

Midland Afghan Hound Club Championship Show
Sunday 27th May, 2012

Top marks to the committee for putting on such an excellent show. Patriotic flags, bunting and a party atmosphere, plus the all important sun, made for a very pleasant day. Back to dogs, we still have far too many lacking in good return of upper arm, also a great variation in size and my pet hate – clipping of necks and tails.

However, having said that, I did find some very worthy dogs on the day.

Minor Puppy Dog (7)

1st Milligan-Bott, Bott and Noble – Guillaume Du Menuel Galopin

Black/silver. My notes say “naughty but nice.” This well angulated nicely balanced baby took time to settle doing the typical Afghan impression of a coiled spring, but finally put his good conformation to good use. Moved well with lengthy strides in profile.

2nd Griffith, Boydell and Croft – Warrenoak Hotshot

Shaded masked gold – well constructed with fine head, dark eye, nicely balanced quarters fore and aft, already sporting a darker saddle. True and steady mover for one so young.

3rd Lancashire – Javidan All In The Name of Drishaun

Puppy Dog (6)

1st Finch, Hopper and Bovey – Khatira Odysseus From Zinzani

B/m Cream with super body and conformation. Lean head with correctly shaped dark eye, lengthy neck into good front angulation in balance with rear. Positive movement coming and going, covering ground in profile. BPD.

2nd Griffith, Boydell and Croft – Warrenoak Hotshot

3rd Smith – Bondor Kubla Khan

Veteran Dog (5)

1st Fisher – Ch. Chicago Du Mont Chacra Raju at Imaraf JW(imp)

Won a large junior class under me in 2004. I wrote then – an impressive brindle. Lovely male head without being coarse. Dark well shaped eye, long neck into well laid shoulders, good return of upper arm, deep chest, prominent hip bones and good rear angulation, covered the ground with long easy strides - will gain his title and he did. Shown today in excellent condition. Best veteran in show.

2nd Earnshaw – Shadowfax Ciao Sabbioso JW ShCm

Self masked cream an extrovert showman who demands attention. Well constructed throughout in excellent coat and condition.

3rd Boydell Warrenok Dellboy JW ShCm

Junior Dog (5)

1st Mathers and Semple – Cloudside Sundance with Metewand

Self masked pale gold. A very promising youngster. Good head with correctly shaped dark eye, giving the desired expression, well laid shoulder with good return. Level topline, prominent hipbones, nicely angulated rear quarters in balance with front, ringed tail. Natural free mover showing reach and drive – one for the future.

2nd Virgo – Sumahari Tiger Wudz

Tall well balanced brindle, hidden under a profuse coat. Well angulated quarters, good ribbing and depth. Moved well, first class presentation and condition.

3rd Gardiner – Sumahari Swingmaster for Danwish.

Yearling Dog (4)

1st Broadhead – Tulak The Setinel at Tazieff JW ShCm

Shaded masked gold, masculine head with well shaped dark eye, fair length of neck into good shoulder placement, level topline, good fallaway to ringed tail. Got his act together in the last run round to win this class.

2nd Virgo – Sumahari Tiger Wudz

3rd Sarakhan Sultan Al Kabira

Maiden (1)

1st Gardiner – Sumahari Swingmaster for Danwish.

Well balanced black litter brother to 2nd in Junior, built on similar lines, better behaved in this class.

Novice Dog (3)

1st Virgo – Sumahari Tiger Wudz

2nd Gardiner – Sumahari Swingmaster for Danwish.

Undergraduate Dog (3)

1st Cogill – Pashtari Phoenix

Masculine b/m gold well constructed with good head and eye, correct fallaway to ringed tail, nicely saddled, lovely scopey movement, needs to body up to complete the picture.

2nd Virgo – Sumahari Tiger Wudz

3rd – Pashtari The Preist of Love

Graduate Dog (5)

1st Gill and Marshall – Miamarna Masquerade JW

Nicely balanced b/t with good head and eye, lengthy neck into well laid shoulders. Good ribbing and depth, nice fallaway to sweeping rear quarters. A free and easy mover, covering a lot of ground.

2nd Bastow – Karandikar Moon Dancer JW

Houndy well constructed b/t. Good head and eye. Well bodied with correct angulation to front and rear quarters. A natural free mover showing good reach and drive in profile.

3rd Earnshaws – Kabella Blue Moon Rising Over Moonshadow

Post Graduate Dog (10)

1st Drishaun Djethro Tull

Shaded masked gold, Classic head with chiselling to fore face and sporting lovely beard. Well made throughout with correct angulation to front and rear quarters. A natural free mover showing good reach and drive.

2nd Valkor Cut to The Chase

Quality brindle – masculine head set on lengthy neck, nicely bodied with balanced angulation fore and aft. Moved well with style.

3rd Pearce Azysands Bewitched Art

Mid – Limit Dog (8)

Superb class oozing quality

1st James Shimalma Mercurial Magic

Beautifully balanced self masked red. This hound is superbly made throughout displaying all of the characteristics called for in our standard. In excellent condition, this boy could do a days hunting. Powerful movement covering the ground with long raking strides. CC and on referees decision – BOB.

2nd Smith - Ashani Aniq at Julam

Smaller and different in type to above, but still fits the standard, this b/t is a real showman, a natural free mover, showing good reach and drive. Just preferred topline of 1 today.

3rd Cross – Gilari Handsome Devil

Limit Dog (9)**1st Kemp – Andizhan Banjalucah To Suzaph JW**

Shaded masked cream, lovely dog hidden in a wealth of coat. Pleasing head and expression balanced front and rear angulation with good return of upper arm, level topline, with correct fallaway to ringed tail. A natural free mover showing good reach and drive.

2nd. Edwards and Ohmke – Valkor The Truth be Told

Handsome brindle with lots of ring presence. Well constructed with good front and rear assembly. Strong rear quarters but to good use on the move, ground covering in profile. Needs a little more weight to complete the picture.

3rd Metcalfe – Pahlevi Abraxas**Open Dog (6)****1st Ch Cloudside Warstrike**

This s/m cream stood out in this class a worthy champion in every respect. Classic head with chiselling to forface and dark well shaped eye giving that superior Afghan expression, good conformation throughout. A long striding free mover. RCC.

2nd – Ch Metewand Matarambi JW

A nicely balanced gold with no exaggerations. Masculine head with desired expression held on lengthy neck. Level topline, matching angulation fore and aft. Moved well displaying the required reach and drive.

3rd Fr/Ir Ch Agha Djaris World is not Enough JW (imp Deu)

Judge – Norma Hitch.