head and expression. Looked at me and through me with his dark correctly shaped eyes. Lovely chiselling to foreface. He has a lovely outline, long neck flowing into good lay of shoulder and corresponding return of upper arm. Good depth to chest and good spring of rib. He has a strong loin. A lovely natural saddle that our standard calls for. Prominent hipbones, sweeping hind quarters. Correctly set ring tail which was raised as he moved well around the ring with his long strides. One I would gladly have on my sofa! Loved him. Best Dog, Best In Show.
2. **Kidds Karandikar Sea Of Stars** – another beautiful dog with same attributes as first – splitting hairs between first and second. Beautiful head and outline. Moved well.

Open (4)

- 1.**Virgos Sumahari Tiger Wudz JW** -Tall brindle. Masculine head, long neck in to good shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Good depth of chest and strong broad loin. Correct ribbing. Powerful sweeping hindquarters. Moved soundly around the ring with style. Not a hair out of place – beautifully presented and well handled.
- 2.**Vowles - Azmari Black Diamond** – another beautifully presented. Black and tan boy with great substance. Balanced head with dark eye. Deep chest and good spring of rib. Powerful rear quarters. Moved well around the ring with his ringed tail raised.
- 3.**Harrisons- Sarakhan Sultan Al Kabira JW ShCM.**

Bitches

Veteran(2)

- 1.**Links - Ch/Ir Ch Alouann Hot N Spicy at Orashan JW ShCM** – This pretty gold feminine girl brought a smile to my face. She was really enjoying her day out. Long neck flows into her balanced construction throughout with good spring of rib and strong loin. Moved around the ring with style. Best Veteran in Show.
- 2.**Smalls- Cloudside War of Roses.** Black another pretty girl. Correct front assembly with good depth to chest and good substance throughout. In good muscletone and handled well.

Minor Puppy(1)

- 1.**Milligan-Bott and Botts Thendara Paradis** - Balanced head with correctly shaped dark eye. Lovely expression. Balanced assembly front and rear. Prominent hip bones. Saddle coming through nicely. Correct fallaway, ringed tail. This girl was enjoying herself – as an Afghan puppy should! Moved well.

Puppy(2)

A close decision – two gorgeous girls.

- 1.**Halls -Garamond Juniperberry Saxonmill** -Beautiful feminine head with lovely dark eye gazing through me. Good length of neck flowing into her correct front assembly with corresponding rear quarters. Good ribbing and depth. Correct fallaway with ringed tail. She moves with style and has presence for one so young. A girl with a bright future – will watch her with interest. Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy in Show.
2. **Smalls -Garamond Spiceberry** – pushed her sister hard. Lovely construction throughout and moved well. I am sure that she has a great future.

Junior(5/1)

- 1.**Halls - Garamond Juniperberry Saxonmill.**
- 2.**Allen and Medlams - Sumahari Raven for Sazau** – A pretty girl with beautiful coat which was presented well. Lovely outline whilst stood. She put her balanced assembly to good use and moved well around the ring. Well handled.
- 3.**Noble and Wilcox - Maringo Rumour Has It at Bichoux.**

Yearling.

1. **Links - Pahlevi Disco Diva at Orashan JW.** Naughty but nice black girl. Long neck which goes into her good front assembly. She is a houndy bitch who has a deep natural saddle. Good ribbing and depth, prominent hip bones. Good sweep from hip to hock. Correct fallaway and ringed tail. She moves so well, covering the ground.
2. **Allen and Medlams - Sumahari Raven for Sazau.**
3. **Smiths - Zaram Zarita.**

Maiden(1)

1. **Smalls - Garamond Spiceberry**

Novice Bitch(2)

1. **Smalls - Garamond Spiceberry.**
2. **Smiths - Zaram Zafirah** – what a beautiful girl who was enjoying herself to the max! Great to see this – the stubbornness of an Afghan bitch! She has a flowing, clean outline with a lovely deep natural saddle. Balanced head with dark eye. Giving her handler a hard time today – but when settled gave me a few chances to see her ground covering movement. Keep at it – she's lovely.

Undergraduate(3)

1. **Smalls - Garamond Spiceberry**
2. **Coombes - Gezancol Topsy Turvy.** Pretty girl with feminine head and nice outline. Balanced front and rear. Prominent hipbones and ringed tail. Not giving it her all today on the move.
3. **Noble and Wilcox - Maringo Rumour Has It at Bichoux.**

Graduate(2/1)

1. **Links - Pahlevi Disco Diva at Orashan JW.**

Post Graduate(3)

1. **House - Jodaks Passion in Black** – A houndy black/silver bitch in super hard condition. Balanced construction throughout. Correct ribbing and strong loin. Prominent hip bones. Powerful sweeping rear quarters that she put to good use on the move. She powered around the ring with a style of high order – covering the ground with her ringed tail raised. Beautifully presented and handled. Reserve best bitch.
2. **Grist and Cronk - Tulak Legally Blonde at Calamayor** – Nice to go over with good ribbing and depth. Balanced assembly fore and aft. Lovely gold silky coat and natural saddle. Moved well.
3. **Coombes Gilari - Devil Woman.**

Limit(5)

What a lovely class!

1.Bastows - Karandikar My Serenade – Black and tan that caught my eye as soon as she came in the ring. A beautiful clean flowing outline whilst stood. She has a beautiful elegant head with dark eye and lovely chiselling to her foreface. Her long neck flows into her correctly laid shoulder and she has matching return of upper arm. Deep chest, fair spring of rib with strong loin. Sweeping rear quarters. Ringed tail raised as she moved so well around the ring. A beautiful deep shiny black saddle just finishes the picture. Best bitch. Just lost out to her brother for Best of Breed – Reserve Best In Show. A lovely litter – it was a difficult to pick between them.

2.McKendry - Cloudside Empress Octavia. Brindle – different from my winner but has good attributes. Pretty head. Balanced assembly front and rear. Adequate depth of chest. Prominent hipbones and ringed tail. Excellent musculature. She moved well around the ring with her springy strides.

3.Lockett Davies – Gilari Devil You Know within Rhazmakh ShCM.

Open(5/3)

1.Smalls - Cloudside Glitterstorm JW ShCM. Tall brindle girl in excellent hard condition. She has balanced assembly front and rear which enables her to move soundly around the ring. Adequate depth of chest. Prominent hipbones, correct fallaway, ringed tail. She has a beautiful deep natural saddle and her silky coat was presented to perfection.

2.Stainsby - Pahlevi Bonnie Tyler – A domino bitch who is nice to go over. Has good substance, good depth to her chest and fair spring of rib. Moved soundly with her tail raised. A nice bitch.

3.Vowles - Azmari Opal Mist.

Claire Parker – Khatira.