

# Judge's Critique

## The 17<sup>th</sup> Australian AFGHAN HOUND NATIONAL SPECIALTY

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Saturday 6th March 2010

at the Calabria Club-Bulla Exhibition Centre, Bulla,  
conducted indoors on the artificial turf judging area.

Judge: Mr. John Roger Morton (USA)

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# 17th Afghan Hound National Specialty 2010

## JOHN ROGER MORTON

Thank you for the honor and opportunity to judge at your 17th National Afghan Hound Specialty Show on March 6, 2010. Thank you to the Afghan Hound Club of Victoria for hosting this affair, and to all the committee members and exhibitors for supporting this show. A special note of thanks to Margaret Barras for her assistance throughout the year leading up to this event.

Thank goodness that this show was held indoors at the Calabria Club-Bulla Exhibition Centre, Bulla, as I must have brought the Arizona Monsoon season rains to Melbourne this day as it rained torrentially throughout the day and brought a deluge of record-breaking rain and flooding to the area. After stopping the judging for a few minutes because of the deafening noise on the roof of the building and finally realizing that it was probably going to downpour all day, we resumed the show at least safe and dry inside this wonderful building show site. The dogs did well and remained calm despite the noise and wind outside.

This was a unique opportunity for me and a great learning experience because this was my first time in Australia, I had never seen any of the dogs before, and did not know any of the exhibitors. Since your champions are shown in any of the various classes, I had no idea if a dog was starting out, a finished champion, or a top special being widely campaigned throughout Australia. Equally unique was the fact that I have been close to home raising three human children for the past numerous years, and have not had the opportunity to meet or see Australian dogs, judges, or exhibitors that have come to the United States. It was a clean slate for all of us.

I had nearly memorized the Australian Afghan Standard, making notes in the margin highlighting the differences in the U.S. standard and the Australian standard. There are just a few differences and a slightly taller height allowed in Australia. The ring stewards in Australia are extremely helpful and assist the judge in all necessary aspects, but allowed me freedom in selecting my individual ring procedures, patterns, etc. The ring was huge and the flooring of carpet allowed the dogs and exhibitors to move well with excellent footing. Overall I was extremely impressed with the quality of the Afghans shown to me representing many breeders and kennels in Australia. Generally the dogs have many outstanding qualities that I noted: temperaments were excellent even with the thunder, wind, and deafening rain-on-roof noise. Carriage was excellent with heads and tails held high naturally. Coats were beautiful, lush, impeccably groomed, and of correct texture. As a breeder first, teeth and bite are extremely important to me and of 101 entries I saw no undershot mouths, one level bite which is correct, and only one popped tooth. This is a feather in the caps of the Australian breeders. Most of the dogs have great balance and beautiful, muscular rears....far superior to what I see in the U.S. On the other side of the coin, generally I would say that about 75% of the Australian Afghans are high set in the shoulder blade with very protruding and pronounced scapulas. When my hand would go down the neck into the shoulder area, it was met with large, protruding blades far above the topline of the dog, not a smooth blend of bone and muscle. This structure might make for a great outline and make the neck appear longer, but is incorrect. When the dog's rear is placed where it should be, you end up with a dog with a high rear, bad topline, short neck, and high shoulders.

Another observation I made was to the size of bitches. Although the Australian standard allows for a slightly overall taller Afghan, I noted that many of the bitches were larger than many of the males and were quite sizey, even if you allowed extra size as permitted by the Australian standard. I do like a masculine male, but do like a bitch to be recognizable as a bitch. During my stay and listening to many breeders, I heard over and over comments concerning the length of back of Afghans. Every person I heard stated repeatedly that the Afghans were supposed to be short backed...short, short, short! I heard so many comments about specimens that they were too long. According to your Afghan Hound Standard, a body should be of moderate length and a fault of a back too long or too short. I personally did not find the Afghans in Australia to be extremely short or long but this must be taken into perspective when viewing the total balance of the entire dog. I do dislike a dog which is low on leg, long in back, high-shouldered, or short necked. As a breeder I do recognize to need for and acceptance of a variance of builds and types within the Afghan standard. As a breeder I do realize that no dog is perfect and we do the best we can and work with what we have.

## **DOGS**

### **CLASS 1      BABY PUPPY DOG**

**1st.    No.3 KARAKUSH TAKIN THE HIGH ROAD**

Bred by: H & L Gibson      Owner: K & R Hutchings, H & L Gibson  
Black & Cream male, substantial, nice balance, nice ringed tail free moving for a puppy.

**2nd.    No. 1 KARAKUSH THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

Bred by: H & L Gibson      Owner: S Avery, T Ross, H & L Gibson  
Black & Cream male, nice balance, showed well.



### **CLASS 2      MINOR PUPPY DOG**

**1st.    No. 4 KJAVU IS IT SWEET**

Bred by: C & H Hamilton      Owner: G Heaton-New  
Charcoal Blue male, very balanced heavily coated, very masculine.

**2nd.    No. 5 KJAVU BLACK TIE AFFAIR**

Bred by: Exh.      Owner: C & H Hamilton  
Nice lay back of shoulder, very heavily coated black male



### **CLASS 3      PUPPY DOG**

**1st.    No. 8 KARAKUSH U TURN**

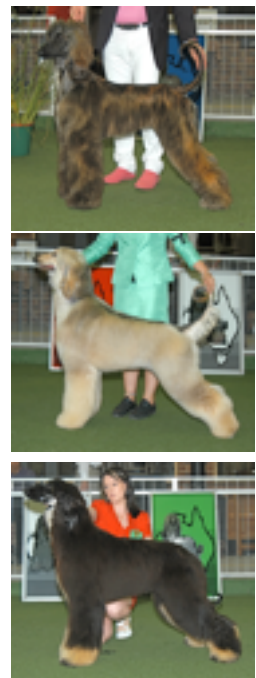
Bred by: Exh.      Owner: H & L Gibson  
Vibrant Red Brindle male, beautiful type, leggy, beautifully balanced, long necked, very showy, pleasantly angled. Outstanding moving. I felt this male was the top contender in this class the minute he walked into the ring with his wonderful balance, carriage, and free flowing gait.

**2nd.    No.6 TAHKIRA TAKE A CHANCE ON ME**

Bred by: B Ferguson      Owner: B & K Carr, B Ferguson  
blue & Cream domino, nice moving, nice balance, heavily coated.

**3rd.    No. 7 TAHKIRA DANCE WITH THE DEVIL**

Bred By: Exh.      Owner: B Ferguson  
Black & Tan male, heavily coated, nice balance, nice substance. His show career will progress with more ring experience.



#### **CLASS 4                JUNIOR DOG**

**1st.    No. 11 ALAQADAR Q**

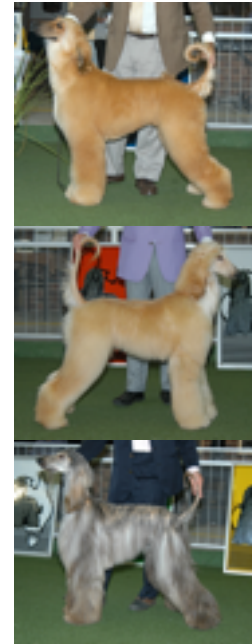
Bred by: Exh.                Owner: Alaqadar Kennels  
Lovely shaded-masked red, masculine, heavily coated, nice balanced movement which won him this class. Nicely constructed.

**2nd.    No. 19 KHANDHU RATTATAT**

Bred by: Exh.                Owner: Khandhu Kennels  
Very elegant and, houndy, beautiful detail, leggy, nice moving, beautiful tail, lovely head, nicely coated, natural patterning.

**3rd.    No. 23 KINGSLEAH PARADIS LATIN (IMP SWE)**

Bred by: G Holmgren                Owner: C Khoury, C Robinson  
Cream & blue brindle, nicely constructed, nice shoulders, nice balance, could have given a little bit more, nicely handled.



#### **CLASS 5                INTERMEDIATE DOG**

**1st.    No. 26 CH KARAKUSH LYLE LOVETT**

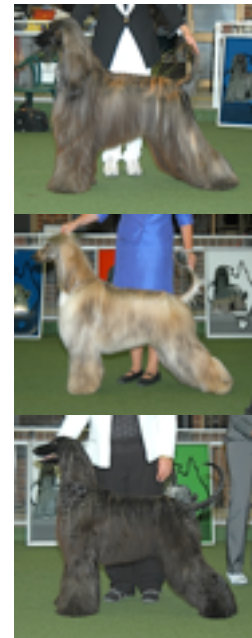
Bred by: L & H Gibson                Owner: S Gilbert, L & H Gibson  
Very dark Black & Red Brindle, masculine, houndy, standard-sized, nicely balanced free movement. Very muscular.

**2nd.    No. 17 CH SULIMAN KILLER POSE**

Bred by: Exh.                Owner: R & K Hutchings  
Black, beautiful balance, very typey, very houndy, beautiful on the stack, nice balanced movement, beautiful head and eye, beautiful breed type.

**3rd.    No. 23 KARAKUSH GET READY TO RUMBLE**

Bred by: L & H Gibson                Owner: J Neasbey, L & H Gibson  
Very houndy, patterned, receding top knot, beautiful balance extended movement, shoulder placement could be better.



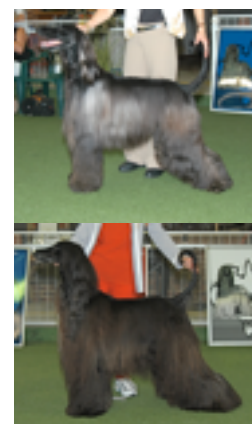
#### **CLASS 10                AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG**

**1st.    No. 30 CH AVIVA MAN IN THE MOON**

Bred by: P & R Bacich                Owner: J & L Black, P & R Bacich  
Black Male. Beautiful shoulder, nice balance, nice balanced moving, moderately refined, moderately sized,

**2nd.    No. 31 CH TAHKIRA MATINEE IDOL (AI)**

Bred by: Tahkira Kennels                Owner: G Heaton-New, B Ferguson  
Moderately sized Black male, nice type, nice tail, beautifully coated.



**CLASS 10 AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG cont.**

**3rd. No. 29 ALAQADAR TINTORETTOE**

Bred by: Exh. Owner: Alaqadar Kennels

Black male, masculine, substantial, beautifully coated, pleasant moving.

**4th. CH KARAKUSH BANJO BLUES**

Bred by: L & H Gibson Owner: S Sloan, L & H Gibson

**5th. CALAHORRA BARN DANCE**

Bred by: Calahorra Kennels Owner: C & D Redgwell



**CLASS 11 OPEN DOG**

**1st. No. 45 GR CH KJAVU HOW SWEET IT IS**

Bred by: C & H Hamilton Owner: M & K Stone, C & H Hamilton

Dark Blue Male, beautiful moving, very balanced easy open movement, nice type, nicely coated natural coat pattern.

**2nd. No. 43 GR CH KHANDHU GOT THE LOOK**

Bred by: P & P Hewitt Owner: H & J Newling, P & P Hewitt

Nicely balanced black male, nice refined head, dark eye, beautiful type, nice balanced movement.

**3rd. No. 37 CH TAEJON EL DORADO**

Bred by: Exh. Owner: P & L Britza, J Laws

Beautifully balanced Black masked red male. Beautiful topline, beautiful condition, nicely shown.

**4th No. 36 CH TAHKIRA STRALION IDOL (AI)**

Bred by: Tahkira Kennels Owner: M Bready-Richards & B Ferguson

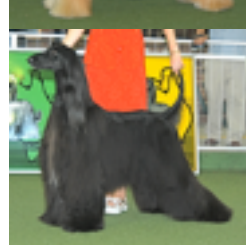
Black male, beautiful type, pleasant refinement, beautiful outline, beautiful coat, nice moving

**5th GR CH GENGALA SUPER TROOPER (AI)**

Bred by: Exh. Owner M L Hickie

**6th CH DZUM DONNIE DARKO**

Bred by: P & K Frost Owner: C Ross



**CLASS 12 VETERAN DOG**

**1st. No. 49 GR CH & AM CH KHANDHU AMORE AMALFI**

Bred by: P & P Hewitt Owner: P & P Hewitt, R & W Bennett

Beautiful Black masked Red, beautifully coated, beautiful moving, excellent attitude, beautiful shoulders, deep sable saddle, nice balance.

**2nd. No. 47 GR CH KHANDHU ANDRETTI**

Bred by: P & P Hewitt Owner: U Greenwood

Oyster Brindle Male, beautiful moving, natural coat pattern, difficult choice between the first 2 in this class, lovely condition, excellent attitude.



**CLASS 12      VETERAN DOG cont.**

3rd.    **No. 48 CH KJAVU BISHI BASHI**  
Bred by: Exh.      Owner: C & H Hamilton  
Self Masked Cream. Beautifully coated, pleasant moving.

4th.    **CH SADOZAI WARRIOR BARON**  
Bred by: Exh.      Owner: A J Rogers

5th.    **GR CH SATANG INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
Bred by: R & Y Barter      Owner: M Barras, M Clegg



**DOG CC      GR CH KJAVU HOW SWEET IT IS**

**RESERVE DOG CC    CH KARAKUSH LYLE LOVETT**

My three favorite males were Ch. Kjavu How Sweet it is, Ch. Karakush Lyle Lovett, and the youngster Karakush U Turn. The youngster showed excellently considering the downpour of rain, the thundering noise inside the building.....but with a bit more ring experience he would have been a youngster hard to beat and probably won. On this day the Ch. Kjavu How Sweet It Is won on his maturity and easy open movement.



**BITCHES**

**CLASS 2A      MINOR PUPPY BITCH**

1st.    **No. 53 KJAVU EXPRESS YOURSELF**  
Bred by: C & H Hamilton      Owner: S Sullivan  
Black Bitch. Very sound, beautiful coat, nice balance, nice attitude, nicely balanced front and rear.





**CLASS 3A                      PUPPY BITCH**

**1st.    No. 57 TAHKIRA HONKY TONK BLUES**

Bred by: B Ferguson                      Owner: G Heaton-New

Light Domino Bitch, rather sizey, heavily coated, pleasant movement, nice balance.

**2nd.    No. 56 KJAVU ITS ALL ABOUT ME**

Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: C & H Hamilton

Black Masked Red. primitive head, houndy, boney, nice moving,

**3rd.    No. 55 KJAVU IT AND A BIT MORE**

Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: C & H Hamilton

Black Bitch. Pretty head, nice type, nice balance.

**4th.    SULIMAN ALL THAT GLISTENS**

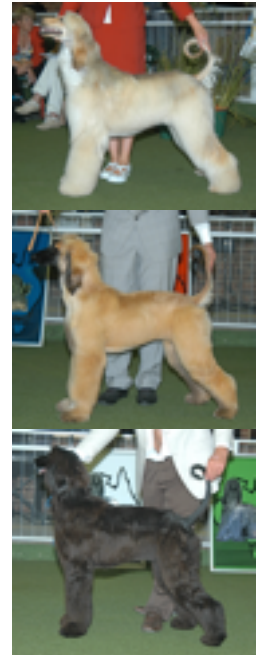
Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: K & K Hutchings

**5th.    SHINWARI DESERTS BLACK GOLD**

Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: J Lobato

**6th.    ALAQADAR PUSSY GALORE**

Bred by: Alaqadar Kennels                      Owner: K Mathews & H Tay



**CLASS 4A                      JUNIOR BITCH**

**1st.    No. 64 KARAKUSH KATTITUDE**

Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: H & L Gibson

Outstanding outline, beautiful type, beautiful tail, beautiful carriage, excellent movement, will mature nicely when she gets older, best moving I have seen today. Black masked red.

**2nd.    No. 62 ALAQADAR M**

Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: Alaqadar Kennels

Nicely Balanced Red Brindle bitch. Nice angles, nice shoulders, lovely coat, nice future.

**3rd.    No. 65 SHINWARI DESERTS BLACK PEARL**

Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: J Lobato

Black. Heavily coated, nicely balanced, pleasant head.

**4th.    TRANSWIND SO WHAT**

Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: I Caird



## **CLASS 5A      INTERMEDIATE BITCH**

### **1st.    No. 71   CH KALUTARA CASHMERE MAFIA**

Bred by: Exh.      Owner: M Eather & W Harbutt  
Blue Brindle Domino Bitch. Lovely balance, lovely movement, beautiful coat, lovely head, beautiful outline, nice moving.

### **2nd.    No 68   CH AVIVA ROSE TATTOO**

Bred by: P & R Bacich      Owner: J & L Black, P & R Bacich  
Black Bitch. Beautiful outline, nicely balanced, beautiful body construction, lovely coat, very sound. I think would have won the class had the handler moved her out a bit more and the bitch responded and put out a little move. Lovely Afghan bitch.

### **3rd.    No. 69   CH & NZ CH KARAKUSH GREEN WITH ENVY**

Bred by: H & L Gibson      Owner: Brown, Gray, Gibson  
Blue Brindle Domino. Beautiful balance, nice type, refined head. Nice moving.

### **4th.    CH TAHKIRA RASPBERRY FIZZ**

Bred by: Exh.      Owner: B Ferguson

### **5th.    KJAVU LIZZIE MACGUIRE**

Bred by: Exh.      Owner: C & H Hamilton

### **6th.    KARAKUSH TAKE A BOW WOW**

Bred by: H & L Gibson      Owner: S Sloan, H & L Gibson



## **CLASS 10A      AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH**

### **1st.    No. 81   KARAKUSH PATSY CLINE**

Bred by: Exh.      Owner: H & L Gibson  
A very dark brindle, like a very dark blue brindle. This bitch's most outstanding qualities were her movement and type. She was the best moving in the class with beautiful feminine type, refinement, and lovely outline. I would give her more substance and width. She was expertly handled by a lovely young girl.

### **2nd.    No. 83   CH KJAVU PENNY LANE**

Bred by: Exh      Owner: C & H Hamilton  
Blue bitch, great balance, nice moving, nice front, nice rear, good balance, good topline. Outstanding in body construction. Excellent future.

### **3rd.    No. 80   CH DZUM CHOCOLATE STARFISH**

Bred by: Exh.      Owner: P & C Frost  
Red Brindle Bitch. Very classic red brindle, nice balance, pleasant moving, nice type,

### **4th.    CH QUOM MIGNONNE MIRABEAU**

Bred By: C Khoury      Owner: U Greenwood

### **5th.    ELWADHI ALL THAT JAZZ**

Bred by: Exh.      Owner: J & L Frith





**CLASS 11A                      OPEN BITCH**

**1st.    No. 94 CH KARAKUSH GRETCHEN WILSON**

Bred by: H & L Gibson            Owner: J Greig, H & L Gibson

Red Brindle Bitch. Very lovely moving, tail could have a little more curl, moderately angled, short back, very balanced movement, pleasant head.

**2nd.    No. 97 CH KARAKUSH CHANTILY CREAM**

Bred by: L & H Gibson            Owner: J Neasbey, L & H Gibson

Very feminine self-masked cream. Pleasant moving, beautiful head, beautiful type, beautiful natural patterning. Very well balanced, very sound.

**3rd.    No. 95 AM, CAN, AUST CH POLO'S GRAND AM (IMP CAN)**

Bred by: L Amadeo                      Owner: L M Hickie

Self-masked cream bitch. Beautiful balance, very lovely moving, nicely coated, nicely presented, very sound. A rather sizey, feminine, but sound bitch.

**4th.    CH TAEJON AT TIFFANY'S**

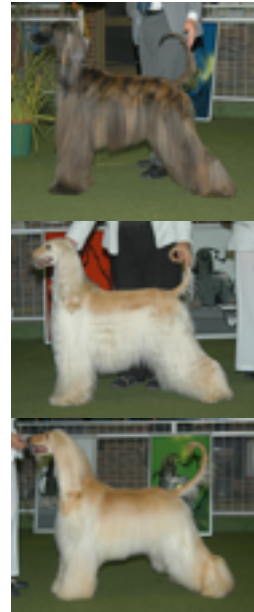
Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: P & L Britza, J Laws

**5th.    CH DZUM DEVIL WEARS PRADA**

Bred by: P & C Frost                      Owner: P & C Frost, H & L Gibson

**6th.    TAHKIRA FANCY PANTS**

Bred by: B Ferguson                      Owner: M Bready-Richards



**CLASS 12A                      VETERAN BITCH**

**1st.    No. 99 CH KHANDHU CHIAMA NAOMI**

Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: Khandhu Kennels

Black Bitch. Beautiful type! Beautiful moving! Beautifully refined head and eye, beautiful balance, lovely tail, lovely condition. Slightly better on the stack, than her class competition. Lovely all over, excellent condition for her age. Showed with elegance superb and the very definition of the term

"Afghan bitch." I would be proud to have owned or bred this wonderful specimen of the breed. Expertly handled to perfection.

**2nd.    No. 98 GR CH KJAVU A BIT OF IT**

Bred by: Exh.                      Owner: C & H Hamilton

9.5 year old Black. Excellent moving with free-flowing, extended open movement both front and rear. Beautiful type, very elegant, nice balance. One of the most outstanding movers of the day and the dam of year-old youngsters.

Veteran Bitch Class Both Bitches excellent.



**BITCH CC**

**KARAKUSH KATTITUDE**

**RESERVE BITCH CC**

**CH KHANDHU CHIAMA NAOMI**



## **GENERAL SPECIALS**

**BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW**

**KARAKUSH KATTITUDE**

**Karakush Kattitude stole my heart the minute she walked into the ring with the very attitude of her name "Kattitude"! This lovely young bitch personifies so many qualities which are important to me... superb movement, wide-open athletic movement, beautiful balance in body and movement, beautiful rear structure which is being lost, wonderful carriage and attitude. I loved her leg, balance, long neck, femininity, and could easily have taken her home.**



**RUNNER-UP to BIS**

**CH KHANDHU CHIAMA NAOMI**



**OPPOSITE SEX to BIS**

**GR CH KJAVU HOW SWEET IT IS**



**BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW    KARAKUSH TAKIN THE HIGH ROAD**

**BEST MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW    KJAVU IS IT SWEET**

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**BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW        KARAKUSH KATTITUDE**

**OPPOSITE SEX JUNIOR IN SHOW    ALAQADAR Q**

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**OPP. SEX VETERAN IN SHOW      GR CH & AM CH KHANDHU AMORE AMALFI**

**CLASS 13      SIRE PROGENY**

**1ST GR CH & AM CH KHANDHU AMORE AMALFI**

Bred by: P & P Hewitt

Owner: P & P Hewitt, R & W Bennett



**CLASS 14      DAMS PROGENY**

**1ST CH TAHKIRA CARIZMA**

Bred by: Exh.      Owner: B Ferguson

