

**Birmingham Afghan Hound Club**  
**Open Show**  
**February 15th 2009**

**DOGS**

I would like to thank all the Committee for making me feel so welcome, and especially thank the hard working Stewards. It is a great shame that some dogs heads were most untypical, being wide between the eyes and with wide backskulls. Eyes are also becoming fuller and rounder in shape with the result that we seem to be losing the beautiful Afghan expression as described in the Breed Standard.

**Minor Puppy Dog 5 Entries (0 Abs)**

- 1**        *Winters Ashahni Azzam with Tokando* - Cheeky chap, well balanced b/tan, was able to see the lovely dark eyes through the hairy face! Nice length of neck leading into correctly placed shoulder. Good depth of chest and spring of rib, Strong loin, good fallaway, and lovely length from hip to stifle to hock. Moved well, showing great promise for the future.
- 2**        *Griffin's Ashahni Ajmal at Lazakhan* - Very close to winner, again good conformation which flowed together. Lovely shaped eye, super shoulder placement with a good deep chest. Good hind angulation which showed the drive behind especially when having fun round the ring! Another I'm sure with a good showing future.
- 3**        *Smith's Ashahni Aniq at Julam*

**Puppy Dog 5 Entries (0 Abs)**

- 1**        *Bettany & Daly's Cubanba Ri Na Realta* - Beautiful head and expression on this brindle boy. Good shoulder with elbows well under body. Level topline leading into good length of bone from hip to stifle to hock. Nicely ringed tail, moved with tremendous spring and exuberance, showing great strength of drive from behind. A real houndy youngster and one to watch in future. Was pleased to have him awarded Best Puppy in Show.
- 2**        *Wilson's Cubanba Regulus* - Another lovely 'houndy' chap! Different in expression, but showing the lovely chiselling in the foreface which is beginning to disappear. Good shoulder with deep chest and excellent spring of rib. Strong compact loin leading into balanced rear hindquarters, giving him the power from behind to move boldly round the ring. Excellent body condition, well muscled and lovely to see the old fashioned coat pattern with the bare pasterns.
- 3**        *Thompson & Twentyman's Cubanba What Dreams May Come To Gothika*

**Junior Dog 10 Entries (2 Abs)**

- 1**        *Lacey's Drishaun Darkness* - Lovely well balanced brindle hound. Beautiful head, with balanced foreface and backskull, masculine but not coarse in any way. Good length of neck gently leading into excellent front with elbows tucked well under the body, well sprung pasterns ending in super large feet. Lovely depth of chest and strong level topline. Good fallaway giving correct tail placement with correctly proportioned hind angulation, placing feet firmly planted. When moving showed at times great power and drive even on the mats, although I am sure he will show more when outside. Well presented and delighted to award him Reserve Best Dog.

2 *Edwards* **Sitana Bashahr** - Lovely dark eye in a well balanced head. Good length of neck placed on well balanced shoulders. Lovely depth of chest and spring of rib, nice length and proportion from hip to stifle to hock, moved well, straight and true. Well presented, and very close decision between 2 & 3.

3 *Vowles* **Azmari Black Diamond**

#### **Yearling Dog 10 Entries (1 Abs)**

1 *Edwards & Coton's* **Agha Djaris World is not Enough (Imp)** - Upstanding brindle boy with lean houndy head, good length of neck equally balanced front and hindquarters, lovely spring of rib, strong loin, moved with plenty of spring around the ring, beautifully presented.

2 *Vowles* **Azmari Black Diamond** - Very close decision between 1 and 2. The winner just moved a little better today. This b/silver is a lovely honest dog. Not exaggerated in any way, a well balanced picture overall, every part of him gently flowing into the next. Nice head, good length of neck, shoulders well placed with elbows underneath, good depth of chest and spring of rib, strong loin leading into nicely angulated hindquarters. Very well presented. Lovely boy.

3 *Griffith's* **Palamedees Shukrah**

#### **Novice Dog 9 Entries (0 Abs)**

1 **Drishaun Darkness**

2 **Sitana Bashahr**

3 *Pearce's* **Azmysands Bewitched Art**

#### **Graduate Dog 4 Entries (0 Abs)**

1 *Lancashire's* **Drishaun Ask Me No Questions** - Overall nicely balanced hound. Beautiful Head, good eye shape, low set ears; correct length of neck in relation to whole picture, excellent shoulder placement, plenty of heart and lung room, strong level topline, good fallaway to give the correct placement of the tail. Balanced angulation in the hindquarters, low set hocks, moved straight and true.

2 *Drage's* **Sarakhan Sirocco JW** - All dog this one! Nice head and expression, well balanced, not exaggerated in any way. Conformation flows together, with nice length of neck, excellent shoulder placement, elbows well under body, good depth of chest and spring of rib, strong, compact loin leading into powerful hindquarters. Lovely to go over, good body, well muscled, in high spirits thus the ring wasn't big enough for him today, his owner will have to keep very fit to match his bounce and tremendous reach and drive. Well presented and a close decision between 1 & 2.

3 *Thompson & Twentyman's* **Drishaun Def Leppard for Gothika**

### **Post Graduate Dog 6 Entries (0 Abs)**

- 1 *Kemp's Mashaalah Namu to Suzaph* – Lovely shaded masked gold with beautifully balanced head with excellent eye shape giving true Afghan expression. Low set ears and lovely to see a beard! Good length of neck leading gently into well placed shoulder. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Good fallaway giving correct tail carriage. Terrific length from hip to stifle to hock. Coped with the mats in the ring better when moving on his own.
- 2 *Sanderson & Saywood's Gezancol Done and Dhusted at Nabilah JW* – Well balanced hound giving the impression of strength and power. Just preferred the expression of 1, but good head, length of neck and good shoulder placement. Nice and deep through chest and good spring of rib, so plenty of lung room! Powerful, driving quarters which played their part providing elevation and drive on the move.
- 3 *Green's Sashkan Final Dividend*

### **Limit Dog 6 Entries (0 Abs)**

- 1 *Lewis, Wilson & Brownless' Tolah in Demons Image* – A good class which on another day could all change places. This is a dog I have like since he was a pup. Lovely head and expression, good eye shape and beard too! Good length of neck leading into well placed shoulders, elbows well under. Good heart and lung room, excellent spring of rib. Nice length from hip to hock. Today, this dog showed what he can do when he puts his mind to it!
- 2 *Green & Powell's Sochera's Merlot* – A compact, honest dog, very close decision between 1 & 2, just preferred head of 1. Again nicely balanced throughout with good depth of chest and spring of rib. Good shoulder placement, balanced hindquarters with low set hocks, moved well and well presented.
- 3 *Busby's Wilbus Midas JW*

### **Open Dog 2 Entries (0 Abs)**

- 1 *Lancashire's Drishaun Declan JW ShCM* – Beautiful hound, everything I could wish for. Well balanced head, excellent eye shape giving true Afghan expression. Low set ears, excellent correct length of neck with super shoulders. Good depth of chest down to the elbows, good spring of rib and strong loin. Excellent fallaway with correct placement of beautiful ringed tail. Well balanced hind angulation, good length from hip to low set hock. Feet firmly on the floor. Well deserved Best Dog, but sorry that in the challenge he didn't move as well as in his class and seemed to lose a little purpose – great pity!
- 2 *Kirwan's Scherkahn Tylakuryan at Padaki (Imp)* – Another lovely hound, good head, well balanced neck and shoulder placement. Super depth of chest and spring of rib, level topline and strong loin leading to nice fallaway and balanced hindquarters. Unfortunately another who was a little reluctant to move and show himself off to his best today.

*Jean Hurl - Judge*