

Critique for the Midland afghan hound club open show 2010-03-21

Some top quality bitches in a variety of type and colours. I really enjoyed my visit to the UK and the chance to go over this entry most of which were totally new to me.

On the downside i did see a number of doggy bitches, I can accept tall bitches if they have elegance and balance but a small number could have graced the dog ring. Fronts were mostly very good, along with good temperaments and movement. Muscle tone was lacking in general and the few that had muscle really stood out.

My co judge and i agreed on all the top placings.

Judge Julie Noble (Bichoux)

Veteran bitch 4 (2 abs)

1st Ch Jalhar leading lady with Azmari.

Silver, not at all showing her 10 years, full of verve. Good head of correct proportions. Nice front with correct return of upper arm, deep chest, well angulated rear quarters, correct ring tail. Beautifully presented and moved with reach and drive.

2nd Rhazmakh simply irresistible for Delria

Typey red bitch. Good head with long foreface. Long neck. Shoulders and return ok. Balanced all through with well angulated rear. Finished with a ring tail. Didn't move with the enthusiasm of 1.

Puppy bitch 5

1st Andizhan barikah at cadmore. Pretty little bitch. Attractive head which will develop more with age. Beautiful eye and expression. She has a lovely front. Correct shoulder placement and good return with good width and depth to her chest. Well sprung ribcage, short strong loing. Well bodied and conditioned for a youngster, she moved with a long easy stride covering the ground. Very nice pup just wish she had a ring on her tail.

2nd Gilari devil in disguise with numa Bozwood. Beautiful typey red bitch. Of a type rarely seen these days. Fabulous head. Would prefer a better eye but they are nice and dark. Super front assembly but loose at the moment which is expected at this age. Very balanced front and rear. Nice ring to tail. Moved well in between a few hops and skips. Would love to see her in another year or so as she needs time to develop but has lots of promise.

3rd Pahlevi Bonnie Tyler

Junior bitch 10 (2 abs)

1st Saxonmill midnight muse

Brindle bitch heading this lovely class. Beautiful head, refined chiselled foreface and small dark eye giving the correct expression. Long neck leading to good shoulder and return. Deep chest short strong loing good fallaway and finished with correct ring. Super hind angulation which she used on

the move. Very well muscled . Moved very well with reach in front and drive behind. And exciting prospect for the future. Gained the final points for her JW today. Well deserved.

2nd Saxonmill midnight dancer. Litter sister to 1st and ran her sister very closely. Taller gold bitch with shaded mask. Beautiful head and expression. Long neck, excellent front and rear. Well bodied and like her sister well muscled. Moved very well.

3rd Saxonmill midnight madness among trugannini

Yearling bitch 6

1st Saxonmill midnight muse

2nd saxonmill midnight dancer

3rd Ashahni ayana

Maiden bitch 3

1st Andizhan Barikah at Cadmore

2nd Saxonmill midnight madness among trugannini

Brindle bitch. Another from this nice litter who was 3rd in the junior class. Petite and feminine. Very balanced. Nicely angulated front and rear. Just preferred front extension of the puppy.

3rd Gilari devil in disguise with numa bozwood

Novice bitch 4

1st Andizhan Barikah at Cadmore

2nd Saxonmill midnight madness among trugannini

3rd Pahlevi Bonnie Tyler

Undergraduate bitch 7 (1 abs)

1st Zendushkas shirin sharab at Zadal

Black bitch with a beautiful head and eye. Good shoulder and return but would prefer a little more width in front. This could develop with maturity. Excellent topline, fallaway and tailset. Well angulated rear quarters. Played up and the move and threw herself around but saw enough to see good reach and drive. Needs time.

2nd Andizhan Barikah at Cadmore

3rd Gilari devil in disguise with Numa Bozwood

Gradualte bitch 7

1st Pahlevi Ambition

Black bitch with the most fabulous head and expression. Long neck leads to excellent shoulder and return which she manages to hide on the stack but hands on confirms. Strong and athletic body with excellent rear quarters. Powerful on the move with great reach and drive.

2nd Cubanba Northern Star. Another beautiful young bitch. Head could be more refined but is balanced. Long neck leading to correct shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Well sprung deep ribcage. Short strong loin, ring tail Excellent rear quarters. Had reach and drive on the move but carrying far too much weight which cause her to roll and slightly lose her topline. I liked this bitch very much but she really must lose some weight.

3rd Azmari opal mist

Post graduate bitch 3

1st Gezancol Gabrielle. Tall elegant bitch with a beautiful head and eye. Beautifully balanced , beautifully presented. Moved with reach and drive but lacking a bit of verve in the challenge. Another i liked alot.

2nd Cloudside match maid, Petite feminine bitch. Pretty head with long neck and good front assembly Shorter coupled all through but balanced. Moved well but would like more extension. Just preferred the elegance of 1st

3rd Valkor chasing rainbows at saksfifth

Limit bitch 2

2 beautiful bitches, a difficult decision to separate them.

1st Jimelree molly maquire at pahlevi

Lovely red bitch i have judged before. Now maturing nicely. Super head and expression. Long strong neck leading to excellent front assembly. Deep chest, excellent rear quarters which enabled her to move with reach and drive. Strong and athletic but with femininity. RBB

2nd Javidan keep the faith. Brindle bitch with a beautiful head and expression. Long neck, good shoulders and return ,deep chest . Slightly longer in body than 1. Well angulated rear which she could use on the move. Beautifully presented but dare i say a touch too much coat which tends to hide her beautiful shape. Difficult decision and a bitch to be proud of.

Open bitch 1 (1)

1st Ashahni Azanti at Garamond.

My find of the day. I absolutely loved her. Gleaming black coat presented to perfection., Most beautiful head with chiselling, dark well shaped eye and wicked expression. Long neck leads to textbook front angulation. Good width and depth to chest. Strong topline, correct fallaway, well set ring tail. Powerful well angulated rear quarters with correct short hocks which she used to great effect on the move. I loved her and surely a future champion. BB and my co judge agreed to her being BIS.