

THE JAPANESE AKITA INU CLUB

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JUDGE - MS TRACY MORGAN (ROSSIMON)

My general observation is that the Japanese Akita Inu is now pretty strong in quality for head characteristics in the UK, but I worry that too little attention is being paid to balance of outline and sound construction. For those who seem to be preaching that this is 'just' a head breed, I would warn that a beautiful head is of no consequence if four good feet/legs are not propping up the correct torso to bring it into the ring. Colour and urajiro/markings were pretty good all through, white creeping onto the back of ears needs watching, thankfully no white collars amongst my entry today!

PUPPY DOG 1 (0)

1st – WENDBARRY HAMISO – A beautiful brindle baby who is developing nicely. Correct mouth, dark eye of good shape, size and set. Small, thick ears rounded at tip and carried correctly, well developed zygomatic arch fills under the eye and plump cheeks. Overall a symphony of blunt triangles and with an exquisite expression. A crested neck, moderate shoulder layback, adequate width of front propped up with decent bone and good feet. He has a strong back, complimenting underline with tuck, moderate angulation at the rear and crowned with a high set, tightly carried tail. All of the above comes together to create a nice balance of outline. He is needing time to become more efficient and rhythmic on the move, but has good muscle tone for a baby and at 6 months, he has plenty of time on his side.

JUNIOR DOG 1 (0)

1ST-TSOYU KOKORO NO HIROI – A handsome red lad with correct urajiro. Good mouth, dark eye of good shape, size and set, small thick ear rounded at tip, set on and carried correctly. Well filled under the eye and plump cheeks, correct muzzle to skull ratio, and good breadth too. A beautiful headpiece giving an excellent expression, Quite captivating, very mature in head for his youth. A crested neck into a moderate shoulder. A level topline with complimenting underline and tuck, all topped off with a high set tightly carried tail. He is well up to height and having grown upward with such speed, he will inevitably take time to fill his framework out and tighten in action in front and rear.

YEARLING DOG 1 (0)

1ST-MATSUKITA TAKAHIME GO – Brindle lad with good mouth, dark eye of good size shape and set. Well filled under the eye, plump cheeks. Muscular arched neck, moderate angulation fore and aft, feet could be better and bang out of coat which strips his outline of balance and substance. High set tightly carried tail, needs to settle on the move from all angles.

POST GRADUATE DOG 3 (3)

LIMIT DOG 2 (0)

1ST-TSOYU HAMAKO GO – Striking red lad with beautiful head proportions and features, gorgeous pigmentation to dress the muzzle and eyes. Dark eye of good shape, size and set, thick small ears with rounded tip set on and carried perfectly. A little overdone on the ghosting (urajiro) for perfection, but overall head quality minimises that detractor. A proud crested neck to a moderate shoulder and fair width of chest propped up on tight feet and good bone. Good topline and corresponding underline with tuck up, a moderate rear which, like the front, could be firmer on the move. Crowned with a high set tightly carried tail to give him a very impressive and imposing outline. Like all dogs, he is not perfect, but his individual qualities cannot be denied.

2ND-SHIROSHI ASH NO SORA – Correct mouth, dark eye and good pigment, would prefer a more rounded tip to the ear. Good feet, moderate bone, level topline. Angulation good fore and aft which reflected in his action which was good, a little too soft in coat lacking guard hair

OPEN DOG 3 (2)

1ST-TSOYU BAKU-GO KYOSHI – Striking lad with another awesome headpiece. Correct mouth, dark eye of correct size, shape and set complimented by beautiful pigment. Well filled under the eye and beautiful plump cheeks, small, thick ears with rounded tip, set on and carried well, all of these features being a harmony of blunt triangles and giving me the most wonderful expression. A strong crested neck into a moderate shoulder, broad front propped up by lovely tight feet and good bone. Level topline and corresponding underline with tuck. Moderately angled rear crowned with a high set tightly carried tail. A lovely balanced outline and did not disappoint on the move from any direction, he fought so hard in the challenge just topped by the charisma and sheer presence of the veteran male (who it shows to be his sire). I was sorely disappointed by his absence to challenge for RBIS, not good sportsmanship from his handler at all (you are to make yourself available for the challenge!)

VETERAN DOG 1 (0)

INT/IR CH KAIDOU GO SHIRAI AT WENDBARRY (IMP JAPAN) ShCM – Almost 10 years old (that should be inspiring to all JAI owners) he is truly an AWESOME dog in both type and soundness of construction and temperament. He has a head to die for, correct mouth, with tight lips, muzzle to skull ratio is perfect, dark, clear as crystal eyes of correct size, shape and set, excellent pigmentation. Small, thick with rounded tip ears which are set on and carried perfectly. A proud, strong crested neck into a moderate shoulder and good broad front propped up by tight feet and solid timber. A strong level topline held on the move, corresponding underline with customary tuck leading to a strong moderately angled rear which carried incredibly good muscle tone, crowned with a high set tightly carried tail. (you have to truly know this breed to appreciate his tail carriage at almost 10 years because with this level of maturity often comes a loss of arrogance and subsequently a looser tail carriage if indeed they even bother to raise it at all. It was an absolute pleasure to watch his down and back and his gorgeous balance of outline was evident even moreso in his steady sidegait. He is a credit to his owner and indeed to this wonderful breed, when freestanding he simply does not put a foot wrong and if its built right, it will stand right without assistance or overhanding (yes, even at 10 years of age)! He is a credit to his owner and his breeder BD and BIS!

BEST DOG INT/IR CH KAIDOU GO SHIRAI AT WENDBARRY (IMP JAPAN) ShCM

RESERVE BEST DOG TSOYU BAKU-GO KYOSHI

BEST PUPPY DOG WENDBARRY HAMISO

BEST VETERAN DOG INT/IR CH KAIDOU GO SHIRAI AT WENDBARRY (IMP JAPAN) ShCM

PUPPY BITCH 2 (1)

1ST-WENDBARRY SAHARA – Red baby girl who was a little overawed by the day’s events but she settled to let me go over her. Correct mouth, dark eye of good shape size and set, ears are a good shape and set just needs to grow into them. Her feet are a bit loose which is not unusual at this stage of growth and she has cast her puppy coat so was pretty much in the buff. She has a level topline and corresponding underline with tuck, a moderate rear. She pulls toward her handler on the move so not easy to assess, but for the glimpses when she settled she was pretty sound in action. Just needs time to settle into things, learn her ringcraft and develop.

JUNIOR BITCH 1 (0)

1ST-TSOYU MURASAKI GO – Pretty head piece on this 7 month old baby, dark eye of good shape, size and set. Crested neck and nice width of front. Moderate shoulder and good feet. Level topline and corresponding underline with tuck. Moderate rear, high set tightly carried tail she needs time/maturity to settle fore and aft to make more of herself on the move.

YEARLING BITCH 1 (0)

1ST-KYUUTEN’S YOUJI NAMEKUJI – white lass with , dark eye of correct size, shape and set, arched neck lacking coat, and needing to develop more in front, moderate angles and tight feet with adequate bone. High set tightly carried tail she moved ok coming and going, was better in sidegait but desperately needed her jacket to fill the eye more and dress her outline.

POST GRADUATE BITCH 4 (1)

1ST-JAIDEV NO SETSUKO AYAMI GO CHARADON – A gorgeous red lass with correct urajiro, dark eye of correct shape and set, small thick ear with rounded tip set on and carried well. A crested neck to a moderate front assembly propped up on tight feet with good bone, correct width of front. Level topline when alert and on the move, corresponding underline with customary tuck, a good solid rear with exceptional muscle tone, she has a real nice sidegait too. She does tend to be lazy with her topline when relaxed, which cost her dearly in the challenge. Well handled and beautifully presented.

2ND-VLADTEPES NO HIROMI GO -

3RD-MASARA AKA HANA GO

LIMIT BITCH 4 (0)

1ST-TSOYU FUYU TORA MATSUKITA – A stunning brindle lass with the most amazing head qualities. Correct mouth, muzzle to skull ratio bang on, dark eye of correct shape, size and set, well filled underneath and gorgeous plump cheeks, small thick ear rounded at tip set on correctly and carried just right. I could write poetry looking into her face, it is quite simply one of the most beautiful I have seen, I would’nt want to change a hair on it, her expression is breathtaking. A crested neck to a moderate front assembly, good width of front and ample bone, strong level topline, corresponding underline with just enough tuck. A moderate rear crowned with a high set tightly carried tail. She is clean coming, going and in side gait. She gives the impression she shows merely to please her handler, and not because she likes to show off, this showing malarkey is all a bit boring for her. With that added charisma/ring presence, she’d be a really hard one to beat! In the challenge she stood between two really charismatic ladies and didn’t demand anything from the opposite side of the ring, up close, her expression absolutely demanded she could not be overlooked for RBB

2ND-TSOYU GOKUJU GO

3RD-WENDBARRY CASCADE

RES-HOSHIKO LADY KYOSHI

OPEN BITCH 4 (2)

1ST-JAIDEV SAKI CHO HIME GO - Striking lass with a beautiful headpiece. Correct mouth, dark eye of correct size, shape and set complimented by beautiful pigment. Well filled under the eye and beautiful plump cheeks, small, thick ears with rounded tip, set on and carried well, all of her features being a harmony of blunt triangles and giving me a lovely expression. Strength with ultra feminine appeal. A crested neck into a moderate shoulder, broad front propped up by good feet and good bone. Level topline and corresponding underline with tuck. Moderately angled rear crowned with a high set tightly carried tail. A lovely balanced outline and did not disappoint on the move from any direction, though over zealous handling taking her way too fast almost scuppered her chances, her soundness just could not be denied. She fought so very hard in the challenge for BIS but was topped by the charisma and sheer presence of the veteran male who was every bit as sound moving! I was very pleased to see them side by side, and even more pleased to view them moving out together around the ring. BB and RBIS

2ND-TSOYU GIN-RAIKOU GO KYOSHI

VETERAN BITCH 2 (0)

1ST-INT/MULTI CH TSOYU AMAYA lovely 8 year old lady with another gorgeous headpiece, good mouth, dark eye of good size shape and set. Small thick ears with rounded tip, Well filled under the eye, plump cheeks. Muscular arched neck , moderate angulation fore and aft, Stood on nice tight feet and adequate bone. She moved very well coming, going and in side gait. She has a lovely balance of outline crowned with a high set tightly carried tail. She is a credit to her handler.

2ND-TSOYU ASAMA MATSUKITA

BEST BITCH JAIDEV SAKI CHO HIME GO

RESERVE BEST BITCH TSOYU FUYU TORA MATSUKITA

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BEST VETERAN BITCH INT/MULTI CH TSOYU AMAYA

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