

Judge's Critique – Pamela Mottershaw
The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club Summer Championship Show
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Newbury Showground

My sincere thanks to all exhibitors for giving me the chance to go over their lovely hounds. I really did enjoy my day, despite the cold wind and few spots of rain.

Also, my appreciation to my two excellent stewards, who kept the ring running smoothly.

DOGS

Minor Puppy Dog

1. J.A. & E.J. Hudson's MALA'S AMAL JOHARI DAYIM MAHATMA GLENOAK (Imp Deu). Pale cream, seven months, who has a pleasing overall shape and beautiful head, eye and expression. Clean through neck and shoulders, correct rise over loin, good outline, shapely quarters and confident in movement, in harmony with handler. A great start to the day! **Best Puppy Dog.**

Puppy Dog

1. Repeat of above.
2. Thomas' SINCERITY KALIMANTAN CASHAR (Imp Fin). Another very promising baby, 11 months, still very raw, but enjoying his outing. Has a pleasing, quality head, with attractive dark, well-shaped eye and good pigmentation. Well-proportioned in body, but still has developing to do. Not quite as settled in movement as winner, but his day will come, given time.

Junior Dog

1. Ms C Harrison's ZAFARANIYEH SAHARI. B/tan youngster, who appeals in general appearance, with well-developed body for age and has a good frame to grow into. Liked his head and skull properties, beautiful expression, desired pigmentation and nice feathering on ears and tail. Moved steadily and confidently.

Novice Dog

1. Stenson's QULAIB KOAH AL DJIIBAAJAH (Imp Deu). Much to admire in general appearance and of pleasing type and good overall balance. Is maturing along desired lines. He has a well-shaped head, pleasing expression from beautiful eyes and feathering developing on his ears. Has a well-muscled neck leading smoothly into good shoulder. Moved effortlessly and just flowed around the ring. **Reserve Dog CC.**

Post-Graduate Dog

1. Littlechild & Danks-Kemish's RAVENSETT MUSARRA. A very appealing and classic Saluki who caught my eye. He is a well-built hound who presents a superb silhouette and looks the part, from all angles. Admired his elegant headpiece, which is so well balanced between muzzle and occiput. Has noble expression from beautiful eyes. His strong, well-muscled neck runs smoothly into sloping shoulders. He has excellent depth and length of brisket and pleasing width of first

and second thigh. His smooth, light-footed gait powered him effortlessly round, in complete harmony with handler. Delighted to award **Dog CC and Best in Show**.

2. Kecskes' SHARWASSIM GRAHAM (Imp Swe). Unlucky to meet winner on such good form, this hound also has many breed characteristics to admire and pleases in overall shape and balance. Has well-modelled head, long neck into correct shoulders, plenty of depth, and correct topline. Shapely and muscular quarters. Moved out freely, with drive.
3. Harrison's KHAMSIN'S PHOENIX AT CHARRIOAK. Completing a trio of quality hounds, he is of pleasing type and presents a good overall balance in body with desired front and rear angulation. Admired his masculine head, expressive eyes, good length and strength of neck and deep brisket. Moved out well with pleasing, smooth gait.

Limit Dog

Hotly contested class.

1. Postma & Smith's CLASSICUS FUAD. Upstanding male of lovely breed type and presenting good overall shape, size and balance in body. His well-shaped head, well-set ears, of desired length and feathering, and strength of muzzle are very pleasing. His long, strong neck flows smoothly into correct shoulders. His depth and length of brisket and rib cage are pleasing, as is the shape and muscular development of his hind quarters. Moved out confidently.
2. Hepburn's QATIIFAH DAHR DAMYAR AT AZABA (Imp Nor). Fawn stallion male, close-up to winner and has many attributes to admire in all departments and presents a classic moderate outline. Liked his typical head and expression and pleasing topline with desired slight arch over loin. Has deep well-shaped brisket and good chest. Excellent bone and feet. Long, well-carried tail, as he gaited smoothly round the ring.
3. Strong's SHAHZAD ZAKI TER DOLEN (Imp Bel). Pale fawn, with appealing general outline and who also has a well-shaped head, high set of mobile ears with long leathers and long feathering. Pleases in topline and underline. Shoulders sloping and set well back with good return of upper arm. Smooth and effortless typical movement and steady coming and going. Well-presented silky coat.

Open Dog

Strong class of quality males.

1. Campling's CH CLASSICUS OCTAVIUS. Mature male at the top of his game and presenting a harmonious and appealing general classic outline. Admired his well-moulded head, excellent high set on of mobile and well-feathered ears and expressive eyes. Shoulders sloping and set correctly with good return of upper arm. Excellent topline and underline. Powerful quarters and pleasing width of first and second thighs. Hocks well let down. Smooth, flowing and effortless movement in all directions. A most worthy Champion and serious contender today.
2. Aldous & Glaister's CH JAY JP SEA BIRD EL PANJSHER JW (Imp Jpn). Stallion male of balanced appearance and full of breed type and characteristics. Unlucky to meet winner on such good form, but close-up and is a worthy Champion who has pleased many and will continue to do so. He is elegance personified and is

masculine without coarseness. Admired his well-shaped head, dignified expression, excellent length and strength of muscular neck. Excels in width of thigh and has well-let down hocks. Smooth and effortless gait powered him confidently round the ring. Noteworthy muscular condition and quality of coat.

3. Cole's EL'UBAID'S ZACHARIAS FOR DOUCAI (Imp Ndl). Completing a super trio, this hound is of different type, but has much to admire in breed qualities. He seemed a little tense in the cold weather but moved better when more relaxed. Very pleasing masculine head and dignified expression. Long ear feathering. Stands on good legs and feet with bladed bone. Has well-laid shoulders, adequate width of chest and moderately angulated, strong hindquarters.

Champion Dog

Difficult to split these two.

1. Harding & Cowley's CH CLASSICUS ODYSSEUS AT ASHAHNI. Mature, elegant and pleasing in head and body proportions, this male has pleased many and is worthy of his title. Appeals in general appearance with beautiful outline. Well developed in chest, long neck and good depth of brisket. Balanced angulation in front and rear and has width in first and second thighs. Muscular quarters assisted his powerful, ground-covering movement, in harmony with his handler.
2. Walton-Haddon's CH BADAIVIE DON PEPPINO AT ILSHAM (Imp Swe). Close-up to winner, this heavily feathered hound has much to like. He has typical head and pleasing expression from beautiful eyes. His reachy neck leads smoothly into well-laid shoulders. Liked his spring of rib and depth of chest. Plenty of bladed bone and he stands on good legs and feet. Correct topline and powerful, shapely quarters and is shown in hard, muscular condition. Moved out freely with drive, in absolute harmony with handler.

Veteran Dog

1. Walton-Haddon's CH AMAL HAYATI OHDEDAR ELAZIZI FUADI OF ILSHAM JW. Eye-catching pale gold aged 7.5 years whose condition and appearance belies his years and is masculine yet so elegant with no hint of coarseness. He gaited freely around the big ring as if he owned it, in tune with his handler. Admired his masculine head, correct eye and expression, muscular neck, pleasing front and rear angulation. Nothing overdone, just a very honest hound with pleasing balance and overall shape and looking good from all angles.
2. Shaverneva & Rhodes' QAZAL SARBAZ HAR KALA RACHI AW(B) AW(S) (Imp Bel). Smooth b/s presented in hard muscular condition and of pleasing type and good overall shape and size. Admired his well-shaped head and dark eye. His long neck leads into correct shoulders. Liked his depth of chest, topline, underline and powerful quarters. Moved out confidently in harmony with handler.

Special Veteran Dog (Over 10 Years)

1. Copperthwaite's CH ALCALIPHS ANJAL BEY. Impressive cream who impressed me both standing and moving. We have met before when I gave him high honours. My opinion has not changed, and I love him in all departments. Admired his well-modelled head with beautiful eyes and expression, well set and well carried ears.

Very efficient, flowing, effortless movement from all directions. **Best Veteran Dog & Best Veteran in Show.**

BITCHES

Minor Puppy Bitch

1. Copperthwaite's AL CALIPHS SAHARA BEYDA. Beautiful babe of just six months, who I see is the daughter of Best Veteran Dog. She appears to have inherited many of her sire's qualities, including his superb temperament, as she stood like a rock while my hands just flowed over her. I found everything in the right place for her age and loved her in all departments. She moved very confidently, with positive strides, in harmony with handler. Would predict a successful career ahead.

Puppy Bitch

1. Sanders-Parker & Revay's ERA LILIAN GILIATH CLASSICUS (Imp Cze). Another delightful cream of 9.5 months who also should have a successful journey ahead on today's performance, as she is full of breed type and qualities and presents a super outline from all angles, when gaiting confidently around, covering the ground easily while looking adoringly at her owner. One to watch and whose progress I shall follow with interest. **Best Puppy Bitch & Best Puppy in Show.**

Junior Bitch

1. As above.
2. Davies & Davies' ZAFARANIYEH DASHTI MARGO. B/t of appealing general overall appearance and with feminine outlook. Well developed in chest and with balanced angulation front and rear. Long neck which carried her beautiful head proudly. Well-feathered mobile ears. Efficient flowing movement, covering plenty of ground and unlucky to meet winner on such good form today.

Yearling Bitch

1. Knowles' QAREEN MIKAH AL DJIBAAJAH AT MAHZIBA. Very attractive, with feminine outlook and much to admire in desired breed characteristics. I see her sire is one to which I've awarded a CC, and she has inherited many of his qualities and general body shape. Admired her beautiful head and eyes, soft expression and excellent pigmentation. Well developed in chest, good depth and length of ribcage, balanced angulation and standing on good legs and feet. Very efficient, flowing movement, covering the ground without exaggeration. Shall follow her career with interest. **Reserve Bitch CC.**

Novice Bitch

1. As above.
2. Steel & Steel's SHAHDAD DARYA DINAZAD AT CEIMIAD (Imp Deu). Elegant and feminine, with a beautiful head, eye and expression. Well presented, in super coat and condition. She is close-up to winner, and I expect they will change places at future shows.

Post-graduate Bitch

1. Mackenzie-Loughran & Mackenzie-Loughran's CLASSICUS OPHELIA. Standing alone, but worthy of her place, this beautiful bitch has much to admire. Liked her head shape, well-developed muzzle, well set and well carried ears and proud expression from dark eyes. Pleases in chest and brisket depth. Excellent underline and topline, with slight arch over loin. Powerful quarters, with well-developed first and second thigh. Stands on good legs and feet, with bladed bone. Moved out well, in harmony with handler, covering a lot of ground effortlessly, without exaggeration. **Bitch CC & Reserve Best in Show.**

Limit Bitch

1. Littlechild & Littlechild's RAVENSETT MEHRASA. Very appealing in overall appearance and balance of body, this beautiful red caught my eye and does not disappoint on close examination. Feminine outlook from beautiful eyes which give desired expression. Admired well-modelled head, high set, mobile ears, with long leathers and plenty of feathering. Excellent topline and underline. Shoulders sloping and set well back, with good return of upper arm. Stands on good legs and feet with bladed bone. Moved with smooth, effortless and ground-covering movement.
2. Phillips' LUACHMHAR JAMILAH ShCEX. Close-up to winner in all respects, this quality grizzle has much to like in general appearance and could change places with winner at future events. Liked her well-shaped head, well carried on long, muscular neck. Shoulders sloping and set well back, with pleasing return of upper arm. Pleasing depth and length of brisket. Slight arch over loin. Well balanced in front and rear angulation and carried herself well on the move, holding her topline and gaiting freely in harmony with handler.
3. Cole's EL'UBAID'S ZULU (Imp Nld). Completing a trio of superb exhibits, this bitch has qualities in abundance, yet is of completely different lines. Her head proportions are appealing, as are her beautiful, expressive eyes and long well-feathered ears. She has pleasing underline and topline, with shoulders sloping and well set back. Moved steadily, using her powerful, muscular quarters to advantage on the move.

Open Bitch

1. Fisher's RUWEIS MAHNISA. Mature and elegant, this beautiful hound has much to admire in all departments and is worthy of her placing. Admired her well-shaped head with excellent set on and length of nicely feathered ears. Proud but kind expression from beautiful eyes. Well-constructed and well-developed body, excellent chest, powerful and shapely quarters, good bladed bone and well-arched toes. Efficient, powerful mover.

Champion Bitch

Fabulous class where I needed more red cards.

1. Ireson, Dann, Farris & Cosentini's CH JAZALLE ANEEQA. This heavily feathered superb cream has much to admire in all departments and is a most worthy Champion. She has excellent proportions in her headpiece, with super expression from well-shaped eyes. In body proportions, she scores in topline and underline, with shoulders sloping and set well back, desired arch over loin and excellent

shape and strength of muscular quarters. Gaited smoothly and effortlessly, really covering the ground, in harmony with handler.

2. Sanders-Parker's CH CLASSICUS FELICITAS JW. Eye-catching red/white particolour who I have admired from ringside and who also presents a superb outline and is full of qualities and breed characteristics and whom I expect will change places with winner. Scores in the beauty of her headpiece, which is well-modelled, and in her lovely expressive eyes. She has a long, muscular neck, flowing smoothly into well laid-back shoulders. Excellent topline, with gentle rise over the loin and falling away to muscular and well-angulated quarters. Liked her long tail, which is well carried while she gaited steadily round the ring, with excellent reach and drive, in total harmony with handler.
3. Williams & Williams' CH LUACHMHAR JADIRA KASAQUE. Another top-class exhibit from this kennel and also a most worthy Champion. Beautifully presented, in excellent coat and condition. She was a pleasure to judge and has much to admire in general overall outline. Loved her beautiful, well-modelled head, with excellent high set of well-feathered mobile ears. She has excellent topline, with gentle rise over loin, and also a pleasing underline. Her shoulders are sloping and set well back, with good return of upper arm. Presented with black coat gleaming and with lots of feathering. Moved out with effortless, flowing movement, in harmony with handler.

Veteran Bitch

1. Phillips' CH VIDANA AMIRA BEREGA TURI ShCEX VW (Imp Rus). We have met before and she had my admiration then, as now also, as there is much to like in this b/cream, with such breed qualities in abundance. She has a lovely head and soft expression from beautiful eyes. Liked her overall body shape, moderate angulation both front and rear, pleasing topline and underline, correct rise over her loin, and shapely quarters. Moved steadily with reach and drive. **Best Veteran Bitch.**
2. Cole's CESARIA Z GIBESOVY ZAHRAKY WITH DOUCAI (Imp Cze). A new one to me, this red bitch presents a pleasing silhouette and is well constructed overall. She has typical head, feminine outlook, soft expression from beautiful eyes. Her long neck flows easily into well placed shoulders. Pleasing topline, with muscles slightly arched over her loin. Her long tail is well set and well carried on the move. Effortless movement from steady gait.

Special Veteran Bitch (Over 10 Years)

1. Davies & Davies' CHARRIOAK SHEERZAM JW. This beautiful bitch does not show her age and presents a super outline both standing and moving. Has much to admire in head and skull properties, with strength in muzzle and super expressive eyes. Well set and well-feathered ears. Effortless mover, with a purposeful gait maintaining a dignified attitude at all times.
2. Williams, Williams, Macro, Macro & Macro's KASAQUE RAISSA. Close-up to winner, she appeals in general appearance and also has a beautiful outline. Well developed in chest and has balanced angulation in front and behind. Pleasing length and strength of muscular neck which flows smoothly into her well-laid

shoulders. Good length of brisket, pleasing topline, with slight rise over loin. Shapely and powerful quarters and long tail, well carried on the move.