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GOOD NEWS | SAD NEWS

Thank you for your kind words about the Winter 2012 issue of *Topknot News*. Our team enjoyed putting it together, and from the many comments received, you enjoyed it as well. Remember, it's your *Topknot News*, so if there's anything you'd like to see, please let us know. Several suggestions have

been made for *Topknot News*, and we've listened. But if you don't see your idea in this issue, it may just be a matter of timing and you may see your suggestion used in a later issue. Keep those ideas coming!

Along those lines, although *Topknot News* is the AHCA newsletter, you will see names and/or articles on people - non-members whose prominence in the breed cannot be denied, as their participation has brought the breed to the level it is today. As time goes on, we all must change and adapt, and the articles we hope to present will be all encompassing for our breed.

Topknot News is now available by subscription for friends who are not AHCA members. See p. 43 for details. Remember, *TN* will make a great gift for your friends as well as puppy buyers. Up until this issue, *Topknot News* has been on-line through the AHCA website. Henceforth, the current *TN* will not appear on the AHCA website until three months after it is distributed to the membership.

As you know, *Topknot News* does not accept paid advertising, but we thought you might enjoy seeing old ads of our favorite breed sprinkled throughout this issue of *TN*. These ads depict Afghan Hounds modeling various products from years past, some going back 60 years or more, mostly from the US and some from the UK. The sources are unknown.

AHCA member Joan Lavell very much wanted a Sunny Shay feature, sooner rather than later, so I set her to work, rounding up people to write articles and send photos. The essays submitted by Carol Esterkin, Henry Dietzgen, Midge Martin, Susan and Dennis Sprung, and Lyall Payne (from New Zealand) that appear in this issue are a result of her labors. Joan did a wonderful job (read a little about Joan on p. 6. Mary Blacker dug through her



files and came up with a letter written to her by Sunny over 60 years ago. We know you'll enjoy reading about our indomitable Sunny and her Grandeur Afghan Hounds.

Fran Reisman has written a column for *TN* and we are happy to present *Fran's Review* for the first time in this issue.

This issue describes a newly discovered genetic anomaly in Afghan Hounds. Members Calvena Evetts and Amy Roush both imported littermate puppies from Germany in early 2012. A short time after their arrival in the USA, unusual symptoms began appearing. After much and various testing at three different university schools of veterinary medicine, these pups were diagnosed with Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS 1), a genetic disease that is ultimately fatal. Further information will be added and updated as we receive it.

The Afghan Hound community is very saddened by the loss of several good friends in the past few months. Significant losses include members Le Hedstrom and Donna Amos, as well as Peter Belmont, Gerda Kennedy, and David Roche, prominent fanciers in our breed's activities, both here and abroad. They will be greatly missed.

The *TN* staff wishes you all a happy healthy spring. See you in the good old summertime!

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A Message from the PRESIDENT

Again, thanks to all who have taken on new responsibilities to assist our organization in moving forward.

Recently, our board, with the assistance of the regional Tidewater AHC, sponsored “Meet the Board” at their March Specialty. It’s our goal to try to have a few more of these events.

Our club's next big events are the Breeders' Cup at the end of May and the National Specialty in late September. Please stay tuned since we need each and every one of you to help support these events.

Best Regards,
Tony Saia, President



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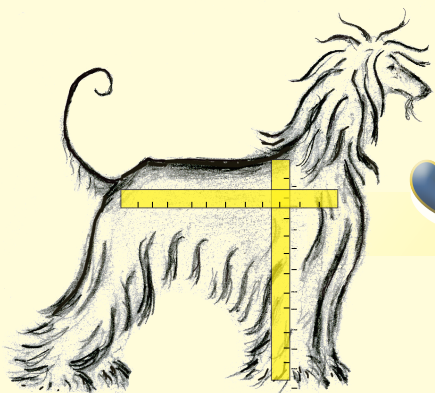
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SIZING IT UP

Commentary by Harry Bennett

AT our recent National Specialty, it was clearly observed that uniformity in size (that being the STANDARD SIZE) was well represented. In fact, it dominated the entry. I don't believe this was because of the judges. I don't believe it is even a tendency or trend. It just was.

As long as I can personally remember (over 40+ years) in Afghan Hounds, there has always been a larger range of size than our Standard discusses. This has been justified by the fact that these dogs were used for a greater range of purpose in their original state of being.

The Afghan Hound Standard defines dogs and bitches by a recommended weight and height. The males are preferably 27" at the withers and the bitches are 25" at the withers. The Standard further describes a leeway of one inch above and one inch below each recommendation.

I can assure you that these height recommendations are smaller than the average eye might judge them to be. In general, it is more likely to see dogs and bitches that exceed the preferred size. However, what is most important when size is considered is the certainty that basic elements are not compromised.

At whatever height the Afghan Hound stands, the overall balance must be proper. The square proportion of the breed should be evident. There should never be any signs of plainness or coarseness.

I must also point out that the masculinity or femininity of an individual may not be determined by size alone. This is important to know because a proper standard-sized Afghan Hound male should never be deemed less than masculine and faulted thereof because the rest of the entry of dogs stand well above the preferred range in size. The same should be considered for the femininity of that bitch who stands higher than the rest of a standard-sized entry. We want our males to look like males and we want our bitches to look like bitches, and we certainly appreciate this when it is inclusive with size.

Ed. note: I've heard from a number of people recently who have lost their beloved Afghan Hounds. Mere words cannot console after losing a canine friend of long standing. But Ben Hur Lampman penned an essay long ago that seems to say it all.

Ben Hur Lampman (1886-1954) was a U.S. newspaper editor, essayist, short-story writer and poet. He was a longtime editor at The Oregonian in Portland, Oregon, and he served as Poet Laureate of Oregon from 1951 until his death. Lampman wrote this essay in 1926.

".....For if the dog be well remembered, if sometimes he leaps through your dreams actual as in life, eyes kindling, questing, asking, laughing, begging, it matters not at all where that dog sleeps at long and at last.

On a hill where the wind is un-rebuked and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream he knew in puppyhood, or somewhere in the flatness of a pastureland where the most exhilarating cattle graze. It is one to the dog, and all one to you, and nothing is gained and nothing lost - if memory lives. But there is one best place to bury a dog. One place that is best of all.

If you bury him in this spot, he will come to you when you call -- come to you over the grim, dim frontiers of death, and down the well-remembered path and to your side again. And though you call a dozen living dogs to heel, they shall not growl at him, nor resent his coming, for he is yours and he belongs there.

People may scoff at you, who see no lightest blade of grass bent by his foot-fall, who hear no whimper, people who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them then, for you shall know something that is hidden from them, and which is well worth knowing.

The one best place to bury a good dog is in the heart of his master."



Our Sunny



From Joan Lavell: When I first asked Sue about doing a feature on Sunny Shay, she snagged me by asking if I would pull some things together for it. Since that type of research is just up my alley (my first job was in advertising as a TV commercial coordinator. It also appealed to my second occupation selling high-end clothing and furs for Bergdorf Goodman, Saks 5th Avenue, etc.). I would be selling the Sunny Shay idea! I had a great time contacting people via phone and e-mail and most have come through with flying colors. I do thank you all so very much for your help and enthusiasm.

My association with Afghan Hounds goes back some 30 plus years, when my husband Fred and I purchased our first Afghan Hound. Beau was not a show dog, but we loved him. In due course, Nena joined the family, resulting in two litters. Beau's bride, Nena, was a far better quality Afghan Hound going back to a bitch who had been a top courser. The result of these breedings were some of the top-coursing hounds in the country owned by us, but mainly Annie who was purchased by Bob and Linda Jordan and became #1 courser in the country. Annie's one litter produced four top coursing hounds, as well as one who became the #1 coursing hound in England. Subsequently, we got involved with showing and purchased from Holly Jorgensen a very flashy white boy, Domingo. After Domingo came Tony and Floyd's Red, who with very little campaigning ended up one year in the top 20 with a Specialty win. Lastly, there is Lovie from Stephanie Norris. Lovie completed her conformation title, along with her CD and Rally Novice titles. She is now joined by two Sporting Fields Whippets (my wash-and-wear kids). All have helped to bridge the gap left by the loss of my husband of 43 years, last May.

Thanks to all who responded so positively to my inquiries and sent such wonderful articles and pictures for our Sunny Shay feature. It would have been impossible without you

An Insider's Memoir of Sunny Shay

by Dennis & Susan Sprung

We first became acquainted with Sunny in 1968, a pair of teenagers still in school, who had read her little book over and over, "How To Raise and Train An Afghan Hound." We both lived in Queens, NY and we discovered our idol lived on Long Island. With great trepidation, we called the famous Miss Shay, hoping for an audience. Much to our surprise, this dog show celebrity actually answered her own phone!!! That weekend, off we went to Hicksville arriving at the designated time. We approached the house noticing a Citroen parked in the driveway, and another on the front "lawn" (later to learn that one was her "parts" car). We were so excited. We tapped on the front door, waited and lo and behold, someone answered the door. It was definitely NOT Sunny Shay! The person was dressed in colorful clothing, had long hair, an earring, lipstick, breasts..... and.....yes, a distinct beard! We were instantly confused! The person ushered us into the living room saying "wait here." Sunny's living room contained a small white sofa, upon which a grey-faced dog reclined. We instantly wondered – could that



really be him? It WAS – there he sat, the famous Shir Khan! It was then that Sunny made her fashionably late entrance, hurrying in, long flaming red hair flying and seeing us said, "Oh, you're here. Who let you in?" Now we were in trouble and we gave each other an "uh oh" look. We did not want to say "he" let us in, or "she" let us in – we weren't sure at all. Seeing our confusion, she kindly said "Ohhhh – the KID."

Phew, we then said simply.... "Yeah, it was the kid!!!!" An auspicious start to our new friendship to be sure. We learned early on, Sunny had to work hard to simply have enough money to cover entry fees and dog food; hiring interesting help was one way she saved her pennies. Yes, she was colorful, but many never saw the private Sunny, a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Though they were divorced early on, Sunny and her ex were always in touch and we would often arrive to find Bo sitting there. There were also several live-in boyfriends along the way, including Jerry Rigden (before our time) and Dale Henry lived with her for many years. Before "live-ins" became fashionable, Sunny was a happening. Never conforming and never ever compromising in any form or fashion. She was a true original.

We became fast friends. In fact we were her favorite kind of friend – free "schleppers." We craved information and took several trips out there a week. In so doing, we spent time learning, listening, hauling, bathing, feeding, cleaning, whelping litters and absorbing all things Afghan Hound. In those days, Sunny kept a very large number of dogs and each visit was like going to a specialty, in that there were puppies, adolescents, adults and veterans. The fact is, her knowledge of



pedigrees was remarkable. At Grandeur, one could see these pedigrees come alive, with four or five generations before your very eyes. Generations lived together and one could understand the traits inherited and see from whence they came. Don't let anyone tell you schlepping doesn't have its rewards. WE LEARNED! Sunny was not only our breed mentor, we became the closest of friends with her. She was an honored guest at our wedding in 1972, where she proceeded to have a fine time dancing the night away. So enthusiastic was her dancing, at one point her wig flew off her head and was propelled across the room, as she proceeded to fall on her keester. Never missing a beat, Sunny crawled across the dance floor, set the hairpiece back on her head and took a bow to tumultuous laughter and applause and, of course, continued to dance. Ah, the things of which memories are made!



How does one begin to describe Sunny? A better question would be to ask - once we start, - where do we stop? There are scores of Sunny stories, which live on through the recollections of those very few within her inner circle. That, however, might be a misnomer. Sunny had the innate ability to make everyone feel as though they were her very best friends. Sunny was famous for befriending strangers and introducing them to the most wonderful breed there was, imparting her knowledge to ALL who would listen. We are remembering Sunny here, but frankly, Sunny's memory is apparent within the pedigrees of most American Afghan Hounds. If one takes the time to trace their present day dogs back many generations, it's likely Shirkhan, or one of the Grandeur dogs, who appear within the lineage of most. Although not the first to bring Afghan Hounds into this country, in the early 1940s, Sunny had the innate ability to recognize quality. She lived Afghan Hounds 24/7 and she created the Grandeur type by combining the best dogs and bitches from the different lines available at that time. She always believed a great line began with quality bitches and gave great credit to her foundation girls, Barberryhill Dolly, Far Away Loo, and Mahdi to name just a few. Sunny was thus a breed pioneer here in the United States, defining her type and helping to bring the Afghan Hound to prominence.

Sunny began her life in Westchester County New York, along with her twin sister Dana and her older sister Mildred. Her parents worked for a well-to-do family on a property adjacent to that of the famed American actress, Helen Hayes. It is certain her acumen, love for breeding and vast knowledge of animal husbandry in general were born



there. We gleaned from Sunny that her family was not at all well-to-do, thus she and her identical twin sister landed in "show biz" as a sister act, helping to make ends meet. Tales of these years were colorful to say the least, but we daresay her desire to be on stage, largely contributed to her success in the ring. The graceful way in which the "slightly chubby" girl exhibited her beloved dogs with flair, always on her toes, was a Sunny trademark. Sunny's love for dogs never waned and eventually Grandeur Kennels began life as a storefront in upstate Thornwood, New York, after which she subsequently had facilities in Armonk, Somers and Carmel, all in Westchester County, NY. During this period she married Bo Shay and had two children, Gareen and Thorne Shay. Finally, Sunny purchased her most renowned residence and kennel at 302 W. John Street, Hicksville, New York, where she remained for many years. Early on, Sunny also bred a number of other breeds



along with Dana, who owned an upscale New York City grooming shop on the Upper East Side. There were Irish Wolfhounds, Poodles, Whippets and Yorkies to name but a few of their breeds. In 1947, through her friend Sol Malkin, Sunny hit her stride with her true love, the Afghan Hound. This dog, of course, paved the way with a breakthrough win.



In 1950, with the dog she and Sol had imported three years earlier, Ch. Turkuman Nissim's Laurel, won both the Hound Group at Westminster and the AHCA National that year. Sunny was on her way.

Over the years, Sunny's life was a continuing struggle financially and at the end, she literally rose from the ashes. A tragic fire in Hicksville, sadly took some of her valued breeding stock, just prior to the Westminster show in the late 70s. After this devastation, she was taken in, lock, stock and remaining dogs, by her friend and co-owner Roger Rechler. This was a labor of love on the part of Roger, who designed an apartment and kennel in the lower level of his house, around his friend Sunny. As all those who visited Hicksville knew, Sunny had many fine attributes, but neatness was not one of them! Roger was determined to change that and after a few months of redecorating, provided Sunny with a bedroom replete with a real brass bed, floral wallpaper by

Laura Ashley, bed furnishings and curtains, with ceramic tile floors throughout the entire living space, including a special whelping room attached to her quarters. Sunny was now a real queen, and Roger, our dear Roger, was our hero! Sunny and Roger's partnership, although relatively short, was very, very strong. They co-owned all the dogs, collaborated on all the breedings and continued a dynasty that reverberates to this day. When many ask why there were few outside breedings – the answer is short and simple. That was the way Sunny wanted it, when she could afford to do so. This will come as a surprise to many, since Shirkhan was at public stud and was a frequently used sire, but that's also the thing that hurt Sunny the most. Those who bred to Grandeur sires, rarely if ever came back. She felt they took her bloodline, used it to their best advantage – often producing generations of dogs who defeated her own and never gave her the proper credit or respect. Prior to their joining forces, she had stressed this point to Roger. She said that if she could ever afford to discontinue breeding to outside bitches, she would, unless the bitch and the terms were of her choosing.

Sunny knew who her friends were. She was quite sensitive to criticism and ridicule. Unfortunately, she also knew who was taking aim. Roger, while an unknown, had actually heard these unfortunate comments about her at ringside, and saw no reason to open either of them up to heartbreak. While many may say it's too bad the line will not be continued, it would just not be the pure strain Sunny and then Roger strove for. They did go out of the line on several occasions, as one must do, but it was only to dogs or bitches of their specific choosing, in order to improve the line. It was from that time on, that Sunny referred to Roger as her partner and they became a formidable team. Fulfilling her lifelong promise "the best is yet to come" was still Roger's goal once Sunny passed on. We believed then and believe to this day, that Roger, who along with Michael Canalizo's wonderful handling skills, helped to create an indelible tribute to Sunny and the Grandeur line and it will forever live on.



Now to some lighter moments, here are a couple of memorable "Sunny stories." Please know, we have many, many more – as do many of our mutual friends, but space is limited. In fact, we're certain we could fill a book, but there are so few left who actually knew her, it probably would not become a bestseller. For those who did know

her, these will resonate. For those who didn't know her, please read and enjoy the character who was simply SUNNY.

At the time Sunny went to live at Roger's home full time, he decided he would change Sunny's image (ha!). He purchased all new clothes for her and tried to explain she would gain respect by "cleaning up her image." Nice try. Sunny was Sunny, as we all knew. We were

at the Boardwalk show in the late 70s, (in the years when it was at the Atlantic City Convention Center on real turf). Strolling down the Boardwalk, we spotted a T-Shirt in the window with two fried eggs on the front and the words "Sunny Side Up" – perfect gift, right? Well, we thought so and unfortunately so did Sunny. She LOVED it so much, much to our chagrin, she decided to put it on right then and there, in the middle of the dog show and proceeded to wear it into the ring. Pictures were taken, published in the dog publications and boy, were we ALL in trouble with Roger! Clean up her image? Really????



Sunny was also a legendary eater – thus her rotund persona. She particularly loved to go to Chinatown with friends after a dog show (our treat, of course) and nothing pleased her more than a great meal. At the same time as we ate this fantastic food, she was busy "liberating" service utensils, which she believed would be a perfect fit for a dog food can. On one occasion (as we were trying to act as though she wasn't with us), she took a long-handled ladle, and unceremoniously shoved it down into her ample cleavage, whilst we kicked each other under the table and tried to look casual. (It should be noted, Sunny used her cleavage as a filing system on a regular basis.) Well, at this communal table, there was a large Chinese family going about their business and eyeing us suspiciously. All at once, as we were trying to enjoy our meal, we noticed the long-handled spoon working its way out of her bosom and was visibly emerging, slowly creeping up to her neck. Did you ever want the ground to open up and swallow you whole? We pointed, she shoved it back down. Thankfully no one else noticed and we escaped unscathed, but this is stuff of which nightmares are made. We envisioned being chased down the street by the chef with a cleaver!



What follows is the “Sunny Shay Thesaurus” or as we call them...

“Sunnyisms”

HER EXPRESSION

SUNNY’S DEFINITION

<i>Ubiquitous</i>	~~~~~	<i>Someone who appears everywhere, especially those arriving just to defeat her</i>
<i>Upstanding</i>	~~~~~	<i>When asked by someone, “how do you like my dog?” - this was her one word answer so she didn’t offend</i>
<i>The purest water is at the well</i>	~~~~~	<i>Speaking about her own Grandeur dogs, so people would not go elsewhere</i>
<i>My own self</i>	~~~~~	<i>Speaking about herself. It was never just “myself”</i>
<i>Nicie</i>	~~~~~	<i>Her favorite expression of pleasure</i>
<i>A Doll’s House</i>	~~~~~	<i>Describing a perfectly lovely little home, which she would have dearly loved. (It finally happened for her in Dix Hills)</i>
<i>When in doubt, put ME up</i>	~~~~~	<i>Meaning – self-explanatory</i>
<i>Toasty</i>	~~~~~	<i>Cozy</i>
<i>Why Me God? Why Me?</i>	~~~~~	<i>Used frequently. Sunny’s life was like the Perils of Pauline</i>
<i>Always wear black underwear on a circuit</i>	~~~~~	<i>Unfortunately – very self explanatory, VERY Sunny! OUR FAVORITE!</i>

We have not touched on her pivotal Best In Show win at Westminster in 1957, because this story is legendary. How could a chubby, unconventional, Jewish girl, showing a 2-1/2 year old Afghan Hound win it all at Westminster? Well, it may remain a feat defying an equal, but the very independent and respected judge, Mrs. Beatrice Godsol did her own thing! The 1957 lineup was magnificent, containing some great ones, including the amazing Pekingese, Ch. Chik T’Sun of Caversham, who had been imported by none other than the renowned team of Nigel Aubrey-Jones and R. William Taylor for the Venables. (After winning three Toy Groups at the Garden, Chik T’Sun went BIS at Westminster in 1960.) We were young children and of course not present in 1957, but many who were, have regaled us with the stories. Legend has it, Sunny was so elated, she streaked through the hallways of the Hotel Pennsylvania nude, but she always denied it. She did fess up to the running and celebrating with great abandon, but insisted she was wearing “most of her clothes!”



Ch. Shir Khan of Grandeur, owner-handled by Sunny Shay going BIS under judge Bea Godsol at Westminster, 1957 (photo courtesy of Westminster Kennel Club).

To quote the late dog authority Nigel Aubrey-Jones, in his 1981 regular Dog World column, "The Dog Game," an article was titled, "Which Was The Greatest?" This was Nigel's take on Shirkhan:

"He's a King"

Ch. Shirkhan of Grandeur, the truly great Afghan owned by the late Sunny Shay, was first introduced to me on Third Avenue in New York City, in 1956. The fascinating and electric Sunny moved him on a loose lead up and down Third Avenue, with taxi and truck drivers hooting their horns while she flashed her eyes and teeth shouting, "He's a King!" Indeed he was, ignoring everybody and everything but Sunny, as he flowed through the traffic, his head and tail held high and proud. That was the only way he knew how to hold those two essentials of his breed. He created his own desert and you could almost see the sand and hear the wind of the Sahara on Third Avenue. I fell in love with him and could have bought him, and well remember telephoning my partner Bill Taylor to raise the money to own Shirkhan. It was as well we could not, as Sunny really belonged to him

and nothing could have broken the great bond that existed between them. I stayed a few days in New York to watch Shirkhan make his debut under the late Percy Roberts at the Queens show. He won Best In Show. From that day on, I felt I had a personal tie with one I consider as the greatest Afghan I have ever seen... the King!



As we are all aware, what occurred after this was dog stardom for both Sunny and Shirkhan. He was for many years, the top winning Afghan Hound sire of all time and was exhibited well into his teens by his beloved Sunny. They both were the stuff of which legends are made.

Lastly, the memory we dread relating the most. The day Sunny left us. It's been 35 years and it's a recollection that still brings us to tears. The show was Longshore-Southport KC, the date June 11, 1978. Sunny had traveled to the show on that date with Lee Canalizo, picking up Sunny's close friend Lorraine Munter along the way. Dennis and Roger were unable to make the show on that day and Susan traveled to Connecticut with Honi Reisman. As was always the custom, Susan chatted with Sunny prior to the breed judging and she seemed absolutely fine. With her that day, she had a beautiful puppy, a very young Blu Shah, as well as her specials dog, the regal Boy Blue. She entered the ring with Boy Blue, showing him to



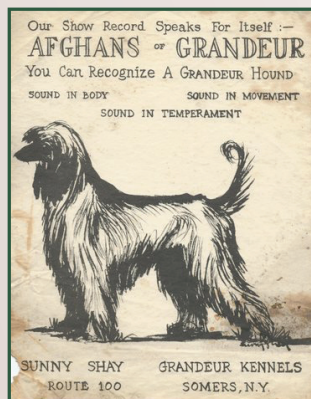
judge Sandy Schwartz and she circled the ring along with the rest of the Specials with no problem. Sandy did his examination and asked Sunny to go down and back. She ran down and just as she reached him on the back, she suddenly just collapsed

at his feet. Help ran into the ring, someone started CPR, paramedics were called and after what seemed an eternity (but was actually 12 minutes), an ambulance arrived. Susan went with Sunny in the ambulance and witnessed a frantic crew cut her out of her clothing and do everything possible to revive her, to no avail. Sunny never regained consciousness. The doctor called me into a private office and broke the news; they were unable to save her. My dear friend was gone and although I tried to be brave as I sat there alone, I lost it completely once Dennis and Roger arrived at the hospital an hour or so later. It was, simply said, a surreal moment and to this day one of the saddest events of my life.



As Babbie Tongren so aptly stated in her Afghan Hound International Memorial of Sunny: "There were lots of Sunny's friends at the show yesterday and dog people being dog people, enemies clung together and friends cried together and none of us wanted to go home. I kept thinking, 'this is silly, Sunny can't die, she'll be running around the ring next Sunday.' It's hard to believe dog shows without Sunny. There will be a gaping hole that will be pretty hard to fill. Everyone kept saying, 'this is how she'd want to go.' I guess so, but not yet.

Sunny was just 57 years old, a week shy of her 58th birthday which would have been on June 19th. We miss her still and always will. Please safeguard our precious breed, dear friends. Afghan Hounds were Sunny's life and we know she would appreciate your efforts. 🌸



Pictured above is Shirkan's SBIS photo after winning of our AHCA's 1959 National. (l to r) Don Smith, President, Sunny, C. K. Rickel (judge) and the puppy is Estioc El Malika.

Pictured right is a signed print by John Murphy, Jr. of Ch. Taj Akbaru, which after many years, still hangs in the Sprung's living room. While Susan was perusing her archives, she discovered Taj Akbaru had graced the cover of an old Grandeur brochure.



Midge's memories

Sunny Shay...mercurial; charming; exotic dancer; showing dogs with a magic touch, head back, running on tip-toe. She could sell igloos to Eskimos...and probably did!

Sunny was a master breeder, a charming shyster, a shrewd businesswoman, whose business practices would do credit to a Chicago politician. Yet we loved her because she was such a consummate dog woman....and a hoot!

She came to judge an Afghan Hound match in full gypsy regalia. Bill Moore looked up as she arrived ringside and pronounced, "She'll judge the match, then tell fortunes!"

As a handler, Sunny usually wore ballet slippers in the ring. We wore the same shoe size and, frequently at group time, she would approach me and say, "Midgie, I can't run in these...let me borrow your sneakers." So my sneakers would go in and help Sunny win the group!

She came to our house for a weekend when my children were toddlers. She was showing Ch. Rujha's Windman of Grandeur, a handsome dog with a great and plentiful coat. Sunny and Roy (Horn) were going to the show. I was staying home. At barely dawn, I heard footsteps in the hall, the shower running, then stop, and after a few minutes, giggles coming from Sunny's room. I got

by Midge Martin

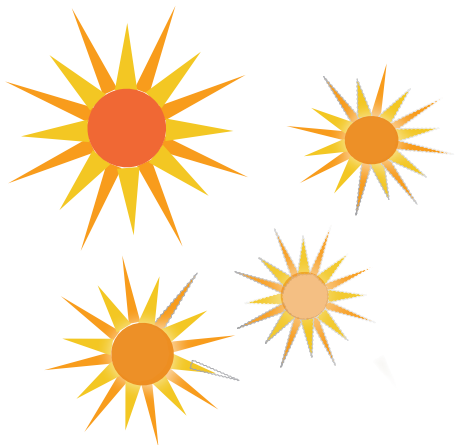
Kaihorn Afghans Hounds/Full Circle Wire Dachshunds

up to make coffee, and coming upstairs, found Sunny, Amy and Andy laughing and rolling around on the queen sized bed. Sunny was a Pied Piper to children, as she never grew up herself. After breakfast, Sunny and Roy prepared to leave for the show. I was still in my bathrobe and fuzzy slippers. As they were asking "Indy" to jump into the back of the station wagon, he demurred, backed out of his lead and took off down the block, me in my fuzzy slippers in hot pursuit. Roy got in the car to head him off, to no avail. Afghan Hounds are not dumb...he stopped at every corner to pee and to make sure I was still following him. He made a circuit of the block, stopping at almost every bush, trotted into our backyard and stood, tapping his foot, as if to say, "what took you so long?"

We got him in the car, crisis averted, and off they went to Timonium, MD where he won the breed and the group.

Such memories! Those were the days!





SUNNY



of Grandeur

by Carol Esterkin, Kaftan

Sunny Shay had a personal magnetism that drew people to her. She loved being in the spotlight and the dog show was her stage. She was the consummate showgirl! Her grace of movement in the ring was in total harmony with her partner at the end of the leash. It seemed that the leash was both a mental and physical connection to the dog. Dogs “came alive” under the “magic hands of Sunny Shay.”

Her magic with dogs was not her only attribute. She was a fun person to be with, and her enjoyment of life rubbed off on those around her. She was a talented artist which I think contributed to her talent as a breeder. She was a connoisseur of good food and a talented chef. I loved having her as a house guest!

Sunny had her own style of handling. She made her own rules and followed them in her own style. Going Best in Show at Westminster with her breeder/owner/handled marvelous Ch. Shirkhan of Grandeur insured her celebrity status and she took full advantage of that fame.



“Dominator” at 5 mos.

Not having a dog in the classes, she agreed. When she came out of the ring (I believe the dog went Reserve),

many long-time exhibitors who had seen the dog many times before, rushed up to her asking who the dog was and if he was available at stud. They were astounded when she gave them the owner’s name and the name of the dog. The dog had indeed come alive under her “magic hands” and handling skills.

Sunny had a fetish about being at the head of the line. She was sure the dog at the head of the line had a better chance of winning. This was way before so many judges insisted on “catalog order.” There were many other exhibitors who shared that belief

with her. At one particular show there was a huge Specials entry. At the ring entrance there was a lot of jockeying for position as exhibitors scrambled to be first in the ring lineup. When the ring steward called the class to enter, another exhibitor managed to gain the number one spot. Without missing a beat, Sunny walked outside the perimeter of the ring until she was in front of that first dog. She then gracefully ducked under the ring ropes and placed our dog first in line. I, for one, was flabbergasted that



Ch. Kaftan Khan of Grandeur finishing with a 5 pt. major under K. M. McDonald

anyone would even think to do this and better yet, get away with it!

I don’t think there was ever a more beautiful show site than that of the “old” Del Monte Kennel Club. That show was really a five-star event. Set on the Monterey Peninsula with mountain and ocean views, it was world famous for the picture postcard perfect area of Big Sur. Everything about it spelled GLAMOUR in capital letters. The excitement generated by this show was felt the moment our car entered the show grounds. Sunny was in her element! The judge was Bob Tongren,

husband to Babbie, Afghan Hound celebrities in their own right. The Afghan ring was huge to accommodate the large entry. Emerald green grass, cerulean blue sky with only an occasional cloud and a gentle ocean breeze all complemented our exotic hounds who filled the ring. Sunny was showing our Ch. Taj Arru of Grandeur (better known as Matthew).

In all my years associated with Afghan Hounds, I don't think there was one who ever came close to having Matthew's sweet and stable temperament. I was standing outside the ring talking to Sunny as Bob went about examining the entry. Sunny said to me: "Go across to the other side of the ring and stand there." "Why?" "Never mind, just go there." When I got to the opposite side of the ring I looked across and there was Sunny, moving her arm so that the leash was going in every direction making it look like the dog was struggling to get free. All of a sudden, Matthew's leash slipped off (with more



*Ch. Taj Arru of Grandeur -
BOB, Bob Tongren (also
GR 3, Ellsworth Gamble)*

than a little help from Sunny). With head and tail high, he floated across the center of the ring straight to me on the other side, completing a beautiful picture in a beautiful setting. Loose dogs do get attention, and Matthew did just that, from everyone in and around the

Afghan ring, including the judge! Sunny was not one to let her dog get lost in a crowd! Matthew got Best of Breed and garnered a Group 3 under Ellsworth Gamble.

Talking "dogs" with Sunny was an education. She made pedigrees come to life with discussions of dogs that she had known long ago or had used in her breeding program. She never described any dog in a negative way. I was blessed to have her as my mentor!

Her contribution to the breed was invaluable. Throughout the 60s, 70s and 80s, almost every top-winning Afghan Hound had "Grandeur" close up in their pedigree. Those

were the banner years for our breed in the show ring. To everyone today who owns, loves and admires Afghan Hounds, they owe homage to the great lady of the breed – Sunny Shay.



*Ch. Kaftan Khan of Grandeur -
WD/BOW Westminster, 1969; (judge, Wally Pede)*



A win photo from 1972



*A trophy designed
& created by Kay
Finch as a tribute to
Sunny's memory.*

THE MAGIC OF



Sunny Shay



Sunny "the gypsy" had the magic touch. As a handler, she could perform magic with any dog she deemed to show. Many times I would see Sunny in the ring and go "WOW! Who's that?" only to discover that it was a dog I had seen numerous times. With a gentle touch, her energy went down the lead and transformed them. Sunny was always willing to show a dog she admired, regardless of whose it was.



Sunny performed magic with children, too (she loved children). To this day, my younger brother (11 or 12 at the time) tells how he was captivated by Sunny and her charm, and how he was dumbstruck when Sunny pulled her lipstick and some cash from her bra. That was even cooler than her monkeys. I don't think Sunny ever owned a purse.

Once Sunny asked me to drive her to the airport so that she could ship a puppy. While I guarded the crate, Sunny, with puppy in hand, checked out those arriving at the counter. She approached a gentleman with a little girl about 5-years old. The little girl wanted to pet the puppy, and while she fawned over the puppy, Sunny worked her magic with the father. "Could you please take this puppy with you as excess baggage? It won't cost you anything and someone will be at the other end to pick it up. You don't have to do anything once you've checked in." The gentleman agreed, and the puppy was off to its new home. Back then there was no cost for excess baggage. Sunny said she did it all the time and never had a problem. She was a charmer!


Sunny had a sort of innocent magnetism and was guilty of all sorts of shenanigans. Reigh, Babbie, Kay (to name a few) had major disagreements with her at times, but in their hearts knew that she always worked for the betterment of



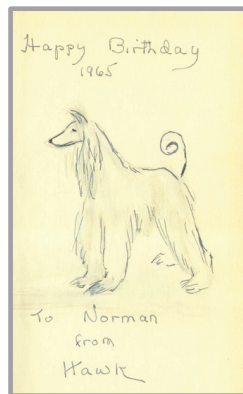
Sketch by Sunny

the breed. They always made up, and were friends again in short order.

Sunny was also a card reader (playing cards, not tarot). She read my cards once, shortly after I bought Hassan from her. She told me many things, but what I will never forget is when she told me I would one day win specialties and groups at dog shows (I bought Hassan as a PET and had never been to a show). She was right; I did win specialties and groups..... several times! It was magic!

The breed is worse off today for not having Sunny Shay and her Grandeur Afghan Hounds around. I still miss Sunny, her charm, her wit, her knowledge, her innocence and her magic. Thank you for all the memories, Sunny. 

by Henry Dietzgen, Mahimmar



Hawk



Sunny Shay

"Gypsy Genius"

By L. T. Payne
Bletchley Hall Afghans, New Zealand

Ever since the breed's introduction to both sides of the Atlantic, the Afghan Hound has attracted larger than life personalities.

None, however, have captured the imagination nor matched the mystique as has Sunny Shay.

Sunny valued her heritage and throughout her life portrayed a gypsy-like persona. Her parents left Eastern Europe at a time when anti-Jewish feeling was strong and where persecution was openly encouraged. From beginnings in a cramped sector of New York City, her father soon established a successful silk merchant business. He remained in the industry for the rest of his life.

Sunny's childhood was spent in a settled household in Upper Nyack with her parents, older sister Mildred and twin sister Dana. Sunny and Dana both loved dogs, and each was to manage her own grooming parlors in New York.

In 1941, the twins in their early 20s, bred the first Grandeur litter of Afghan Hounds. By this time Sunny was married to Evan Shay. The family soon grew. First a daughter, Gareen, followed by her son Thorne, who inherited his mother's much-admired olive complexion and raven black hair. The family did not stay together long, and it was from this time that Sunny began to focus strongly on breeding Afghan Hounds.

The foundation bloodlines of the Grandeur Afghan Hounds are diverse. The hounds of Q. A. Shaw McKean featured strongly in the early litters, mostly on the dams' sides of the pedigrees. At the same time, Sunny was amassing the bloodlines of many English imports. Her first litter was by Suleiman of Pommel Rock; the second by a son of Ch. Omar of Fort Worth and Sisi; and the third by Ch. Westmill Humayun of Catawba, all whelped in England.

At the same time, Sunny was creating a vast network of friends and acquaintances. Many were wealthy and well-connected in business and diplomatic circles.

She also began bringing Canadian lines, from Viola Fielden's 'of Ku' dogs, into the Grandeur base. This gave direct links to el Myia blood, based on Molly Sharpe's Chaman dogs in Scotland. The Ku dogs gave a further connection to McKean's stock. The most well-known result of Sunny's work incorporating Canadian breeding was Ch.



Taj Akbaru of Grandeur, sired by Nehru of Ku.

Far Away Loo is the most well-known of the early bitches used at Grandeur kennels. Loo was mostly McKean's breeding. However, while Sunny's first two purchases, the sisters Jac-A-Leen's Umtali and Doreborn's Karya were entirely from McKean's dogs, Loo added

further Westmill blood via a half-brother to McKean's foundation stud Westmill Omar. Loo's first litter was to Duke Afridi of Cy-Ann and her second to Zazerac of Elcoza a son of the English imported bitch Rani el Kabul.

It was her litters after she left the Grandeur kennel for which Loo was to become most famous. Loo was passed to the Khanhasset kennels where she produced Sunny's Ch. Khanhasset Ginger of Grandeur before producing Ch. Majara Mahabat for Marjorie and Dixon Lathrop. Sunny further focused on Far Away stock with the bitches Kuh-i-Baba and Bakhar.

It was through Ginger that Loo contributed to the pedigree of Sunny's most famous Afghan Hound, Ch. Shirkhan of Grandeur.

The path to Shirkhan is well mapped and recited. However, numerous other lines and influences shaped the Grandeur dogs both before and after him. One of the most significant earlier alternatives was first introduced through Bakhar: the blood of Tazi of Beg Tute and Saki of Paghman. It would be a further year and several litters later before Sunny would not only pick up this influence again, but made it a special focus and through her stud, Fatima's Ma Khmal Khan, also bringing in the Indian blood of Fatima. The unique feature of these Eastern imports was that they did not come via England but were infusions directly into American bloodlines.

Subsequent to both Shirkhan's birth and his BIS win at Westminster Kennel Club, Sunny was still focused on amassing bloodlines and continued this distinctive approach to the development of the kennel. Once again she was also using English sires on her US based bred bitches.

Shirkhan sired the most litters at Grandeur. However, the English males, Turkuman Nissim's Laurel and Kakashah Larch Tree sired around two-thirds and half as many, respectively as Shirkhan sired. Around ten litters each were sired by Hajji Baba, Taj Akbar, Blue Boy and Taj Akbaru, all of Grandeur.

Also in this mix was the lesser known Rajpur Rahman, who carried ben Ghazi and Crown Crest blood.

There appears to be a period where Sunny was creating a base reminiscent in type to her Khanhasset and Canadian bred bases of earlier years as strengthened by exotic Kouki of Grandeur who was by Westmill Razuran out of Ch. Barberryhill Dolly and bred by Venita Oakie.

However, things were to quickly end. In February 1977, Sunny's home in Hicksville, on New York's Long Island, caught fire and

many Afghan Hounds were lost. It could be said that the fire ended the diversity of bloodlines that had typified Grandeur in the four decades to that point. The breed was virtually left with a single strand of Grandeur tied to the immortal Shir Khan.

Until that devastating day, Grandeur was a tapestry, woven of type, bloodline and color. Sunny freely flaunted that mantle and wore it with pride, in true 'gypsy style'.



Ed. note: Our own Mary Blacker, inquiring about purchasing Afghan Hounds from Sunny Shay, received this letter from Sunny in 1952. Look at the date - way before Shir Khan! It is presented here unedited.

@ "Grand" Sunny letter to Mary

April 2, 1952

Dear Miss Mary Kenney,

Thank you for your inquiry about Afghans as I am always interested in anyone who is sincerely interested in furthering this wonderful breed. I have bred Afghans for about eighteen years and am the only one left of the first original breeders so you can therefore be sure I am pretty able to give sound and expert advice to the newcomer, as a matter of fact, I have written a series of articles for the Afghan Hound column in Dog World magazine which will begin in the April issues and continue.

I am the largest and most well known kennels of Afghans, having produced many champions and, of course, getting the highest award of Best Hound at Westminster with my outstanding black, Best-in-Show winner, Ch. Turkuman Nissim's Laurel. Therefore you will be assured of not only the best show possibility but breeding bloodlines unsurpassed. I have the combination of the leading winning strains of the Ch. Rudiki and Ch. Ali Khyber line with my own Turkuman line, which nobody else has. He is noted for producing huge coats of the proper silky consistency (not wooly like so many Afghans which is incorrect and mats badly and is difficult to care for). I also have the very rare Indian imported bloodlines which breeders today do not have. So I have out-breeding and line-breeding in my kennel.

I do not know whether you are aware of what an Afghan puppy looks like at a very young age but do not expect to see a fuzzy ball of fur as they are almost smooth like a cocker or ordinary shorthaired dog and only begin to acquire their coat at about four and a half to five months. The only thing you can rely on is the breeding behind the stock if it is heavily coated. As I have concentrated on huge coated paws, you can be pretty sure my stock will produce coats among other more important things such as soundness and style. A lot of the breeders neglected to worry about this when they were inbreeding for coats. I have seen far too many, and the majority of specimens today some sneaking into the ring with their tails between their legs and head to the ground. That is not true Afghan as he is the King of All He Surveys and should come into the ring boldly and upstanding, head up and tail up. I do not have any use for shyness or nasty temperament and everyone know that my Afghans are the best ring mannered in the country. One need never be ashamed of a Grandeur Afghan being shy and scary and not gaiting well. There is far too much shyness in the ring, which hurts the breed's popularity. I do not breed from shy strains and consequently have terrific, intelligent dispositions and personality in my puppies.

That is a slight description of my background as a breeder. Now we shall continue to answer your inquiry about the Hounds. First, all of my dogs are either registered or, if being very young, are properly able to be registered as I am in good standing at the A.K.C. so you will get their proper four or five generation pedigree as well as the registration.

I should like at this time to make a suggestion. You said you wanted two. I assume male and female, and you wanted light colored ones. Now if you intend to breed, raise, and produce Afghans of quality and good pigmentation, I suggest

you start with a black male or female for one puppy and a light for the second because if you start with two light ones, invariably you will run into light eyes and pink noses and poor pigmentation which so many of our present day Afghans are coming to and is repulsive. You will save yourself a lot of time, trouble, and expense by starting right and proper. I attribute most of my breeding success to being about the only one in the country specializing in blacks and in doing so have kept my pigmentation very strong, producing dark eyes and rims and good rich colors. Any good Afghan, whatever color, will be a show dog. This is my suggestion, atho (*sic*) if you insist I have every color from black to gorgeous blue roans, sables, creams, etc.

At this particular time I have just two black males available for sale as I have kept them myself from the litters as show prospects. They are about six months old and fully inoculated against distemper. As my puppies are in such huge demand, I very seldom have too many left after they are six months old. I had twenty-two puppies this fall and winter and they are all gone but the two black males and one black female which I am keeping myself. So you see my bloodlines are much sought after as when I breed my bitches, I primarily think of the best specimens to be produced for myself to carry on my kennel. So naturally anyone buying my puppies have the advantage of my years of experience with bloodlines to produce for them also.

I have a new litter whelped out of a daughter of my excellent Ch. Blue Boy of Grandeur by my Ch. Turkuman Nissims Laurel. They are about a week old and can be shipped in about 6 to 7 weeks from now. There are three black with tan markings on feet and over eyes and white paws, which is most unusual. We call it tri-color. There are three very pale almost white which will undoubtedly have dark eyes and black noses, which is even more striking for show than a black mask.

Now I am expecting three more litters within a month as I have bred three excellent bitches. One of these is my fabulous Ch. Khanhasset Ginger of Grandeur who was bred to Ch. Turkuman Nissims Laurel. Their last breeding produced the Best Puppy at the Afghan Hound Specialty Show this year and is the black bitch I intend keeping to finish her championship. One of the black males I offered you for sale is her brother. Now as this breeding is terribly in demand, I must know in advance if you would like one of the forthcoming litter as they are only sold on reservation. The breeding is as follows and combines the two winning strains today.

My Far Away Loo, who is the greatest producer of champions in this country and who was the dam of all Majara good dogs, is the foundation of my kennel. So you see, for producing quality, the above pedigree is extraordinarily good and well worth waiting for.

	<u>Ch. Turkuman Pomegranate</u>
	<u>Chota Nissim of Ringbank</u>
	<u>Turkuman Lotus Blossom</u>
<u>Ch. Turkuman Nissims Laurel</u>	
<i>Sire</i>	
Imported from England	
	<u>Kassar Khan</u>
	<u>Ch. Turkuman Camel Thorn</u>
	<u>Golden Rane</u>
	<u>Int. Ch. Rudiki of Prides Hill</u>
	<u>Pommel Rock Kashan</u>
<u>Ch. Khanhasset Ginger of Grandeur</u>	
<i>Dam</i>	
	<u>Shaitan Bedar</u>
<u>Far Away Loo</u>	
	<u>Cleopatra</u>

I have another excellent daughter of Far Away Loo. Tahtara of Grandeur, who is also following her mother's footsteps in producing champions. She produced the Best-in-Show winner, Ch. Turkuman Tar of Grandeur, now owned by people in Pittsburgh, and who is a gorgeous, heavy-coated black male, and Ch. Khan of Grandeur, etc. She is now in whelp to an Indian bred dog that has not been shown as yet but I have sold him for a huge price and I will probably show him for the new owner. He is by a grand dog, Ch. Hakim of Grandeur (Indian-bred)

who finished his championship in three shows. His dam is Ch. Khanhasset Ginger. So that should produce something interesting.

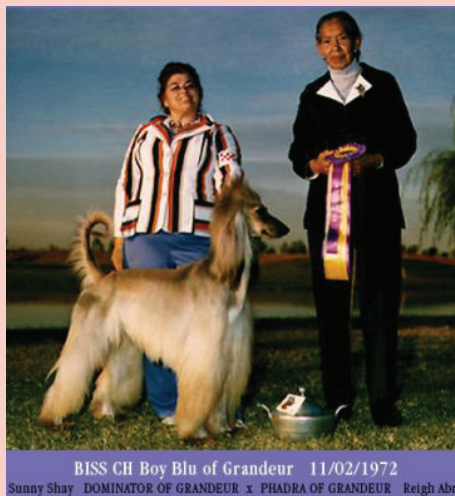
And I have a lovely blue Afghan bitch called Blue Pearl of Grandeur who is bred to Turkuman Nissims Laurel so there is quite a selection of breedings to choose from.

You remind me very much of when I was a young girl because I was about fifteen when I first had my Afghans and I had to save my pennies for my first pair to the tune of \$1500 for at that time they were exceedingly expensive. Therefore I shall do anything in my power to help you get two nice puppies that you can show and be proud to own, if you would like to purchase them from me. I also suggest for you if you would like – to give me the opportunity to leave it to my discretion to send you the puppies which I think will be best suited for your purposes and I will try to see you get the best you can have as I am anxious to have my dogs get shown in the mid-west.

If you are interested in any of the above litters, please let me know as soon as possible as I can plan which to send to you, etc. As I said before, I have quite a waiting list, but am quite impressed by your youth and apparent sincerity. As a rule I don't sell my Afghans so cheaply, but will do so in your case and we can work out some arrangement for your payments so they won't be too hard for you, etc.

Sincerely yours,

Sunny Shay





Far Away Loo

Ed. note: Long ago and far away – the beginning of the Afghan Hound – so it seems only fitting that we highlight an Afghan Hound bitch named Far Away Loo.

Far Away Loo has fascinated me for years, probably because when I started in Afghan Hounds, I began a correspondence with Marjorie Walker of Far Away Kennels. Marjorie responded to my letters with information about the breed and we exchanged letters for about a year.

But more than that, Loo was Sunny Shay's foundation bitch at Grandeur, and Sunny is our special feature in this issue.

Far Away Loo, a self-masked red bitch born in 1939, bred by Marjorie Walker of the Great Barrington - Stockbridge, Massachusetts area, pops up frequently in old pedigrees. A double granddaughter of *Ch. Badshah of Ainsdart*, her pedigree contains some of the old-time imports. Loo's sire, black and tan *Shaitan Bedar*, was a son of *Ch. Badshah* out of the red bitch, *Cleopatra* also sired by *Badshah*, with some Westmill and Ghazni on both sides.

Loo, purchased as Grandeur's foundation bitch from Marjorie Walker, whelped five litters, the first in 1942. Under Sunny Shay's ownership when bred to a dog of Cy Rickel's breeding, *Duke Afridi of CyAnn*, *Loo* produced nine pups, all retained by Sunny: *Ayeshah*, *Fimagh*, *Gurkha*, *Ibnu Afridi*, *Kimah*, *Siab-Posh*, *Surzi*, *Tahtara* and *Zori* all of Grandeur.

Loo's second litter, in 1943, also bred by Sunny Shay, was sired by *Zazerac of Elcoza* and produced *Zaraca* and *Ka'ba El Amin* both of Grandeur.

Under Leah and Macky McConaha's ownership, when bred to *Ch. Ali Khyber* in 1944, *Loo* produced: *Ch.*

Khanhasset Ginger of Grandeur, owned by Sunny Shay. *Ch. Khanhasset Kush of Five Mile* went to Marion Florsheim (Five Mile), and *Ch. Khanhasset Kairusan*, who went to Charlie Costabile (Kandika). Also in the litter, but not finished were *Khanhasset's Khan*, *Khanhasset's Tongha*, *Khanhasset's Kairoun*, *Khanhasset's Kaido Khan* and *Khanhasset's Krishia*.

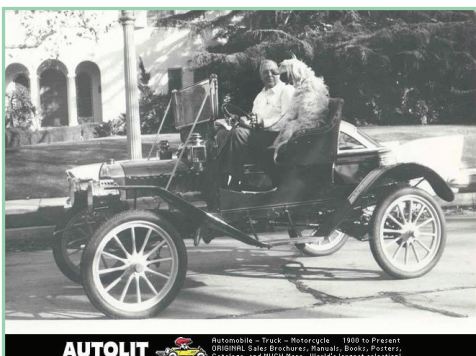
The McConahas bred *Loo* a second time to *Ch. Ali Khyber* in 1945. This litter produced *Kaisley*, *Karylin*, *Kieva* and *Kishna* all of *Khanhasset*.

It was under Marjorie Jagger Lathrop's ownership that *Loo*, when bred to *Ch. Karach of Khanhasset* in 1946, produced the beginning of the Majara dynasty with *Chs. Majara Mahabat*, *Mustapha*, *Nur-Mahal*, *Mihri*, *Mahmoud* and *Mota Raja*. *Kudu-Khan of Khanhasset* and *Majara Murad* are the only two in the litter that did not finish.

Of the 32 offspring *Loo* produced, nine finished their American championships.

These prolific dogs are found in many pedigrees today.

By Sue Hamlin

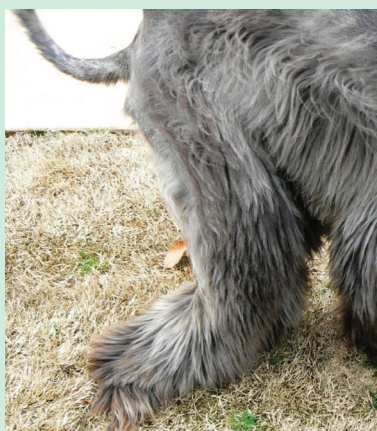


Ed. note: Many thanks to Calvena Evetts who brought MPS 1 to our attention, and wrote the following manuscript about her experiences with Rigel during the past year. Calvena's candor, along with that of Amy Roush, and their tenacity in following the clues that led to the discovery of MPS 1, are to be commended.

Our gratitude and thanks also to Dr. Urs Giger at the University of Pennsylvania Metabolic Genetics Laboratory who read Cal's manuscript and provided insight and clarification. Dr. Giger, the Charlotte Newton Sheppard Professor of Medicine, may be reached at giger@vet.upenn.edu.



Rigel



MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS 1

In 2012, a new (and, at this time, we do not know how rare) genetic disorder was discovered in Afghan Hounds. Had it not been for two adorable puppies, littermates *Rigel* and *Trudy*, born February 14, 2012, and the joint persistence and teamwork of both Amy Roush, *Trudy's* owner, and me (Calvena Evetts), *Rigel's* owner, the discovery might not have been made. The breeder in Germany had put Amy and me in touch with each other via email to arrange shipping to Atlanta. After the pups' arrival, I drove to Kentucky, met Amy for the first time, and delivered *Trudy* to her.

The pups, sold as top-quality show dogs, arrived in Atlanta together from Germany in April 2012, not quite three months old. They seemed like normal puppies, except *Rigel* was very thin and his pasterns were slightly lowered (appeared down in the pasterns). *Trudy* was small for her age and her pasterns were slightly lowered as well.

We contacted each other a few weeks after I delivered *Trudy* to Amy, and started sharing info about the abnormalities we were finding in each pup and how similar their symptoms were. We stayed in almost daily contact until we received the diagnosis of MPS 1. We still talk every few weeks, but there is little to discuss since this is now a waiting game.

Lots of questions were asked of the breeder, but she insisted they were both healthy and had passed their health exam to travel to the US. She stated they had been running on hard surfaces which she indicated was the most likely cause of the abnormality of their paws, and that *Rigel* would be "houndy," attributing that to his low weight.

As time passed, *Rigel* kept developing more symptoms, along with failure to gain weight and slight lethargy. Stool exams revealed severe coccidia for which he was treated, and was followed weeks

later by *Giardia* and then another bout of coccidia. *Trudy* developed what appeared to be slipping hocks and also had a mild case of coccidia, and then a second bout of coccidia. The consensus was that both pups arrived with parasite infestations from having been exposed to exotic birds and could not fight off the infestations with their weakened immune systems.

After clearing all the parasites, *Rigel* still failed to gain weight and his pasterns became worse. Both *Trudy* and *Rigel* have consistently remained 10-12 pounds underweight for their age. I continued to look for an answer to *Rigel's* health issues, consulting with two local veterinarians. Amy worked with her local vet, and also took *Trudy* for additional evaluations to a vet in Ohio who has experience with Afghan Hounds.

My vet thought we had discovered the real culprit with a high bacterial count in *Rigel's* bowel that was treated for several weeks and cleared, but his symptoms did not change. His lab tests were basically normal except for a few slightly elevated values that did not point to any certain cause. His rear legs then started appearing weaker and his hocks started slipping. To date, *Rigel* has experienced two documented seizures. The seizures suggest that the brain is also affected.

In the meantime, Amy also continued evaluations of *Trudy* to find what was causing her symptoms. No one had an answer, so we agreed that we would take both pups to a university college of veterinary medicine. I chose Auburn University and Amy chose Ohio State University.

I spent two days at Auburn with *Rigel*, saw nearly every specialist, and a multitude of tests were done. *Trudy* went through the same experience at Ohio State. I was sent home with no diagnosis for *Rigel* and was told that we may never know what is wrong with him. Amy was sent home with a more suspected diagnosis for *Trudy* of lysosomal storage disease.

Dr. Byron at Ohio State, who was overseeing the clinical exams for *Trudy*, said he had seen similar symptoms in three other dogs of different breeds in 15 years of practice.

I then contacted Auburn and asked them to please communicate with Ohio State. Shortly after, we returned to both universities to have urine and blood samples sent to the University of Pennsylvania's Metabolic Genetics Laboratory. We were ultimately notified that the pups did indeed have Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS), a form of lysosomal storage disease, but we would have to wait for a while longer to find out what type of MPS they had. There are seven types. We recently learned they have MPS 1.

Amy and I spent many hours talking to the veterinarians at both universities. I was advised at Auburn that since Afghan Hounds are closely bred, they were not surprised to see a recessive disease develop in our breed. Inbreeding does not cause mutations but the expression of recessive diseases because of the more frequent occurrence of homozygosity.

However, they also felt that *Trudy* and *Rigel* may not have been the first Afghan Hounds to be affected by this disorder, because many people do not go to the lengths that Amy and I have gone to find out what is wrong with our dogs. Also, the symptoms may not always be the same.

Rigel and *Trudy* are in the early stages, affecting their connective tissue and muscles. *Rigel's* symptoms are more advanced than *Trudy's* at this time.

The disorder will eventually clinically affect their eyes, brain, heart and lungs. Currently, there is no treatment or cure for MPS 1. *Rigel* and *Trudy* are only expected to live to the age of two or so. Scientists at Ohio State and Auburn University are both writing papers on their findings at this time.

I must make this very important point – both the dam AND the sire must carry one defective gene for MPS 1 to produce a puppy or puppies with the genetic disorder that has both defective genes (alleles). I have been told by Auburn that we cannot point a finger at any particular line in their pedigree without further studies, since the recessive genes may have been in the gene pool for many generations. However, Dr. Giger indicates that a look at the pedigree and a study of some of the ancestors would help to attain a better understanding.

Unfortunately for this litter, both the dam and the sire carried the recessive gene. The breeder had no way of knowing this when the breeding took place. I would like everyone in our

breed to take that to heart, and understand how imperative it is that we work together to establish a health database for our wonderful Afghan Hounds. We need to be aware of what is out there and learn how we can wisely manage and prevent this and other disorders in the future.

Dr. Urs Giger says his lab at Penn, which made the MPS 1 diagnosis in Afghan Hounds as well as other lysosomal storage diseases in other breeds, is continuing to work on MPS 1. At present, they can determine if a dog is affected by testing urine and serum samples. Blood enzyme testing may be done to check for carriers, but a DNA test is a little more accurate and not affected by shipping. It will take time, but hopefully a DNA test will be developed to identify those carriers of the mutant gene prior to breeding.

I would also like to mention that all current studies of MPS 1 in canines and felines are being used for human treatment. Children born with this disorder have an average life expectancy of 7-10 years of age.

Dr. Giger states "MPS 1 is not common in dog and cats, and although at this time we do not have a DNA test for Afghan Hounds, but we are interested to learn about any other affected dogs and pursue further studies. It might be really helpful to have them regularly examined to document the progression of the disease. If people have affected dogs and want them or their relatives tested, that can certainly be done."

To learn more about Mucopolysaccharidosis 1, and lysosomal storage disease, please visit *Trudy* and *Rigel's* web site: <http://2houndtails.wordpress.com>. Thanks to my friend, Connie Merrill Schachel, for developing a web site about *Rigel* and *Trudy* and this newly documented genetic disorder in Afghan Hounds.

Amy and I are both faced with having to make the decision when it is time to let each of them go, but for now they are happy dogs and love life.

As *Rigel* and *Trudy* have just passed their first birthday, the time clock is ticking. It will break my heart to let *Rigel* go, but I will make that decision when I know he is starting to be in pain. I may have to put soft braces on him soon as his front legs appear to be getting weaker and his hind legs can barely support him. Despite this, he manages to get around quite well in the house and in the yard. He is a happy boy and the sunshine in my day.



Submitted by Calvena Evetts



All Ears FOR THIS NOTICE!



The newly updated AHCA Membership Directory will be mailed in early June. You will find the 2014 National Specialty Show Judges Nomination Form included with your directory. There will be a notice on the outside of the envelope stating that the Nomination Form is enclosed. Be sure to look for it, fill it out and return it to me no later than July 1, 2013. Due to the US Postal Service not delivering all the mail these days, please notify me if you do not receive your directory and the enclosed nomination form.

Barb Bornstein
AHCA Recording Secretary

Before you "Meet the Breeds" on the following page, "Meet Kepi!", pictured right. Kepi (High Flying Kepi of Synergion) was the AHCA 2012 ASFA Best of Breed & Best in Event at our last National. The picture became available to **TN** after we had gone to press, so we are happy to share now. Kepi is owned Ernest Abresch; bred by Ernest Abresch & Mike O'Neill. Judges were Rita Figg & Donna Richards. Far right is...another "blast from the past" ad. Enjoy!

Please contact me directly at dancingtree@trims.com if you have any changes to address/phone/email, etc., prior to May 15th. Thanks!



Our AHCA Board - working hard for us...and they're still smiling!

Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida
December 15 - 16, 2012

M eet THE BREEDS *ore than a pretty face*



Marcia and Dom Morelli, as Breed Education Chairs, hosted the AKC Eukanuba National Championship dog show Meet the Breeds AHCA Afghan Hound booth, an event where over 200 dog breeds were represented.

The booth theme, "The Afghan Hound - More Than Just a Pretty Face," focused on the performance attributes of this beautiful exotic breed. Half of the booth featured a fashionable mannequin with a full size stuffed Afghan Hound posed in a photo shoot with the lighted banner bearing the theme. The other half of the booth featured a photo backdrop of a desert scene with landscape lighting and foliage props to simulate the terrain. An artist's drawing of a hunter with his dog was added at the base of the backdrop. In the middle was a faux wall constructed to feature a television framed by a window to give the appearance of looking into a field watching Afghan Hound lure coursing.

The booths are judged based on several educational points, the dogs present, and the knowledge of the people staffing the booth. The booth won a Hound Group 4 which is special as there was some tough competition. AKC President Dennis Sprung visited the booth and called it "enchanting."

Although the booth looked terrific, the real stars were the dogs. In attendance were veteran champions, future champions - including puppies, and a very special rescue dog. Most of the credit goes to the people who came to the convention center, fought the parking and crowds to help staff the booth and meet the public. They were: Janie Getz with Jasper, Andrew Taylor, Kathryn and Al Pemberton with Ben, Sonny Tremarki, Jim Reynolds with Austin, Jesus Llano with Diedra and Diamond, and Rita and Mark Hendrix with Violet and baby Tink, and of course our Bell and Spirit.

It was a long, exhausting, but fun and rewarding weekend. What makes it even more rewarding? A couple who came by the booth last year and ended up adopting one of our rescues, stopped by this year to let us know how much they absolutely love their girl, how much joy she has brought to their lives, and how they can't imagine life without her. They even showed us tons of pictures that brought tears to Marcia's eyes. What a happy ending!

We would also like to thank Linda Jackson for turning on the electricity and handling the expenses and Becky Morisette and Helen Stein for the lure coursing videos.

by Dom & Marcia Morelli



An Artist's Eye A KAY FINCH VIDEO

The wonderful video produced by Kay's grandson, Dan Finch, made its debut and was previewed at the 2012 National Awards' dinner in Atlanta.

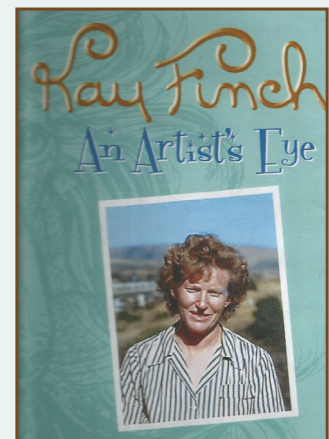
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CLUB	DATE	REGULAR CLASSES	SWEEPS	JR. SHOW-MANSHIP	SHOW SEC'Y	LOCATION
Afghan Hound Club of California	4/12/13	Stephen Fisher	Bruce Clark	n/a	Blue Ribbon Dog Shows	Oak Canyon Park, Silverado, CA
Afghan Hound Club of Dallas (AM)	4/27/13	James Dalton	n/a	n/a	Clay Williams	Southfork Ranch, Parker, TX
Afghan Hound Club of Dallas (PM)	4/27/13	Tom Cozzoni	Norma Cozzoni	n/a	Clay Williams	Southfork Ranch, Parker, TX
Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey	5/3/13	Eugene Blake	Neva Johnson	n/a	Judy Brandenburg	Mercer County Park, West Windsor, NJ
Tara Afghan Hound Club	5/25/13	Lucy Orlowski	Linda Kolb	Lucy Orlowski	Karen Mays	Holiday Inn Atlanta Perimeter, Atlanta, GA
Tara Afghan Hound Club	5/26/13	Debbie Petersen	Marla Lutrick	Debbie Petersen	Karen Mays	Holiday Inn Atlanta Perimeter, Atlanta, GA
Afghan Hound Club of St. Louis	6/1/13	Kitty Steidel	Billy Webb	n/a	Jan Henry	Purina Farms Event Center, Gray Summit, MO
Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club	6/1/13	Joanne Buehler	Jeff Bracken	n/a	Dorma Sue Busby	Best Western, Whitmore Lake, MI
Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club	6/2/13	David Frei	Anita Richards	n/a	Dorma Sue Busby	Best Western, Whitmore Lake, MI
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Chicago (AM)	6/7/13	Barry Deitch	n/a	n/a	Carol Glowczynski	Pilcher Park, Joliet, IL
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Chicago (PM)	6/7/13	Rachel Irvin	Emmet Roche	n/a	Carol Glowczynski	Pilcher Park, Joliet, IL
Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club	6/10/13	Sandy Weinraub	Pattii Norsworthy	n/a	MB-F	Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo, CA
Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club	6/16/13	David Cochran	TBD	Melissa Heyman	Amy Mero	Motel 6 Vernon, CT

CLUB	DATE	REGULAR CLASSES	SWEEPS	JR. SHOW-MANSHIP	SHOW SEC'Y	LOCATION
Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club	6/22/13	Edna (Midge) Martin	Peg Coffman	Edna (Midge) Martin	MB-F	Fireman's Field, Rush, NY
Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club	8/23/13	Russell McFadden	Leslie Stoffels	Russell McFadden	Onofrio Dog Shows	Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo MN
Evergreen Afghan Hound Club	8/2/13	*Jayne Edwards	*Jennifer Taylor	Bill Russell	Patricia Shaw	Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA
Midwest Afghan Hound Club	8/9/13	Ramon Podesta	Billy Webb	n/a	Holly Miller	Lorain County Showgrounds, Henrietta Twp, Oberlin, OH
Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio (PM) <i>Limited to 100</i>	8/10/13	Gene Vaccaro	TBD	TBD	TBD	Lorain County Showgrounds, Henrietta Twp. Oberlin, OH
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus (PM) <i>Limited to 100</i>	8/11/13	James Dalton	Pam McQueen	n/a	Dayne Jordan	Lorain County Showgrounds, Henrietta Twp. Oberlin, OH
Afghan Hound Club of America	9/25/13-9/28/13	Lee Canalizo (B & I) Dominique Denis (D)	Chris Terrell	Katie Effert	Dorma Sue Busby	Holiday Inn (airport) Portland, OR
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland (AM) <i>Limited to 100</i>	9/29/13	Val Hansen (D & I) Dominique Denis (B)	n/a	n/a	Dorma Sue Busby	Holiday Inn (airport) Portland, OR
Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (PM) <i>Limited to 100</i>	9/29/13	Claire Millward	n/a	n/a	Dorma Sue Busby	Holiday Inn (airport), Portland, OR
Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Association	10/6/13	Linda Bishop-Saunders	Roni Zucker	Alicia Reeds	Hans Holderman	Clinton Elks Picnic Grounds, Annandale, NJ
Afghan Hound Club of Austin	10/19/13	Kalen Dumke	n/a	n/a	Carlos Chujoy	Bell County Expo Center, Belton, TX
Carolina Afghan Hound Club	10/19/13	Mickey Koss	Amy Wentling	n/a	Caroline Jonker	Piedmont KC Showplace, Charlotte, NC
Carolina Afghan Hound Club	10/20/13	Reggie Nesbitt	Don Powell	n/a	Caroline Jonker	Piedmont KC Showplace, Charlotte, NC

***pending AKC confirmation**

Notice: All Regional Clubs

The regional club chairman approves regional specialty shows and their dates, based on the required guidelines submitted to and approved by the AHCA. Then judges, show sites, etc., must be approved by the AKC. (On the AHCA website, see Regional Clubs - Guidelines). Once show dates are approved by the AHCA and then the AKC, please forward all approved (or pending) information to Topknot News editor, Sue Hamlin shh3@cornell.edu for inclusion in the next Topknot News.



REGIONAL CLUBS AND THE PARENT CLUB

There is often a misunderstanding concerning the relationship between the Regional Specialty Clubs and the Afghan Hound Club of America.

The question you are probably asking is: "Why does the AHCA have to approve a Regional Specialty Club show, prior to the Regional Club submitting the show information to AKC for approval?" While the AHCA is a national organization, with members throughout the United States, it is impossible for a Parent Club to reach all parts of the country on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Therefore, the American Kennel Club has directed all Parent Clubs to pass this responsibility on to their Regional Specialty Clubs. Sometime ago, the AHCA Board of Directors worked with the AKC to establish required guidelines for Regional Specialty Show date approval, and in 1995, the AHCA membership voted to endorse these guidelines.

The objectives of the AHCA are to "preserve and protect the breeding of pure-bred Afghan Hounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection; to encourage the organization of independent local Afghan Hound Specialty Clubs in those areas where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed; to urge members and breeders to be guided by the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club, and to accept it as the only standard of excellence by which Afghan Hounds shall be judged; to do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the Afghan Hound and to encourage sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows; and to conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club." It is through each Regional Club that newcomers, and the public, are provided with these values when the Parent Club cannot be there.

Another area where the Regional Club is vital to the objectives of the AHCA is through its Specialty Shows. The AHCA needs to know that each and every club is meeting the guidelines AKC has directed us to put forth. At Sanctioned Matches and Specialty Shows, newcomers can meet seasoned people within

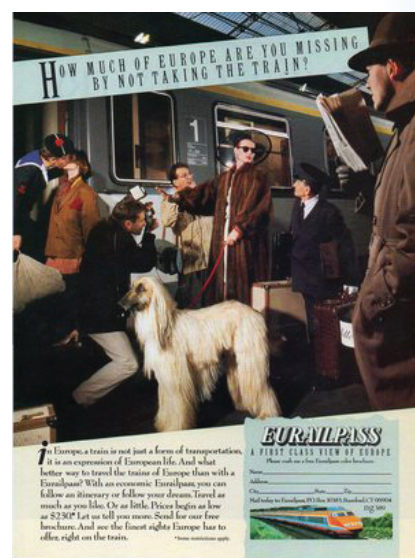
our breed and begin to receive guidance. It is also here where the newcomer can view the best our breed has to offer and they will soon realize that Afghan Hound is something we seriously wish to protect and preserve.

The AHCA is very fortunate to have wonderful people working at the National level to steer Regional Club rescue workers. The Parent Club cannot always be on hand, and Regional Club members greatly serve our breed by opening doors to save unwanted and neglected Afghan Hounds. Unfortunately, rescue has become a top priority in today's world of Afghan Hounds.

Don't ever think for one minute that a Regional Club is not meaningful to the AHCA. Each and every Regional Club is vitally important and we want all Regional Clubs to be strong and dedicated. The AHCA does understand that today things are difficult due to the dwindling economy, the dwindling numbers of our breed and the dwindling number of persons who wish to work within a Regional Club. The guidelines established at AKC's request are there to help each Regional Club form a sound organization. Begin with the AHCA objective of encouraging sportsmanlike conduct at shows. Help your fellow competitor and lend a hand to the newcomer. Regional Clubs are a strong element and an associate of the Afghan Hound Club of America!

When each Regional Club submits its information packet to our AHCA Regional Club Chairman, it is very important to submit all of the required information contained in the Club packet right from the get-go. This may easily be accomplished by scrolling down the list of established guidelines, item by item, so that nothing is omitted. Remember too, the AHCA Regional Club Chairman must also follow the rules of the AHCA and the AKC, and will give Regional Clubs the best help they can. It's a two-way street. Be sure to drive on the right side.

Note: The established guidelines for Specialty Show Date Approval may be found on the AHCA website, under the Regional Club section listed as "Guidelines."



Regional Specialty Winners

Greater Portland Afghan Hound Club (entry 6-10-8-3)

January 19, 2103

Judge: Dr. Gareth Morgan-Jones, regular classes

Judge: Donna Johnson, sweepstakes (entry 8)

BOB: **GCh. Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (dog)**

BOS: **GCh. Stormhill's Sweet Dreams of Raffica (bitch)**

BOW and WB: **Polo's Peek a Blue**

WD: **Polo's Special Forces**

RWD: **Scented Bobby Orr**

RWB: **FCh. Perfection Nalika it Happened One Night SC**

Select Dog: **GCh. Polo's Air Force One**

Select Bitch: **Ch. Raffica's Jamocha of Tru'Gait**

Best Puppy: **Polo's Peek a Blue**

Best Bred By: **Chichic's You're The One That I Want**

Best in Sweeps: **Polo's Special Forces**

Best Opposite Sweeps: **Polo's The Geisha Doll**

Afghan Hound Assoc. of Long Island (entry 18-15-15-7)

February 10, 2013

Judge: Hal Biermann, regular classes

Judge: Owen Greecham, sweepstakes (entry 14)

BOB: **Ch. Scaramouche The Show Must Go On**

BOS: **GCh. Al-Nacira Bint Roula Von Haussman**

BOW and WB: **Hafiza Aviad Von Haussman**

WD: **MyWay's From Here to Eternity**

RWD: **Nopera's Rolls Royce**

RWB: **Nopera's Lexus**

Select Dog: **Ch. Exlysta Aries Ciel Nior**

Select Bitch: **GCh. Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz and Glam**

Award of Merit: **GCh. Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (dog)**

Award of Merit: **GCh. Exlysta Reflects The Sky**

Best Puppy: **Xenos Composer**

Best Bred By: **MyWays From Here to Eternity**

Best Sweeps: **Paladin Let The Music Play of Spice Hill**

Best Opp. Sweeps: **Stillwinds Ecco Boannes Forbidden Fruit**

Tidewater Afghan Hound Club (entry 20-22-11-8)

March 2, 2013

Judge: Reggie Nesbitt, regular classes

Judge: Dorma Sue Busby, sweepstakes (entry 21)

BOB: **Ch. Jolie Orion (dog)**

BOS: **GCh. Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz and Glam (bitch)**

BOW and WD: **Kasban Sura Bell Bottom Blues**

WB: **Jamna Winsong Heavenly Delight**

RWD: **Rustic Mahali Hey Jude**

RWB: **Klacie's Slow Dancin With The Moon**

Select Dog: **Ch. Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (dog)**

Select Bitch: **Ch. Xandali Taza Au Contraire (bitch)**

Award of Merit: **GCh. Jolie Paparazzi (dog)**

Award of Merit: **Jamna Winsong Heavenly Delight (bitch)**

Best Puppy: **Colour My World of Meadow Valley**

Best Bred By Exhibitor: **Kasban Sura Bell Bottom Blues**

Best in Sweeps: **MyWays Me and My Shadow**

Best Opposite Sweeps: **Deloubelle Maya Iceman Cometh**

Tidewater Afghan Hound Club (entry 20-22-10-7)

March 3, 2013

Judge: Gill Ullom, regular classes

Judge: Sue Games, sweepstakes (entry 19)

BOB: **Ch. Jolie Orion (dog)**

BOS: **GCh. Jakar An Affair Most Wicked (bitch)**

BOW and WB: **Kasban Envy Me**

WD: **Rustic Mahali Hey Jude**

RWD: **Deloubelle Maya Iceman Cometh**

RWB: **Kasban Icy Blue Déjà vu**

Select Dog: **Ch. Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (dog)**

Select Bitch: **Ch. Pahlavi Itz My Turn! (bitch)**

Award of Merit: **GCh. Kamy Heir to Poseidon of Spice Hill (dog)**

Award of Merit: **Ch. Xandali Taza Au Contraire (bitch)**

Best Puppy: **Kasban Icy Blue Déjà vu**

Best Bred By Exhibitor: **Kasban Envy Me**

Best in Sweeps: **Kasban Icy Blue Déjà vu**

Best Opposite Sweeps: **Deloubelle Maya Iceman Cometh**

Potomac Afghan Hound Club (entry 14-13-10-5)

March 16, 2013

Judge: Steve Kelly, regular classes

Judge: Debby Webb, sweepstakes (entry 10)

BOB: **Ch. Exlysta Aries Cel Noir (dog)**

BOS: **Ch. Xandali Taza Au Contraire (bitch)**

BOW and WB: **Genesis Candescence JC**

WD: **Cynergy's Airforce One**

RWD: **Noperas Rolls Royce**

RWB: **Scaramis Girl Power At Regle**

Select Dog: **GCh. Verpatsha's the Rocketeer O'R Cynergy**

Select Bitch: **GCh. Komar's Wild Violette Skye**

Best Puppy: **Color My World of Meadow Valley**

Best in Sweeps: **Kasban Icy Blue Déjà vu**

Best Opposite Sweeps: **Cynergy's Airforce One**

Potomac Afghan Hound Club (entry 17-14-10-6)

March 17, 2013

Judge: Deirdre Petrie

BOB: **Ch. Exlysta Aries Cel Noir**

BOS: **Ch. Xandali Taza Au Contraire**

BOW and WB: **Genesis Candescence JC**

WD: **Nopera's Rolls Royce**

RWD: **MyWays On The Town**

RWB: **Scaramis Girl Power At Regle**

BBE: **MyWays From Here To Eternity**

Select Dog: **Ch. Scaramouche Show Must Go On**

Select Bitch: **Ch. Pahlavi On Broadway**

Best Puppy: **Kasban Icy Blue Déjà vu**

Best Bred By: **MyWays From Here To Eternity**

Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Assoc. (entry 9-8-10-4)

March 15, 2013

Judge: Robert Godfrey

Judge: Anne Evans (entry 10)

BOB, BOW, WB: **Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura**

BOS: **Ch. Maya's Mockingbird**

WD: **Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura**

RWD: **Navarra Edge of Darkness**

RWB: **Jorogz' Domino Xana**

Select Dog: **Ch. Celestian Amigo**

Select Bitch: **(withheld)**

Award of Merit: **Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura (dog)**

Award of Merit: **Ch. Jorogz' Moonbeam (bitch)**

Best Puppy: **Jorogz' Domino Xana**

Best Bred By: **Jorogz' Ember Blue**

Best in Sweeps: **Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura**

Best Opposite Sweeps: **Hassan's Moves Like Jagger**

Regional Specialty Winners

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix (entry 11-10-10-5)

March 16, 2013

Judge: Duane Butherus, regular classes

Judge: Darlene Anderson, sweepstakes (entry 9)

BOB: **GCh. Sanre' Mystic Soul of Jamocha**

BOS: **Jamocha Sanre' A Little Mystique**

BOW and WD: **Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura**

WB: **Hassan's Spirit in the Dark**

RWD: **Jorogz' Ember Blue**

RWB: **Wynsyr-Summerwinds Paladin Mimosa at Khandu**

Select Dog: **GCh. Mahali Arriva Sandpiper**

Select Bitch: **Ch. Boanne's Hearts Are Wild of York**

Award of Merit: **Ch. Maya's Mockingbird**

Award of Merit: **Ch. Summerwinds Demand Attention, JC**

Best Puppy: **Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura**

Best Bred By: **Summerwinds Paladin MoGlaMoUs Wynsyr**

Best in Sweeps: **Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura**

Best Opposite Sweeps: **Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura**

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix (entry 10-10-9-3)

March 17, 2013

Judge: Russel "Sandy" Fletcher, regular classes

Judge: Steven Klein, sweepstakes (entry 6)

BOB: **Ch. Maya's Mockingbird**

BOS: **Ch. Boanne's Hearts Are Wild of York**

BOW and WB: **Hassan's A Brand New Me**

WD: **Wynsyr-Summerwinds Paladin Got Mo Attitude**

RWD: **Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura**

RWB: **Jorogz' Domino Xana**

Select Dog: **Ch. Summerwinds Demand Attention, JC**

Select Bitch: **GCh. Herr Emma**

Award of Merit: **GCh. Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (dog)**

Award of Merit: **Ch. Celestian Amigo**

Best Puppy: **Wynsyr-Summerwinds Paladin Got Mo Attitude**

Best Bred By: **Hassan's A Brand New Me**

Richmond Afghan Hound Club (entry 15-6-11-7)

March 30, 2013

Judge: June Leitch, regular classes

Judge: Kevin Carter, sweepstakes (entry 12)

BOB: **Ch. Jolie Orion**

BOS: **GCh. Criston Enchanted**

BOW and WB: **Kasban Vengeance of Jolie**

WD: **Kasban Ravereview of Riverview**

RWD: **Ziv Hi's Mythological Element**

RWB: **Genesis Candescence JC**

Select Dog: **Rustic Mahali Hey Jude**

Select Bitch: **GCh. Charter Oak Amber Moon**

Award of Merit: **Ch. Kasban Lura Bell Bottom Blues**

Best in Sweeps: **Kasban Vengeance of Jolie**

Best Opposite Sweeps: **Ziv Hi's Mythological Element**

Richmond Afghan Hound Club (entry 15-7-8-9)

March 31, 2013

Judge: Chris Kaiser, regular classes

Judge: Yvonne Sovereign, sweepstakes (entry 12)

BOB: **Ch. Jolie Orion**

BOS: **Ch. Xandali Taza Au Contraire**

BOW and WB: **Genesis Candescence, JC**

WD: **Mahali Criston Calypso**

RWD: **Winsong Jamna Poetic Justice**

RWB: **Kasban Envy Me**

Select Dog: **GCh. Kamyheir to Poseidon of Spice Hill**

Select Bitch: **GCh. Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz and Glam**

Award of Merit: **GCh. Jolie Paparazzi**

Award of Merit: **GCh. Kasban Lura Bell Bottom Blues**

Best Puppy: **Kasban Vengeance of Jolie**

Best Bred By: **Winsong Jamna Poetic Justice**

Best in Sweeps: **Ziv Hii's Mythological Element**

Best Opposite Sweeps: **Kasban Vengeance of Jolie**



OBITUARIES

FRANK LEROY HEDSTROM (SHAWNLU)

Le Hedstrom, 74, passed away on February 27, 2013. Le attended the University of Kansas and received a B.A., B.S. in American Government. This started a lifetime love affair with teaching and the Kansas Jayhawks (not necessarily in that order). He became a U.S. military history teacher at Grandview and Wyandotte High Schools and always returned for Wyandotte's luncheons and reunions.

Le also attended the United States Military Academy West Point New York, and was a US Army veteran.

Le and his wife, Carol, have been showing Afghan Hounds since his return from his time in the military, when he acquired his first hound, Duke in 1969. "What a dog to start with. A pair of novices winning like this definitely hooked us on the sport. A red brindle, Duke finished with 5 majors and a Hound Group when

people were asking what color he was. After nearly thirty years of showing, Duke still has a 'special' place in our hearts."

Le got his judging license in 1998 and judged his first show in Kansas City, MO.



"He was the best teacher, mentor and friend to me. I am glad we got to hug, dance and talk at Wyandotte's 45th reunion. He helped make that evening special."

"Enough cannot be said about the kind and gentle man we came to know. Our conversations were always lively; our memories are forever. His heart and soul were not only with his beloved Afghans but also with his Kansas Jayhawks."

"Le was a gentleman, a true sportsman, and I will always have a world of respect for him. Le and Carol were a couple to set an example by."

"He was always pleasant, always witty, and always in control. I can't imagine that anyone who knew him didn't like him. I

am going to miss that crooked grin when he laid a corny pun on you, and then waited to see what your reaction was going to be. I look forward to being with him again someday in Paradise and seeing the smile on his face when he can show me what a 'perfect' Afghans look like. God bless you dear uncle, you'll always be in my heart."

Submitted by Jan Henry

DONNA AMOS

My friend Donna Amos, 66, passed away on March 25, 2013. Donna received her undergraduate and masters degrees from the University of Louisville and worked as a teacher in both the Fort Knox and New Orleans school systems. She was a dog enthusiast and was actively involved in Afghan Hound Rescue for 30 years. She served as President of the New Orleans Afghan Hound Club and on the Afghan Hound Club of America's Board of Directors

It is hard to remember when I met Donna; it seems like I knew her forever. I know she and Ken, her husband of 33 years, lived in New Orleans and she was active in the New Orleans Afghan Hound Club. We met through our connection with the dogs.

Donna had several passions in life and if you knew her or talked to her you found out she loved to collect anything and everything Afghan Hound. She had one of the largest collections I have ever seen. Donna loved to go to all the national specialties and be there early to get the best items before anyone else had opportunity to buy. She and Ken also supported the auctions over the years so her collection grew to immense proportions.

She loved the breed. Her activities in the AHCA included serving as corresponding secretary for many years and her involvement with rescue. The special needs fund now

carries her name. She also thought the club should support all the regional clubs and encourage new people to become interested in the breed.

Another aspect of Donna was that she loved beauty, culture, plays, architecture, travel, food and wine. She and Ken traveled to many parts of the US and the world and she could talk to anyone. She had a quiet demeanor but when she felt something she had no problem conveying her thoughts.

I remember fondly all the dinners we shared in all the cities where we were together for the board meetings or national specialties. We tried such a selection of foods and those times will be sorely missed.

Donna is survived by her husband of 33 years, Ken, her son Steve, and many other family members and friends.

Ken has asked that if anyone would like to remember Donna, please make a donation to the Afghan Hound Club of America directed to the Donna Amos Afghan Hound Special Rescue Fund, c/o AHCA/Barb Hastings, 4071 Gurnee Road, Westfield, PA, 16950-9621, or donations may be sent to Rescue's PayPal account: helpafas@verizon.net.

Submitted by Brenda Brody



PETER BELMONT (ELMO)

Peter Belmont was born in New Jersey, December 26, 1942, a late Christmas present for his family. He was the middle child with three older sisters and one older brother. He also had three younger sisters and a younger brother.

Peter was first and foremost a teacher. He came by that honestly. His father, Peter Belmont, Sr., was a music teacher, playing over 18 different instruments, also playing in the local orchestra. The family business was a music store and home farm where they raised several different kinds of animals. The Belmont's house was always a busy place. One good story

about the animals was when Peter and his younger brother Bobby were involved with raising goats. His younger sister, Kathryn, tells stories of Peter and Bobby teaching her how to ride the goats when she was a little girl. Peter would pick her up and place her on the goat's back and then swat the goat on the rump. The goat would run back to the barn, Kathryn would go flying in the air - the boys thought that was great fun, Kathryn not so much!!!

As a teenager Peter did many things. He was an accomplished figure skater, traveling throughout the Northeast winning

many skating titles. Peter's first venture into the dog show world was with Gunther, a German Shepherd, that he got from the guy that delivered hay to the farm. One day Peter read about a 4H dog show to be held in the area, and he wanted to enter Gunther. He worked with him, leash trained him and thought they were ready. Peter was sure he and Gunther would win. They didn't. Peter came home very upset. His dad asked him if it was because he didn't know what to do or was it because other people had better dogs? Peter admitted the other dogs were better than Gunther. So his father wisely said "You need to have a better dog." That started Peter's quest in life: to strive for "The Better Dog." About that same time, he saw an Afghan Hound on television and knew that was the type of dog he wanted. Peter's first Afghan Hound was Oujah of Al-Yram from Joan Brearley. Oujah became very much a part of the Belmont family, but his parents couldn't understand why he liked "that kind of dog." His brothers and sisters, however, thought Oujah was much better than goats!

Peter went to college at the University of New York where he majored in art, obtaining his masters and then his PhD from Columbia. During this time span he also had a two-year internship with Margaret Meade, the noted anthropologist. This time was spent overseas, mostly in Egypt, where he became enamored with two things – archeology and traveling. Peter also spent two years studying at the University of Mexico in Mexico City. Peter moved from New Jersey after completing



his education and found his way to Kansas. He lived first in Wichita where he taught in the University then moved on to Kansas City where he stayed and taught in the education system there from kindergarten through graduate school.

Afghan Hounds were his lifelong passion, but he was involved with other breeds as well. He owned the top-producing Kerry Blue Terrier bitch, with a record that stands to this day. He was also very involved in bringing the Chinese Shar Pei into the AKC fold, and helped to write the present-day standard. His Shar Pei kennel name was Temple Toi, and he produced some of the top winning Shar Peis. His newest interest was Affenpinschers, where he co-owned last year's National Specialty winner.

Peter Belmont and the Elmo kennel name is widely known and respected throughout the dog show world. There are over 100 AKC Elmo champions. The first name that usually is thought of is Ch. Elmo's Tutankhamen. But then there is Ch. Elmo's Graffika, Ch. Elmo's Dar es Salaam, Ch. Elmo's Ethiopia, Ch. Elmo's Hammurabi, Ch. Elmo's Farouk (do you see the archeological drift here?). But there are so many others, World Champion Elmo's Men are From Mars, who won not only BOB at Eukanuba, but also Westminster and the World Dog Show in Mexico, where he went on to Group One with Peter handling.

We will all miss Peter, but the Elmo kennel name will go on. As long as there are young dogs waiting in the wings, ready to be "The Better Dog."

Submitted by Alice Hastings

DR. GERDA MARIA KENNEDY (SHANGRILA)

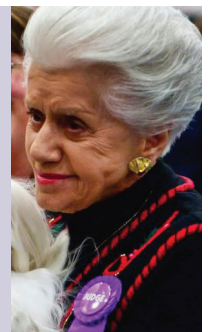
"Vahn more time ah-rrround da rring!" judge Dr. Gerda Kennedy commanded the obedient exhibitors in her native Austrian accent. This neatly coiffed woman, with never a hair out of place — even in the rain — an icon in the Afghan Hound breed, is now gone. She left an indelible mark on the breed, because she was passionate about gene pool, type, and movement. To that she added a certain level of elegance in Afghan Hounds not seen before, and that combination along with her previous exhibiting skills put her on the map forever. Dr. Kennedy survived a massive stroke Jan. 17th, but lost the battle on Feb. 2, 2013. She was 93.

Born in Austria on Sept. 25, 1919, Gerda came to the U.S. in 1948, escaping the ravages of WWII. Though she did not practice medicine in the U.S., she was full of life and proudly became a naturalized citizen in 1958. She married Bill Kennedy in 1960. He passed in the mid-70s. In 2001,

Gerda had a heart valve replacement, sold the ranch in Broken Arrow, OK and moved to an independent living facility in Edmond, OK, still close to family.

Gerda is survived by daughter, Irene (Cooky) McPherson of Edmond, OK and son, Louis Shaffer of Victor, NY, grandchildren: Aaron Hillhouse of Albuquerque, NM and Christa Hillhouse of Austin, TX, great-grandchildren: Ryan Hillhouse, Brandon Hillhouse, and Matthew D. Shaffer.

Shangrila was revered as one of "the" places to purchase a top Afghan Hound in the 60s and 70s. The name and place were as magical as its fountain-of-youth connotation, and as mysterious as the very private Gerda Kennedy, who rarely granted interviews. Her line was comprised of Akaba from Lois



Boardman, and Scheherezade from Lt. Col. Wally Pede. Add to that a bit of Swedish from Cynthia Guzevich's Joh-Cyn.

As a breeder-owner-handler, Gerda achieved 13 BISs with the magnificent, extremely beautiful mover, Ch. Shangrila Pharahna Phaetra, whelped in 1967. She was out of Ch. Sandhihi Joh-Cyn Taija Baba x Ch. Shangrila Pharahna Cleopatra. Gerda was passionate about rising to the top with Phaetra. I attended the show when Phaetra received her 13th and last BIS, and was proud to sign the back of the rosette.

I witnessed Gerda's order, "Phaetra wee-wee", and voila! That sweet thing looked dutifully at Gerda, then went ON COMMAND on the single paper towel sheet. I swear Phaetra would go on a bumper, if Gerda so directed her.

Though Gerda had many Shangrila champions, her other heart tug was the elegant and rangy Ch. Shangrila Pharaoh Gandharra. I walked him at the same show as Phaetra's BIS. Phaetra and Gandharra together! Wow! Huge "stuff" for a newbie.

Once Gerda started judging, she stopped exhibiting and breeding. She had strong opinions about conflict of interest; the clean break was the only way for her to go.

I spoke with Gerda at Christmas. She had repeated over the decades pick a line and stick with it. No, she beat me over the head with it! I'd say "hello", and immediately got 'the' pep talk. She emphasized it was the ONLY way to preserve the Afghan Hound breed, grow a gene pool, and more importantly, maintain it. It's the maintenance part that separates the true breeder from the wannabe, she insisted.

In her later years, we talked monthly and I would ask her to "tell me a story." Every subject was discussed from dancing in Austria to breeding, showing, raising kids, art, music, getting older, etc. Like an attentive student, I took notes and when she repeated stories and embellished them, I laughed anyway.

After 42 years of knowing Gerda, there will no longer be that, "Vahn more time ah-rrround da rring." Afghan Hounds and the dog world have lost a grand lady, but her stamp on the breed and her stateliness and dignity as a person will live on.

Submitted by Trisha Murphy-Horman, Sharrah Afghans

DAVID ROCHE (FERMOY)

David J.K. Roche passed away on March 25, 2013 at Calvary Wakefield Hospital in Adelaide.

David raised the bar high for himself in everything he did and he raised it with a passion. By the time most of us in the Afghan world got to know him in the 1970s—his always-dapper appearance and gentlemanly manner—he was a breeder/exhibitor/judge in a class all by himself. Still a young man then and qualified to judge all breeds in all countries, he had officiated at some of the most important shows in the world, including Morris and Essex in 1955, held on the grounds of the famous Dodge Estate here, and Best In Show at Crufts, the first and youngest person outside the United Kingdom ever to have been so honored. A list



of the important shows he judged in his lifetime would fill pages and pages. Likewise would a list of his record wins as an exhibitor, having won nineteen Royal Best In Shows with his dogs, more than anyone in Australian history—a testament to the overall quality of his career and the high standards he set.

Arguably the singular most influential dog man in his country, David brought important terriers and Afghans to Australia during years of staggering import and quarantine regulations when time and expense were major considerations, in his ambition to improve the breeds he was involved in. His English and American imports provided breeders and exhibitors access to bloodlines that were otherwise out of reach. The result of this generosity is still felt today and will be felt well into tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.

Aside from his monumental accomplishments, he was a good friend to many people around the world in all walks of life, from royalty to the man on the street. I feel privileged to have been counted as one of them. He was a colleague and a teacher who, nevertheless, remained a student of everything that interested him. What he leaves behind is surpassed only by personal values that revolved around basic things—friendship, loyalty, honesty, trust—these were as important to him as his love of beautiful things, the vast collection of museum quality antiques he accumulated, now overseen by the David Roche Foundation, and the incomparable legacy he built in his nearly seventy years as a breeder, exhibitor, and judge.

With reflection & sadness...Richard Souza, Coastwind Kennels





Agility / Lynda Hicks



For the time period of January thru November 2012, Afghan Hounds earned 23 new AKC Agility titles.

It was a landmark year for Afghan Hounds. In May, a MACH 6 (Master Agility Champion) title was earned for the first time by an Afghan Hound, and the same dog earned a

MACH 7 in November. This dog was CH MACH 7 Stormhill's Red Zinger JC MXS3 MJB4 MXF MFG TQX T2B, Breeder: Mary Offerman, Terri Vanderzee and Stormhill Kennel; Owner: Robin Cohen, Robin Kletke and Sandy Frei.

Effective January 1, 2013, there are two changes being made to the AKC Agility rules:

1) The name of the Excellent A class is changing to just "Excellent" and the name of the Excellent B class to "Master." Only the name is changing. The classes themselves and the titles earned remain the same.

2) The owner may choose to enter the preferred classes at any trial. The dog must be entered only in Preferred classes or Regular classes, with no crossover between them being allowed at the same set of back-to-back trials. Dog are allowed to switch back and forth between the Preferred classes and the Regular classes, but not at the same set of trials.

More exciting events from Lynda

AKC Events Extravaganza

Two talented Afghan Hounds competed along with the country's most accomplished agility and rally competitors in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 15-17 at the first-ever AKC Companion Events Extravaganza, an event which showcases the abilities of all companion dogs and what can be accomplished with training.

GCH DC L'Rhel Suni Asia's Timestep CD RE MC LCX2 CGC TDI owned by James & Lynda Hicks, competed in Rally. Sevon was the only Afghan Hound to receive an invitation to compete in the Rally event at the Excellent level. He qualified by earning his Rally Excellent title during 2012 with scores above 90 (out of a perfect 100).

CH MACH 7 Stormhill's Red Zinger JC MXG3 MJS4 MXF MFG TQX T2B owned by Robin Cohen, Robin Kletke and Sandy Frei competed in Agility. Zinger was the only Afghan Hound qualifying for the Agility Nationals, having earned 2 MACH (Master Agility Championship) levels in the past year.



This was the inaugural AKC Rally National Competition, and hosted 51 breeds from 36 states and Canada competing in four class levels (Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Advanced Excellent). Sevon not only holds the distinction of having been the only Afghan Hound to compete in a Rally Nationals (so far), but also of being the only competitor entered in the 2013 Rally Nationals to hold a Dual Champion title, and one of only four Grand Champions entered.



Agility is the AKC's fastest growing sport and reached over one million entries in 2012. The National Agility Trial featured 1,385 dogs representing 104 breeds from 48 states and Canada, all holding Master or Preferred Agility Championship titles. Zinger currently holds the record as the highest titled Afghan Hound in Agility in the history of our breed.

Both Sevon and Zinger competed entirely off-leash and were excellent ambassadors for our breed. They each succeeded in receiving "Qs" (qualifying scores) in each and every portion of their respective competitions.

AKC Delegate / Connie Butherus

DELEGATE REPORT — MEETINGS MARCH 11 AND 12, 2013 — DOUBLETREE NEWARK AIRPORT — NEW JERSEY

The March meetings are always well attended as elections for the AKC Board of Directors are a feature attraction. This year followed the same pattern with a reported 397 gathering in Newark, New Jersey. I attended a subcommittee meeting on Sunday (3/10) afternoon, as well as all of Monday (3/11) morning. Our mission being the Parent Club of Excellence proposal, whereby outstanding Parent Clubs receive special recognition for their structure, programs and contributions to promotion of purebred dogs. A worthy endeavor, but challenging in application.

The Parent Club Committee was next. There was a long agenda and several items generated extended discussion. Relevant subjects included:

- The Complete Dog Book update -
 - All copy from Parent Clubs is due NOW.
 - Photos due 6/29/2013. Note that the AKC has a new/revised photo release form.
 - Finalized content 11/1/13.
 - Bow Tie is the publisher.
- The new CGC suffix title has been awarded to over 4,000 dogs since its inception in 1/1/2013. Daryl Hendricks, COO replacing John Lyons, indicated the AKC receives 250-350 requests each week. The proposal for awarding this title originated from the Parent Club Committee.
- Ongoing discussion regarding the number of Delegate meetings per year (3 vs. 4).



- Most superintendents will include Parent Club specific titles in the specialty catalogs. However this is not in the AKC rules. The supers can do as they see fit.
- At this time there is NOT a discussion at the Board level regarding the future of Limited Registrations – contrary to the active rumor mill.
- Parent Clubs offering the 3-point major reserve at their National Specialties are not required to do so. They should indicate this in the premium list as a courtesy to the exhibitors, whether required or not.

Parent Clubs wishing to use online balloting for their election, judges selection, etc. must first check with the Secretary of State in the state of their incorporation. It may or may not be approved. In addition, they need to contact AKC Club Relations regarding the Bylaws provisions. Currently it is not approved. Some firms offering this service are highly reliable, others – not so much. Caution is advised at this time.

The following Delegate Caucus featured the seven candidates running for the four Board of Directors positions. It was a question and answer session. Questions, having been submitted by the delegates prior to the meeting, were posed/directed to specific candidates. Some seemed more than slightly tailored to either enhance or detract from a specific candidate, not quite polite IMHO. However, that's the way it was.

Many delegates had been instructed by their clubs regarding their vote, thus few minds were changed at this late date. Questions seemed to target the future status of the AKC and the impact of the current culture on the sport:

- How can the AKC become more relevant?
- How to promote the benefits to families owning an AKC registered dog.
- Which AKC tradition must be preserved?
- Why is AKC registration no longer valued by the public?
- What is the biggest misconception about the AKC?
- How to make dog shows more friendly to newcomers and spectators?
- Should the AKC offer individual memberships?
- When will the field staff (AKC Reps) be up to full strength again?
- Has the AKC reached the “tipping point” in fees? What is the value offered? Is it a worthy registry?
- Why were bonuses paid to staff when the AKC is losing money on registrations and in other areas?
- Why, with the increase of titles offered, are registrations still down?

The candidates handled the questions quite well; neither obvious bloopers, nor red faces.

Monday concluded with the Coordinating Committee. Each Committee Chair reported major points from their respective group. Of special note were:

- Criteria for Delegate eligibility under development by the Bylaws Committee.
- Canine Health reported the parent Club AKC/CHF Conference sponsored by Purina is scheduled for August 9th -11th, 2013.
- Statistics from the performance and companion areas were mainly up in 2012. Increases were registered in Herding, Agility, Obedience and Tracking with decreases in Earthdog, Coursing and Rally.
- A subcommittee has been established to address the issue of territory conflict and distances.
- Guidelines are under development regarding show cancellations Veterinary Outreach program continues.
- A subcommittee has been established to address the health requirements for the Breeder of Merit program. Canine Health and Parent Clubs each have representatives. (I serve on the subcommittee.)
- Outreach to the legal community and law schools regarding purebred dog issues continues.

Tuesday was the BIG DAY! The seven candidates were all smiles, handshakes, hugs and air kisses (as appropriate). It required three ballots to fill the four positions:

- Ballot One:** Alan Kalter prevailed with a substantial margin;
Ballot Two: Harvey Wooding closed the deal easily;
Ballot Three: Lee Arnold and Carl Ashby were the winners with only a vote or two extra.

Later in the day we were informed that Alan Kalter was re-elected Chair of the Board and Bill Newman the Assistant Chair.

Amendments to the AKC Charter and Bylaws that passed were:

- The addition of canine health research to the Objects of the AKC. It was further amended to place this as the first Object of the AKC Charter and Bylaws.
- Expansion of the eligibility requirements for AKC membership (member clubs) to include qualified licensed agility clubs.

The proposal to change the Delegate meetings from four to three times a year failed.

The Chairman's report by Alan Kalter focused on the increased number and intensity of attacks on purebred dog breeders and ownership by the animal rights groups. He specified numerous ways the AKC is addressing this challenge such as promoting Canine Health, public relations, the hiring of a new V.P. for Social Media, PAC support for legislators favorable to our cause, care and conditions standards, kennel inspections and the role of the legislative department.

The President, Dennis Sprung, reported on the statistics in conformation, performance, obedience, agility, entries and events. In the last ten years substantial growth has been realized. Agility remains the fastest growing area of the sport. He concluded by introducing Lisa Peterson of the PR Department who reviewed the highlights of 2012. Also awards have been established for a Breeder of the Year in all areas of the sport in addition to the existing one for conformation. Very nice!

The money man, CFO Peter Farnsworth addressed the current financial picture. As in the past, there was good news - Investments up, and bad news - registrations continue to decline, plus some expenses increased. His reports are becoming more informative as he settles in at the AKC, having come on board July 2012. It is clear the investment area is an AAA plus!

So it is on to another year at the AKC. The challenges are increasing. The AKC growth in non-conformation and conformation areas seems very encouraging, and the new VP for Social Media has hit the ground running, yet registration decline remains an ongoing toothache. Next meeting is scheduled for June in Raleigh, NC, the AKC's second home.



Breeders' Cup

Becky Morisette, Show Chairman



Friday
May 31, 2013
Save the Date

The 2013 Breeders' Cup will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013 at the Best Western Hotel, Whitmore Lake, MI. The Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club has reserved a block of rooms (priced at \$89.99), so make reservations now if you can attend! The judge for the Breeders' Cup will be Michael Strockbine.

Along with the Breeders' Cup, the Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club will hold their back-to-back specialties on Saturday, June 1, 2013 with Jeff Bracken judging Sweeps and Joanne Buehler judging Breed.



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On Sunday, June 2, Sweeps will be judged by Anita Richards, and David Frei will judge Breed. Becky Morisette is Show Chairman for the Breeders' Cup and the Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club.

Dorma Sue Busby is Show Secretary for all events and Becky Morisette is Show Chair for all events.



National 2013

Dianne Kroll

Wednesday, September 25 - Saturday, September 29, 2013

September 25 - 28, 2013
Holiday Inn - PDX Airport
Hotel & Convention Center
Portland, Oregon

AHCA JUDGES:

Lee Canalizo - Bitches and Intersex
Dominique Denis (FR) - Dogs
Katie Effert - Junior Showmanship
Chris Terrell - Sweepstakes



September 29, 2012
AHC of Greater Portland Judges:
Dogs- Valerie Hansen (CAN)
Bitches & Intersex - Dominique Denis
Evergreen AHC Judge:
Claire Millward (UK)

Show Chairman:
dianne.kroll@frontier.com
(all judges pending AKC approval)

Tentative Schedule

all events pending AKC approval

- **Wednesday, September 25, 2013**
AKC Lure Coursing
ASFA Lure Coursing
Agility Trial
Welcome Mixer & Vendor Party
- **Thursday, September 26, 2013**
Obedience Trial
Rally Trial
Veteran Sweepstakes
Triathlon Conformation
Sweepstakes
*Breed Symposium

- **Friday, September 27, 2013**
Dog Classes Competition
Parade of Rescue
Bitch Classes Competition
Art Auction
- **Saturday, September 28, 2013**
Parade of Veterans
Junior Showmanship
Liberty Class
Best of Breed
Awards Banquet
- **Sunday, September 29, 2013**
AHC of Greater Portland Specialty
Specialty Show
Evergreen AHC Specialty Show

* AHCA Breed Symposium

Speaker: Dr. Paul Scherlie
Ophthalmologist
Subject: Inheritable Eye Problems
in the Afghan Hound
Date: Thursday,
September 26, 2013
Place: Holiday Inn
Portland Airport
Price: \$15 per person
(includes dinner)
Chairperson: Sandy Frei



CERF

Ed. note: The following is new information from CERF.

Dear valued CERF client,

As you may already know, OFA's new registry went live on November 1st. CERF is **NOT** affiliated with their new system, nor have we partnered with them or been acquired by OFA. There is no "transition plan" in place. CERF and OFA are two different systems, and we are now competing for your valued business.

CERF will continue to operate independently as we have done in the past. We're not planning on closing the doors anytime soon. We have the longest history and greatest experience with operating an established canine eye registration database.

You still have the right to use a CERF form and submit your data to CERF, if you so choose. I sincerely hope that you continue to do so. If you sign an OFA "release form", they will attempt to add your information into the new, unproven OFA registry. It will **NOT** be added to CERF if you sign this form. There is no "combined registry" or "transition" from one registry to the other.

I urge you to request an original CERF form, make your check payable to CERF, and avoid signing any type of "release form" from OFA.

If you are given an OFA form in place of a CERF form and your intent is still to use CERF, you may still send in that form for registration into the CERF registration and statistical database. Please note on the form that you wish to add the registration paperwork to CERF's database and make the payment payable to CERF. Any OFA forms received by CERF with payment to OFA will be returned back to the owner.

CERF has not changed any procedures on our part. We still continue to send a weekly submission to OFA so our breeders can qualify for their CHIC number.

CERF is now accepting forms via email and fax for your added convenience. Please contact CERF and let us know your email address to facilitate future communications.

If you have any suggestions for how we can serve you better, please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you for your continued support of CERF.

Check us out on Facebook and visit our website often for any further updates.

Sincerely,



Robert Malinowski, DVM, MA, PhD
President, VMDB/CERF

CERF is now on Facebook!! Check us out and "Like" our page.

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Happy Spring to you all. And with spring comes the threat of Parvo to our young pups. I have spoken with a few vets and they all said that there are no new strains that the current vaccines would not protect against. However, our pups are most vulnerable from the time from weaning (when they have their mother's immunity from nursing) to the time they receive their vaccinations.

If your pups are unlucky enough to contract the parvovirus, there is little that can be done other than supportive care. Symptoms become visible six to ten days after exposure. They acquire the virus by way of infected feces, soil, etc. The virus is very resistant and can survive on surfaces for as long as a year. There are two types, CPV1 and CPV2. The type that attacks the heart, CPV1, is very rare and may destroy the heart muscle of very young pups. The most common type is CPV2 that affects the intestinal and lymphatic systems. The symptoms are lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting and then bloody diarrhea. The care involves IV fluids to prevent dehydration and death. The virus attacks the lining of the intestines which may slough away. Bacteria in the GI tract are then capable of invading other body systems. Antibiotics are given to treat the overwhelming infection. Pain medicines are given to help with the pain and spasms of the intestinal tract. The puppy's immune system is too immature to protect against the invasion of bacteria. If one puppy in the litter has it, they most likely all do and must all be taken to the vet immediately if they are to survive. The healing process can be very slow, but they can make a complete recovery.

The best medicine is prevention. Do not expose your puppies to areas that may cause them to become infected. I know someone whose puppies became sick about a week after coming home from shows. Vaccinate your pups when they are old enough to receive the vaccine.



The AHCA website has the information of the trends over the years of hips and a few years of thyroid results. Please take the opportunity to look these over. It is worth your time. Another thing I continue to encourage is the input of the Afghan Hound survey on the OFA website. Remember, this survey is completely anonymous. As of this time, 713 responses have been logged and the information is excellent. Keep up the good work. You can input living and deceased dogs. Anyone can view the results.

Some items I consider quite interesting are as follows. How many Afghan Hounds do you have living with you? 188 or 26.7% said 1 – 5. Also, 10.8% have owned Afghan Hounds for over 30 years. That is further proof that we need to encourage new blood. Only 20.5% consider themselves a breeder. 50% use heartworm prevention. 95% of hips were “good.” There are 10 pages of results that are well worth your time to read. Thank you all for your support, and I hope you and all of your pups have a healthy and happy spring.



➔ Health Update

FIRST TEST FOR A CULPRIT IN ‘KENNEL COUGH’ NOW AVAILABLE

The world's first diagnostic test for canine pneumovirus, a unique culprit in “kennel cough” — canine respiratory illness common in shelters and kennels — is now available at Cornell's Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC).

The test is one of several available in the AHDC's new canine respiratory panel, which offers a faster, easier and more accurate way to diagnose what is commonly called “kennel cough,” respiratory diseases that often emerge in such places as shelters and kennels where dogs live in close quarters. In such settings, quick correct diagnosis is critical to curbing outbreaks. Other methods of detecting culprits in respiratory cases take weeks of testing.

Discovered in 2008 at the AHDC, canine pneumovirus causes cell death in patterns unlike other viruses commonly found in dogs. Veterinarians had no way of identifying it from among the many pathogens causing canine respiratory illness until now.

“This is a great tool for handling respiratory outbreaks in dogs,” said Amy Glaser, director of the AHDC's molecular diagnostics lab. “It can also detect multiple pathogens in a single sample. It greatly simplifies testing and will make it easier for veterinarians to get answers for their patients.”

The panel uses polymerase chain reaction (PCR) analysis to identify the most common viruses and bacteria associated with canine respiratory

by Carly Hodes

Ed. note: The March 29th Cornell Chronicle contained this article that we wanted to share with you.

disease. Detected pathogens include the canine viruses parainfluenza 5, respiratory coronavirus (beta coronavirus), pneumovirus, adenovirus (types 1 and 2), distemper and influenza. The panel also detects the bacteria *Mycoplasma cynos* and *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, which can infect humans.

Previously, only canine influenza could be detected by PCR at the AHDC. Other canine respiratory pathogens were only detectable by isolation in cell or bacterial culture or by testing paired serum samples. Developed by Edward Dubovi, professor of virology, and his team in the AHDC's virology section, the new PCR panel can detect viruses that are difficult to detect by the former culture method.

PCR tests can be ordered individually for \$36.75, or as a panel at a discount rate of \$115. Results are available in three to five business days after sample receipt at the lab. Interpretation services are always included.

To enable detection of both viruses and bacteria, the AHDC suggests submitting both a nasal and an oral pharyngeal swab. Swabs can be submitted together in a red-top tube with a few drops of saline or in commercial viral transport media. Aerobic culture and antimicrobial susceptibility testing of swab samples are also available. Additional samples must be collected and submitted separately in a suitable bacterial transport medium such as Amies.



Facebook

Gary Lennon

At present, there is not much to report, but I will continue to share anything related to clubs, events, etc. with the two pages. Trying to get club activity remains a challenge.



Inventory

Dorma Sue Busby
As of Board Meeting March 1, 2013



2008 National Items

25 Catalogs "MEMORIES" \$5.00
(Featuring all past winners from 1940 to current, all events)

TOP 20 INVITATIONAL

AHCA 2008 Catalog & DVD Set Cost \$5.00



2010 Breeder's Cup Items

T-Shirts \$5.00
Beige - 3 (S), 3 (L), 1 (XL)
Light Blue - 1 (S), 2 (L), 2 XL

Catalogs - 6 \$5.00



2009 National Items

25 Posters, 18 x 22 (unframed) \$5.00

Sweatshirts \$5.00

Grey - 6 (S), 2 (M), 1 (L), 17 (XL)

Purple - 10 (XL)

(Sweatshirts only - buy one, get one free)

T-Shirts \$5.00
Black - 1 (S)

1/4 Zip Suede Shirt \$5.00
Black - 1 (2XL)

Catalogs - 9 \$5.00



2010 National Items

25 Posters - 18 x 22 (unframed) \$5.00

Sweatshirts \$5.00

Black - 1 (S)

Brown - 5 (S)

T-Shirts \$5.00

Green - 1 (S)

Brown - 1 (S), 1 (M)

Black - 1 (S)

1/4 Zip Sport-Tek Jacket \$5.00
Brown - 2 (XL)

Polo Shirts \$5.00
Black - 1 (S), 3 (L), 8 (XL)

Tote Bags \$5.00

National Logo Canvas - 25

National Logo & Vellus Logo - 35

Catalogs - 20 \$5.00



2011 National Items

Full Zip Hoodie \$15.00
Brown, 1 (M), 2 (L), 1 (XL), 1 (2XL)

T-Shirts \$5.00
Black, 5 (XL)

Catalogs - 15 \$5.00



2011 Breeder's Cup Items

T-Shirts \$5.00
Carolina Blue - 5 (S), 4 (L)

Catalogs - 6 \$5.00



2012 National Items

Sweatshirts \$15.00
Burgundy - 2 (L), 8 (XL), 1 (2XL), 2 (3XL)

T-Shirts \$10.00
Blue - 4 (M), 7 (L), 10 (XL)
Black - 1 Medium, 2 XL

Jacket, Windbreaker (Embroidered Logo) \$25.00
Black - 1 (S), 4 (M), 6 (L), 8 (XL), 2 (2XL)

Baseball Caps (Peach Logo) \$10.00

Bath Towels (Peach Logo) \$10.00
Light Green, 6
Dark Green, 6

Catalogs - 18 \$5.00



2012 Breeder's Cup Items

T-Shirts \$5.00
White - 5 (XL), 3 (2XL)

Catalogs - 15 \$5.00



WAYS & MEANS

Baseball Cap, 1 \$15.00

Fleece Blankets (Logo in gold threads) \$10.00
Forest Green, 1

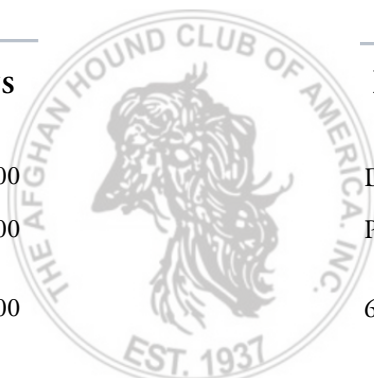
Laptop Tote Bags (Logo in gold threads) \$15.00
Black, 12

PARENT CLUB LOGO ITEMS

Duffle Bags, 2 Red \$15.00

PC Lapel Pins, 14K gold plated \$15.00
Tie Tac or Safety w/Safety Catch

6-Pak Coolers \$10.00
7 Pink; 11 Gray



NOTE

Prices do not include postage. Contact Dorma Sue Busby at barakiafs@peoplepc.com or 810-241-2595



Library Report / Helen Stein

Preservation of scrapbooks and photos

In the past, Betty Stites has donated a number of Kay Finch's scrapbooks to the AHCA Library, and due to the age of the materials, they are deteriorating rapidly. Sue Hamlin volunteered to find a way to preserve the Finch scrapbooks as well as many other items we have that are in poor condition. After much research, Sue found an oversize 3-ring, landscape format binder that accommodates 12-1/2" x 16-1/8" pages.

The high quality binder and pages, and the acid-free archival materials that Sue used to build the first scrapbook -- Kay Finch's memorabilia of Ch. Taejon of Crown Crest -- will do a good job of protecting the materials, but also allow them to be viewed easily. The finished product is so beautifully done, and I am grateful that Sue has agreed to tackle a second scrapbook (also of Kay Finch memorabilia). These books will be on display at the National Specialty in Portland this fall.

The Library budget is \$1,000 per year and most years we have not spent that amount. Additionally, there is a small amount in the Library fund (donations from members). Sue and I anticipate that this restoration work will take several years to complete -- somewhat due to the cost. If necessary, we will do a fundraiser to pay for the preservation of these materials.

Updated breed information for *The Complete Dog Book*

Tony has appointed Betty Stites and me to provide updated narrative and photos for the new edition of the American Kennel

Club publication *The Complete Dog Book*. Betty has submitted the text to AKC and we are in the process of getting photos submitted as well.



Photos and artwork donated to Library

Carol Esterkin has donated several interesting framed objects to the AHCA Library, and we are hopeful that they can be displayed at a future National Specialty; however they are very large and difficult to transport! Display at club events will probably be limited to the shows where transportation can be arranged. They include:

- *Photo 1:* 8x10 photo of Ch. Shirkhan of Grandeur - taken when he was quite old. This is framed with Photo 2 (next item)
- *Photo 2:* Shirkhan's daughter, Pamina of Grandeur, referenced above
- *Photo 3:* Photo of Ch. Cammar's Pa'Yunga of Grandeur going Best in Show - handled by a very young Frank Sabella, Judge: Dr. Lee Huggins. (approximately early '60s)
- *Photo 4:* Framed picture, 30x20, of Ch. Shirkhan of Grandeur - caption under picture: **Ken-L-Ration 1959 AKC Dog Show Winner, Eastern Division, Ch. Shirkhan of Grandeur.** The Ken-L-Ration picture has wonderful historical value and could stay with the Library or could be auctioned/sold as a fund raiser.
- *Photo 5:* Framed 14x16 Afghan head sketch in charcoal - artist, Robin Garcia. Carol suggested that this might be auctioned off as a fund raiser.

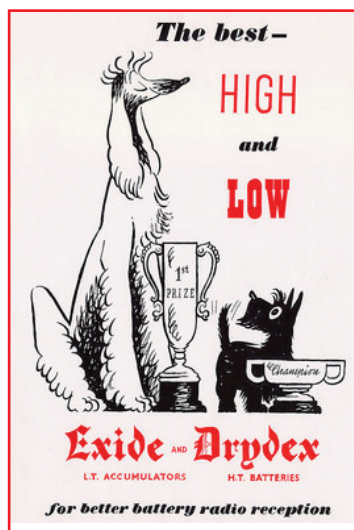


Obedience/Rally/Versatility / Debbie Petersen

The AKC is now including Rally in the AKC National Obedience Championships! The following incredibly intelligent Afghan Hounds have qualified for invitation to the event. My congratulations to the following Rally Teams!!!!



There are five Afghan Hounds who qualified for this year's AKC Rally National Competition:



Novice Class
Zoso's Forbidden Dream BN RN SC OAP OJP NFP CGC,
owned by: Nicole Comstock of Oro Valley, AZ

FC York's Main Ingredient Agave RN SC,
owned by: Jeannette York of Chino Valley, AZ

Advanced Class
Ciera Mount'N Fantasia In Concert CD BN RA
owned by: Brigitte Kroll/Holly Jorgensen of Reno, NV
Wynsy's Pin-Up Girl BN RA JC,
owned by: Dr. Cheryl Helsing or Decatur, IL

Excellent Class
GCH DC L'Rhel Suni Asia's Timestep CD RE MC LCX2
owned by: James & Lynda Hicks of Cedar Park, TX



Website / Eddie Kominek

The Online store for AHCA merchandise is up and taking PayPal payments.

Hip and thyroid statistics have been published with the help of Eileen Lauderemilch.

Galleries of the national specialty conformation and lure coursing winners have been published.



Regional Clubs

Darlyn Pfeiffer

Thank you all for your packets via snail mail. It is wonderful to see so many clubs doing two shows on the same weekend, and clustering with neighboring clubs. The fancy has asked for ways to keep travel costs down and many Regional Clubs have responded.....Great job!

We are always looking for innovative marketing techniques, and ideas to make the Regional specialties successful! Send me some ideas to share in Topknot News.



Fran's

Review

Hi members,

As many of you must know, I've been "re-organizing." A big part of this has been the sale of previous issues of *The Afghan Hound Review*. Hundreds have left the office with more being packed for shipping. I know all of you who have ordered these treasured issues will enjoy reading the vast material that is now yours to pour over. As of now there are no 1970 magazines available, but there are some 1980 and 1990 issues as well as some from 2000 – 2011. I also have stacks of very interesting Afghan magazines and newspapers going back to the 1960s. These are also filled with early history about the people and dogs from those years. For more information you can check the ad on afghansonline.



This past couple of months has brought sad losses to the Afghan Hound world. Gerda Kennedy was one of those people that drew people to her. Her talent in training and showing her exotic Afghan Hounds was rarely equaled. If you never had the opportunity to show to her, or just to watch her judge was an experience not to be forgotten. Many notes have arrived at the AHR Annual office with tales of showing to Gerda. Be sure to read these in the first issue that will be out in time for the National.

We also received the sad news that Le Hedstrom has passed. Always a smile, always having a wonderful time which he shared with all his friends and, of course, his

wife, Carol. My condolences to her and I hope we will see her this year in Portland.

Then this past week the notice of Donna Amos' death was sent to many of us by email. Donna was a board member for many years and, with her husband Ken, was also a great help at National Specialty shows. Condolences to her family and friends.

It's very sad but very widespread in the dog world that we make friends all over the world, but never really know much about these people who we see week in and week out. Maybe the regional clubs could have "show and tell" meetings like the ones in grade school, where we find out about the people we spend so much time with. I've also thought it would be a good idea for our National Specialty hosts to give out name tags to be worn at the shows and the events at the shows. One of the reasons to have Nationals is for our peers around the world to meet other Afghan Hound fanciers. This certainly would make saying hello so much easier.

The deadline for the Afghan Hound Review Annual is getting very close, June 1st. Time does fly! And remember that any ads that arrive before May 15th will have a 10% discount. You can contact me at info@afghanhoundreview.com or phone 805-886-1251 (Please leave a (clear) message with a phone number (slowly). I will get back to you!

Have a wonderful Spring....and be sure to take your dogs for a walk....good for you and good for them.

Fran



The following is a report from Afghan Hound Rescue of Central Ohio, managed by Maureen Anderson. Maureen and I thought that perhaps this report would be beneficial in showing where the dogs in Rescue come from and in what types of condition they are when they arrive. AHRCO is a separate 501-c-3 but works in conjunction with the Afghan Hound Club of America's Rescue team. They try to cover their own expenses, but after reading their report, it is clear why sometimes assistance is needed.

Afghan Hounds from Brazil, IN - On March 22, 2012, AHRCO accepted eight Afghan Hounds from an Indiana breeder. There were six adults and two puppies. All were in horrific condition, dirty, matted and seriously underweight. The six adults tested positive for heartworms and all eight were positive for parasites. Five of the adults suffered severe ear infections and all need dental care. In addition to being heartworm positive, Revenge suffered a sacroiliac injury and would require leash walking for eight weeks.

Prior to their rescue, these dogs lived in chain link pens in the woods with plastic doghouses for shelter. They were not socialized and not house trained. Realizing the extensive veterinary care required to return the six adults to full health, we began fundraising and contacted Barb Hastings to have them declared "Special Needs." The total cost of veterinary care for the dogs exceeded \$10,000.

Upon their arrival, Charlotte went immediately to a foster home while the others came to AHRCO headquarters where we converted the garage to a kennel. A few days later the two puppies went to foster care with Kristi Jones, and we were left with the five adults. The first weeks were challenging. They howled, they urinated and defecated in their pens and on their bedding. We did lots of laundry and lost lots of sleep and were constantly transporting dogs back and forth for vet visits.

As we began the heartworm treatments, we transferred all five from the kennel runs in the garage to crates in the family room. This made it much easier to monitor their recovery and watch for potential complications. All five were on restricted exercise requiring daily leash walks for potty breaks and exercise for the 30 days. By November 30, 2012, the two puppies were treated for parasites and were adopted by their foster parents. Revenge, Lola and Jolie have successfully completed treatment for heartworm, parasites and ear infections. Revenge has been returned to his breeder in Arizona. Lola and Jolie completed heartworm treatment, were confirmed negative, were spayed and adopted by their foster parents. Charlotte and Stirling have successfully completed the Immiticide treatments to kill the adult heartworms as well as the microfilariae treatment. Both have been altered, received dentals, and adopted by their foster parents. Lizzie is the smallest Afghan Hound – at 21.5" tall and 35 lb., she is a bundle of energy. She has been treated for both adult heartworm and microfilariae. While the treatment for the adult heartworm was successful, her little body did not respond well to the first treatment for the microfilariae, requiring a second round of treatment in July. Lizzie tested negative in January 2013, and has since been adopted by her foster mom.

As a result of the deplorable condition of these dogs, we contacted local authorities who then began an investigation. On April 25th, we provided evidence that included vet records, photos of living conditions and photos showing the condition of each dog and witness affidavits documenting animal neglect to the Clay County Prosecutor's Office in hopes that they would press charges of animal abuse and neglect against this breeder. Sadly, after many weeks of investigation, the Clay County prosecutor felt that there was insufficient evidence to guarantee a conviction. We also provided the same information to the AKC's breeder investigation unit. That investigation is still pending.

Five Black Puppies - In April of 2012, as we began working on the above situation, we received a call from Kristi Jones (Kryslaur Afghan Hounds)

alerting us to five eight-week-old puppies in a pet store. Thanks to some excellent detective work from an all-breed rescuer in the area, we were able to contact the owner who had placed the puppies in the pet store, we learned that this was an accidental litter from two unregistered pet Afghan Hounds from show kennels. The owner was overwhelmed and did not know how to find homes for the puppies so had taken them to the local pet store. After explaining who we were and what we do, the owner was very happy to go retrieve the puppies from the pet store and surrender them to rescue. We thank Kristi Jones for picking them up and fostering them until forever homes were found.

Shelter Afghan Hounds from Delaware - In April 2012, three adult Afghan Hounds were left in an overnight drop box at the Delaware Animal Shelter. They came dirty, matted, loaded with ticks and other parasites and smelled like they had been living in a horse barn. We named them Bob, Avery and Shannon. Bathed, shaved and vetted, they were dispensed to foster homes immediately. Six-year-old Avery was adopted to a first time Afghan Hound owner in Kentucky where, three days following her adoption, she was admitted to the emergency vet clinic with high temperature and an internal bleed. For three days her life was on the line, but she pulled through and has gone on to enjoy life on the couch. Given that whatever illness she carried went with her to her new home, it was agreed that Avery be listed as "special needs" and her veterinary expenses covered by the AHCA Rescue Charitable Trust. One month later eight-year-old Bob suffered the same symptoms and was immediately transported for veterinary care by his new Mom. Sadly, Bob died 12 hours later. The youngest of the group, the three-year-old we named Shannon, was adopted by her foster family and continues to be healthy.

Things were quiet with only three Afghan Hounds needing help during the summer months. Dudley was an alpha male living with two other Afghan Hounds and had become a problem in his home. After a serious confrontation, his devastated family agreed to surrender him to rescue where after a few hours in foster care, his foster Mom fell completely in love and adopted him.

In June, Mario and Brie were surrendered to an AHRCO volunteer living in WI on behalf of the AHCA Rescue. After several weeks, their foster family decided that they were home to stay.

Owner in Findlay, Ohio Surrenders - In July we picked up one Afghan Hound, one Greyhound and one Irish Wolfhound from a home in Findlay, OH. The Greyhound and Irish Wolfhound were turned over to their respective rescue groups and the breeder of the Afghan Hound contacted. "Dusty" was returned to his breeder the same day he was surrendered.

In October we were contacted by a woman living in a battered women's shelter. She was no longer able to keep her Afghan Hound and needed to surrender her to rescue. We were fortunate to have a wonderful home waiting and ten-year-old Savannah was in her new home within a few days of leaving her old one.

In December we were contacted by a family in WV who wanted to surrender their young overly-energetic Afghan Hound to rescue. This youngster came from a well known show kennel but the owner did not wish to return the puppy to the breeder, instead she contacted rescue and brought her puppy to AHRCO's foster home in WV where the volunteer

promptly fell in love with her. We were able to contact the breeder who agreed that the volunteer could keep the puppy.

TopFlite Afghan Hounds - In November we were contacted by Deb Peters, on behalf of her long-time friend and breeder of Afghan Hounds, Sue Bagley Russell, who had passed away unexpectedly and her sons had asked Deb to contact rescue. The sons subsequently surrendered seven of her dogs to rescue. An AHRCO volunteer picked them up three days later. The eighth was to be rehomed by the family. Instead he was left at a Wisconsin shelter where his plight quickly came to AHRCO's attention. The seven from Indiana were vetted immediately and transported to Ohio where they were relocated to foster homes pending adoption. The eighth dog was pulled from the Wisconsin shelter and fostered by Deb Peters in Chicago until he was transported to his forever home in Indiana. We soon learned that the three seniors had co-breeders willing to accept responsibility for them and we began searching for transport to get them to Florida. We thank Jody and Mike Gardner for delivering them safely to Florida.

Of these dogs, all are now in their forever homes except Chyanne who is very shy and has proven difficult to house train. Chyanne is currently in "boot camp" with an AHRCO volunteer who is a dog trainer. We hope Chyanne will be available for adoption soon.

As the year came to an end, we were happy to assist the AHCA Rescue team in finding a home for Jack and Bella, who had been picked up by Rincy Ebbert (PA) in July and fostered by several different people over the six months they waited for their forever home. Thank you Mary Morgan and Lorie Starinsky for providing them with a safe haven while they waited to be adopted. Finally they were delivered to their new home by an AHRCO volunteer who drove them from Columbus, OH to Clarksville, TN three days before Christmas where their new family was waiting to welcome them home.

Overall, 2012 was an eventful year for AHRCO. We would like to thank the Afghan Hound community, Barb Hastings and the AHCA Rescue Charitable Trust for helping us to cover the veterinary care for 28 special Afghan Hounds in need of care.

Afghan Hound Rescue Central Ohio

Submitted by Maureen Anderson, Executive Director AHRCO

AHRCA RESCUES/PLACEMENTS - 2012

Orphan No.	Date 2012	Dog name	age	Surrender location	Owner Relinq.	Shelter	Stray	Abandoned	Owner died	Abuse/neglect	ADOPTED / location
192	3/21	Reggie***	8wks	PA/OH	x						OH
193	3/21	Prim***	8wks	PA/OH	x						OH
194	3/21	Pheeb***	8wks	PA/OH	x						OH
195	3/21	Rosie***	8wks	PA/OH	x						OH
196	3/21	Meghan***	8wks	PA/OH	x						OH
197	3/21	Lizzie	3yrs	IN	x					x	OH
198	3/21	Charlotte	10yrs	IN	x					x	OH
199	3/21	Revenge	4 yrs	IN	x					x	ret'd to breeder
200	3/21	Lola	5 yrs	IN	x					x	OH
201	3/21	Stirling*	4 yrs	IN	x					x	OH
202	3/21	Jolie *	4 yrs	IN	x					x	OH
203	3/21	Riki**	12wks	IN	x					x	MI
204	3/21	Shandy**	12wks	IN	x					x	OH
205	4/5	Avery	6 yrs	OH		x		x			KY
206	4/5	Bob	8 yrs	OH		x		x			IN
207	4/5	Shannon	3 yrs	OH		x		x			OH
208	6/1	Dudley	3 yrs	OH							OH
209	6/22	Mario *	4 yrs	WI	x						WI
210	6/22	Brie	2 yrs	WI	x						WI
211	7/1	Dusty	2yrs	OH	x						ret'd to breeder
212	10/16	Savannah	10 yrs	IN	x						OH
213	11/21	Nicole	8 yrs	IN					x		WV
214	11/21	Norah	11 yrs	IN					x		ret'd to breeder
215	11/21	Sydney	10 yrs	IN					x		ret'd to breeder
216	11/21	Pearl	12 yrs	IN					x		ret'd to breeder
217	11/21	Poppy	6 yrs	IN					x		WI
218	11/21	Mazey	2.5 yrs	IN					x		OH
219	11/21	Chyanne	1.5yrs	IN					x		
220	11/25	Gator	8 yrs	IN/WI					x		IN
221	12/1	Asia	1.5 yrs	WV	x						WV
222	10/12	Jack(AHCA)	6 yrs	PA/OH	x						TN
223	10/12	Bella(AHCA)	3 yrs	PA/OH	x						TN

* Littermates

** Littermates (Lola is their dam.)

*** "Black Puppy Littermates" (#222 & #223, Jack & Bella, are the parents of the "black puppy litter".)





AHCA STATISTICS - YEAR 2012

Top-Producing Sire - 8 champion offspring

Name Ch. Jovan Cruise Control
 Owner JoAnn Jones & Wayne Jones
 Breeder JoAnn Jones / David Beauregard

**Top-Producing Dam - 4 champion offspring each
 - Three-way Tie -**

Name Ch. Calling Polo's A Touch of Freedom
 Owner Lorianne Amadeo
 Breeder Lorianne Amadeo

Name Ch. Jorogz' Playing In The Moonlight
 Owner John Roger Morton / Heather Lindberg &
 Robert Lindberg
 Breeder June Matarazzo

Name Ch. Wynsyr's Kodak Moment
 Owner Julia Drees / D. Scott Pfeil / William Pfeffer
 Breeder D. Scott Pfeil / William Pfeffer

Top-Winning Dog in Breed Competition

Name GCh. Thaon's Mowgli (1033)
 Owner J. Hafford / J. Blanchard / A. Sterner /
 D. Rogers
 Breeder Jay T. Hafford / James P. Blanchard

Top-Winning Bitch in Breed Competition

Name GCh. Criston Enchanted (861)
 Owner N. Shaw / C. Pinkston
 Breeder C. Pinkston / M. Friesen / T. Elwess

Top Lure Coursing Dog - AKC

Name FC CCB Can. Ch. Charsada Darkness At
 High Noon, SC, LCM, FChX, JOR, SRM
 Owner Jeanie Martin
 Breeder Brenda Burns

Top Lure Coursing Dog - ASFA

Name Cameo Rah-Wynd Indian Summer, LCM,
 JOR
 Owner B. Schulz / C. Sullivan / D. Britton
 Breeder D. Britton

Highest Point Total in Obedience

Name Ch. Criston Moon Shadow, CDX, RN
 (score 358)
 Owner Jan & Rick Cryst / Christine Pinkston
 Breeder Christine Pinkston

Top Agility Dog

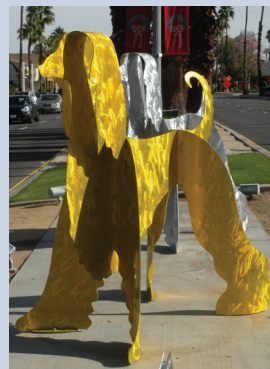
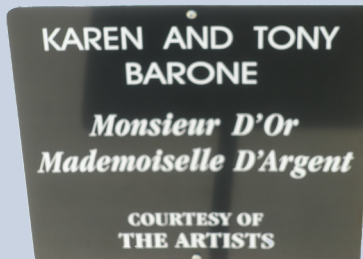
Name Ch. MACH7 Stormhill's Red Zinger, JC,
 MXS3, MJB4, MXF, MFG, TOX, T2B
 Owner Robin Cohen / Robin Kletke / Stormhill Knls.
 Breeder Mary Offerman / Terri Vanderzee / Storm-
 hill Kennels

Top Rally Dog

Name GCh. DC L'Rhel Suni Asia's
 Timestep, CD, RE, MC, LCX2 (score 296)
 Owner James & Lynda Hicks
 Breeder M. J. Moss / Larry Wilt

**Top Junior Handler - Alexis Kuhawa**

John Fahey submitted a picture of these large Afghan Hound statues, along with sign depicting the artists which were seen by Robert Dunn in Palm Desert, California in late December, 2012 - shortly before the Palm Springs KC show.





Welcome, Susan Zoppe to AHCA membership. Many of you know of Susan and have seen her perform with her beautifully-trained Afghan Hounds. See articles about Susan in Topknot News' Summer 2011 and Summer 2012 issues. Susan tells me that she and husband Davide are booked at the Circus World Museum Theme Park in Baraboo, WI for 16 weeks, May through September – two performances/day (11 AM and 4 PM), seven days/week. That's a busy schedule! If any of you are nearby, plan to attend one of these performances. They are amazing!

Susan writes, "The Baraboo Historical Museum Complex salutes over 200 years of the American Circus, at the original winter quarters of Ringling Bros. It's devoted to Circus related history featuring not only circus artifacts and exhibits, but also hosts the daily live Circus performances throughout the summer, along with outstanding magic shows and other entertaining shows throughout the park. I am very proud to have been asked to be part of this very selective art form, and to perform at this venue. It's an honor to be represented by the Circus World Museum, and I am thrilled to be part of the Circus World Museum family. I will have my group of six Afghan Hounds showing off their high-jumping abilities and their extreme intelligence on a daily basis, and many breeders have already contacted me saying they are planning on

coming to Baraboo to see my "boys" perform. That will be great fun for me."

The amazing animal acts will include a single performing elephant, the hilarious Zoppe monkeys and Susan Sheryll's Royal Afghan Hound "champions." Susan's circus lineage is unusual, beginning when her parents operated a Physical Fitness Studio in Milwaukee, the city where Susan was born. Her dad, Vernon, created an acrobatic routine with his young son, which they would perform at picnics and small venues. A Milwaukee talent agent caught the act and began booking them professionally. The act became a sensation, and when Vernon and wife, Lucille, added more children to the family, the act also increased in size. Eventually, Vernon, his four sons, and two daughters became a successful acrobatic act and performed for many years. Later, Susan married Davide



Zoppe, and together they created the Afghan Hound dog act. The Afghan Hound is an unusual breed, beautiful to watch, and incredibly intelligent, with long, silky coats. They are also independent and can be difficult to train. Susan's act demonstrates the Afghan's natural ability to jump high and for long distances. This is the only act of its kind in the world, making her performance undeniably original and fun.



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