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Don't know what to do with your old pc sweatshirts or t-shirts?
RECYCLE THEM!!!

**AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA
QUILT FUND RAISER**

Alice Hastings has graciously volunteered to make a quilt for the Parent Club. The quilt is to be made from past National or Breeders' Cup logos. You can send the entire shirt or the section with the logo (if sending logo only, please leave enough fabric around logo for the patch.)

Deadline for sending is June 1st.

Please send your old Parent Club logo Sweatshirts or T-Shirts to:

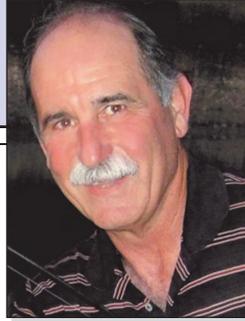
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by
James Hicks
President



I would like to commend the 2014 Breeders Cup Committee, headed by Connie Butherus, for presenting the Fancy with a fabulous experience at the Breeders Cup. The event was flawless, and enjoyed by all. Especially impressive was the extra effort put forward by Mary Ann Giordano, wearing several hats as Assistant BC Chair, Artist for the logo and trophies, and also judging – and all with grace – what a gal!!!

My appreciation goes out to new Topknot News Staffer Wynne Kalish who responded to my call for volunteers. Wynne stepped in starting with this issue as proofreader. Perry Rooks also agreed to help in this issue with graphics, design & layout, and did a great job. HUGE pats on the back to both of these dedicated club members for caring enough to come forward and help make a difference.

Lee Bornstein has taken over as Chair of the Finance Committee. The Committee is in the process of analyzing the Club's income, outgo, and spending habits in an effort to improve our financial stability. This looks to be a long-term project, and I feel that, under Lee's guidance, will be of great value to the continuation of our club as a successful entity.

Welcome to our newest Board member – Mr. Robert (Bob) Jordan, who was appointed to the Board due to the resignation of Debbie Petersen. Debbie will be sorely missed on the Board, but will continue to be involved as Chair of the Obedience/Rally Committee. Bob comes to us from a strong Coursing background, and is helping to coordinate with Regional Clubs to assist with fundraising through the AKC's Coursing Ability Test program.

Here in Texas, we are gearing up for the 2014 National Specialty – the response and reservations have been more than expected. In addition to our fabulous line-up of judges, Barb Bornstein has organized an exciting International Panel for the Breed Education Seminar, and the hospitality committee is planning a fun, Texas-Style evening of music and dancing for the "Denim & Diamonds" Awards Banquet.

Y'ALL COME . . . and bring your Boots, Jeans and Diamonds to Texas in October !!!

\$1,000** RAFFLE

Fundraiser for 2014 National Specialty

Tickets \$5 each or five for \$20

Drawing will be at the National on Wednesday,
October 22, 2014

Need not be present to win.

Tickets will be available for sale at the Club Table at the National, or may be purchased by mail, and will be mailed to the purchaser.

Mail orders and payment must be received by Oct. 1, 2014

FOR TICKETS

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AHCA CLASSIFIEDS

AHCA currently has a great opportunity for a Rescue Chair. Please consider volunteering to fill this intensely gratifying position. Confidentiality, discretion, and compassion a must.

Interested candidates please contact

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Submitted by Connie Butherus

2014 Breeders Cup Chair



Twenty-five years ago the first AHCA Breeders' Cup was held in conjunction with the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey. The late Sandy Motz was the judge and Ch. Triumph of Grandeur was the winner, handled by Michael Canalizo. In 2014, on the occasion of the 26th AHCA Breeders' Cup, it was held once again in the Garden State, New Jersey, and again in conjunction with the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey.

The Breeders' Cup is designed to honor both the promising youngsters in the breed as well as the breeders of these future stars. The lovely entry of 57 lived up to that goal and provided a look into the future of the breed.

Mary Ann Giordano, who judged the event, entered the ring with all of the grace and style for which she is known as an artist. Her talent demonstrated on May 2, however, was that of a knowledgeable breeder. Going about the task in a thorough and efficient manner, she gave each exhibit a careful assessment. She was assisted by 2 intrepid Stewards, Tony Saia and Sandy Nelson, who kept everything organized and running smoothly. The final placements were:

Best in Breeders' Cup

Winsong's Darkly Dreaming

Bred & Owned by the Gardners of Ohio

Best of Opposite Sex in Breeders' Cup

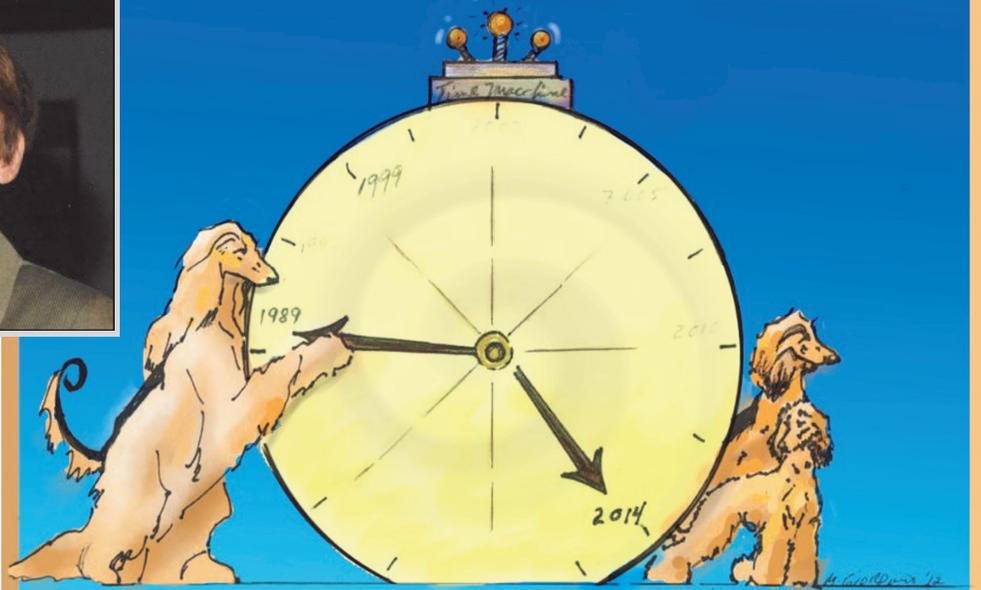
Winterberry's Think of Me

Bred & Owned by Kimberly Kurtz

The Committee had planned on-site hospitality for all in attendance. The day began with a Continental Breakfast and concluded with an outstanding post-show buffet. Breakfast was provided by the members and friends of the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey.

The Chef Extraordinaire, Billy Webb of Texas, and Christina Farrar, presented and sponsored the sumptuous buffet at the conclusion of the Specialty judging, which was also supported by donations from the:

**The Afghan Hound Club of America
2014 Breeders' Cup**



Back To The Future !

Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club;
Colonial Afghan Hound Club;
Afghan Hound Association of Long Island; and
Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Club.

The local team of Christina Farrar, Hal Perry and Tony DeMarzo, assisted by Christine Pinkston and Jennifer Taylor, raised funding for the trophies. In addition, Tony was the raffle ticket sales master of the day! It is impossible to say "no" to him.

The awards were original art work designed by Mary Ann Giordano. The Breeders' Cup logo was the theme for the class placements. The two major awards were framed/matted original paintings Mary Ann had created especially for the Breeders' Cup.

Although the weather was brisk with wind gusts, the dogs took it in stride and strutted around the ring with the pride of the breed. The human types consumed hot beverages and rejoiced when the sun would break through with welcome rays. (The mid Atlantic Spring season can be a challenge.) The protective tenting was most appreciated.

In addition to those individuals and Clubs noted above, a heartfelt thanks also is extended to the following who helped in the organization and implementation of the 2014 AHCA Breeders' Cup:

- Sue Busby - Event Secretary and Sales
- Becky Morissette - Sales
- Eileen Laudermilch - Sales
- Linda Jackson - Catalog Sales & Top-Notch Money Manager

2014 BREEDERS CUP



Best in Sweeps



Best Opposite in Sweeps



1st 6-9 Puppy Dog



1st 9-12 Puppy Dog



1st 6-9 Puppy Bitch



1st 9-12 Puppy Bitch



1st 12-15 Puppy Bitch



Congratulations

JUDGE'S CRITIQUE FOR THE 2014 BREEDERS CUP



In 1989, the first Breeders Cup was held in New Jersey, in conjunction with the Northern New Jersey Specialty show. Dr. Duane Butherus was the driving force. Sandy Motz was the judge and TR (Ch. Triumph of Grandeur) was Best in Breeders' Cup. In between then and now, the AHCNNJ hosted it three times. However, this year, I was given the privilege and pleasure to judge! What an honor, the AHCA's 2014 Breeders' Cup!

It was a bright and sunny day. But as always, the weather in New Jersey this time of year can be unpredictable. No rain but it was a very strong, windy day. This wind did affect some of the puppies. Some loved it, some did not and most had "too much" energy, throwing their movement off as they went around the ring! Another factor was the ring. Uneven and downward at one end, which also threw some of their footing off. I tried to find the most level ground for their down and backs and I think I succeeded. I was very impressed with these youngsters in all the classes! From start to finish, there was depth of quality in each class.

When I saw my first class enter the ring, it immediately put a smile on my face and I knew it was going to be a GOOD day!

6-9 dog class went to **Kasban Revolution**. This pretty blue brindle had a nice head, eye and expression. Very clean coming and going, but a bit high in the rear at this time. Very easy moving and together.

Second place went to **Mahali Windfall Rumour Has It at High Kaliber**. This boy was a pleasure to go over. Nice body, deep brisket and forechest. Good angles with a pretty outline. However, he was giving his handler a hard time on the move.

9-12 month dog class was very nice also. My first and second could have been reversed on any given day, but that day it went to **Jolie Foreshadowed**. He was a pretty blue boy with a nice head and dark eye. Beautiful arched neck into a smooth shoulder, well angled upper arm and level topline. Nice and square, balanced standing and on the move. Nice footing! He was a strong contender.

Second place went to **Pahlavi What the Dickens**. This brindle boy was a pleasure to go over. Very smooth outline from head to toe. Great attitude and presence for a young age. Arched neck, shoulders and nicely angled croup. He had good balance on the move.

12-15 month dog class held my Best in Breeders' Cup winner, **Wingsong Darkly Dreaming**. This black and tan boy had my eye at his first lap around the ring. Very easy mover with a nice lift, not overdone or extreme in any category. He was balanced front and rear, clean coming and going. He had a pretty expression with a correct, dark shaped eye. Nice angles, croup and tail set. Beautiful low hocks. He was not as "seasoned" on the stack as some of the others in his class, but I would take him home in a heartbeat!

His strong second place competition was the stallion-like **Taji Better Man Mazshalna**. Trained beautifully, and when stacked, gave off that "kingly" attitude. He dared you "not" to look at him! He was a strong mover and well balanced. He is a beautiful dark red color with a dark black mask. Just needs to fill in more and I'm sure he will with time. Strong competitor!

15-18 month dog class went to **Deloubelle Maya Korbel**. A very good bodied blue boy with a pretty head, good forechest and long upper arm. Good angles and in good condition. This day he was charging in the ring, and with maturity, will become steadier.

Second place went to **Seafires' Memories in Black and White**. Lovely black dog with a nice outline, correct size and pretty head. He will finish easily.

18-21 month dog class went to **Winterberrys All I Ask of You**. This nicely balanced domino boy was a good mover and correct size. Carried a good shaped, dark eye and nice head. Easy on the move. His handler was stressing a bit and this went down his lead on the stack. However, after he went around the ring, he was fine. Head and tail carried well.

Second went to **Sharja Snowdrift**. A beautiful white cream boy with dark pigment and almond eye. Lovely head and expression. Square, nice topline and croup. His classmate just out moved him a bit on this day. It was a very nice class.

I did not mention all my placements, BUT they were not overlooked! There was good quality in all of the dog classes. The other thing I would be remiss in not mentioning is temperaments. On the whole they were very good! Only one or two boys would rather have been somewhere else, which was a shame, as they were pleasing to the eye.

On to Bitches . . .

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Submitted by Mary Ann Giordano

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6-9 month bitch class was all littermates (as I found out), consistent, with good angles. Slight differences in confidence, body and movement. My first place choice was **Mahali Windfall Enuff Said**. Pretty black-masked red bitch. She had a little more body than her littermates. Carried a good forechest and nice balance.. She was a strong mover with good foot placement and a great attitude. She truly enjoyed herself!

Second went to **Mahali Windfall Chit Chat**. She moved nice and easy around the ring, not as together as her sister. She was more compact but had the same nice balance.

3rd went to **Mahali Windfall Jive Talkin'**. This little girl was not as sure of herself in the ring or with the wind. She did have moments of grandeur and then not. She is a smaller version of her siblings, but still had everything in the right place. Very nice angles! I am sure she will get herself together, with more ring exposure and training.

9-12 month bitch class had a great depth of quality in it. Very nice! My 1st place was **Pahlavi Marilyn Merlot**. From what I learned, this was her first show (as with some of the others), but she showed like a little pro! Nice expression, square and balanced. Beautiful arched neck flowing into a good angled , shoulder and topline. Good balance. Very pleasing to the eye and touch. Her finer details gave her this class win.

Second went to **Jolie Palindrome**. She was a beautiful deep red, patterned bitch that immediately brought a smile to my face. Very pleasing to the eye and did not put a step out of place. Good reach and drive. It was a very close decision between her and the first class winner. And as I said previously, it came down to the finer points!

Third place was **Vanity Blue Diamond of Polo**. She was a pretty blue bitch, with a beautiful head and eye. Long neck, strong topline, a good body and nice balanced movement. It was a strong class.

12-15 month bitches was won by **Winsong Coco Chanel**. She is a littermate to my Best in Breeders' Cup winner. Pretty black masked red with a nice strong body. She carried the proper angles front and rear, along with low hocks, as did her brother. Pretty outline on the stack and on the move. Good attitude and was also up there on my list.

2nd place was also a strong contender. She was an elegant, deep black-masked red. Her name is **Taji Even Flow**. Proper size, nice topline, and balanced movement. Nothing extreme on her! Smooth going around the ring. A pleasure to watch.

3rd place went to **Deloubelle WT Kindest Regards**. A very pretty, nicely balanced, easy mover with her correct angles . Nice coming and going. On this day, her handler held her back.

15-18 month bitch class was **Deloubelle Maya Veuve Chiz Out**. Very nice blue bitch with a strong, conditioned body and nice expression and head. Moved well, clean coming and going. Nice outline!

My final class 18-21 month bitches had my Best of Opposite Sex winner in it, **Winterberrys' Think of Me**. This domino bitch screamed "bitch." Standing or moving, she commanded your attention! Correct size, beautiful head, expression and dark eye. A strong arched neck into a nice top line. I would have liked a bit more angle on the croup, and a bit more return on her upper arm, but everything else worked well together! She had nice length to her bones, and good balance with her movement. Great attitude!

Second went to the pretty, feminine, **Kavrab Hunters Moon of Golden Hill**. This cream bitch, also moved very well around the ring. She also caught my eye as she entered the ring. She was elegant and sound. Nice easy movement. Nothing was overdone. however, her topline needs to be watched on the stack.

I am sure many of these youngsters will attain their championship easily and I hope in the future their qualities will be passed down and proven in their get.

I would like to thank our Breeders' Cup Chair, Connie Butherus, and committee members for a wonderful show and experience I will never forget, Tony Saia, my ring steward extraordinaire, and of course David, for always being there for me!

I have to mention the GREAT morning hospitality the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey, offered. It was a delicious start to a great day, with its extended Continental breakfast, hot breakfast sandwiches, fruits, cakes, juices and healthy eats. Oh, and of course, HOT coffee!

Then, a wonderful "After Show" spread donated by Christina Farrar, Master Chef Billy Webb, The Lehigh Valley AHC, Nutmeg AHC, AHAI and Colonial AHC. This included everything from shrimp, crab salad, pates, and an array of cheeses and fruits, along with beef and chicken fajitas! It was GREAT!

Thank you all, especially to the breeders, exhibitors and puppies, for making this a most memorable day!

Mary Ann Giordano

2014 AHCA BREEDERS' CUP RESULTS

Submitted by Dorma Sue Busby, Show Secretary

DOG CLASSES

Placements in the 6-9 Months Puppy Dogs

1. KASBAN REVOLUTION

Breeder: Laura Mauldin

Owners: Charlotte Salle & Laura Mauldin

2. MAHALI WINDFALL SHOOT THE BREEZE

Breeder: Lynne Schanzle & Cathy Rodgers

Owners: Neva & Jay Johnson

Placements in the 9-12 Months Puppy Dogs

1. JOLIE FORESHADOW

Breeder: Jason & Jennifer Taylor & S. Krupp

Owners: Erika Peters

2. PAHLAVI WHAT THE DICKENS

Breeder: Karen Wagner & Ellen Klosson

Owners: Karen Wagner & Toni Richmond

3. STILLWIND'S DRAGONFLY ECCO'S RYDIN' SOLO

Breeder: Shirley Haggerty & Lucia Brown

Owners: Breeder & Philip Schafmayer

4. TOKABOUT AN XLNT HOUND DAWG

Breeder: Diedre Devins & Kit Schmitt

Owners: Kit Schmitt

Placements in the 12-15 Months Dogs

1. WINSONG'S DARKLY DREAMING

Breeder: Nikki, Mike & Jody Gardner

Owner: Nikki & Mike Gardner

2. TAJI BETTER MAN MAZSHALNA

Breeder: Yancy Russell, Donna & Vanessa Bates

Owners: Maraela Brier & Yancy Russell

3. ZIV HII'S GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

Breeder/Owner: Carla Helm

4. TAJI CURTIOUS DREAMS IN RED V MAZSHALNA

Breeder: Yancy Russell, Donna & Vanessa Bates

Owner: Kate Barnet & Yancy Russell

Placements in the 15-18 Months Dogs

1. DELOUBELLE MAYA KORBEL

Breeder/Owner: Louise Ouimet Lavigne & Cheryl Rahaman

2. SEAFIRE'S MEMORIES IN BLACK AND WHITE, CGC

Breeder: Elizabeth Leng & Laura Part Mauldin

Owner: Elizabeth Leng

Placements in the 18-21 Months Dogs

1. WINTERBERRY'S ALL I ASK OF YOU

Breeder/Owner: Kimberly Kurtz

2. SHARJA SNOWDRIFT

Breeder: Linda Shipley

Owner: Patty Kageals & Linda Shipley

3. GONDEN HILL'S QUIET HAWK

Breeder: Amy & Colton Mero & Kathleen Vrabel

Owner: Amy & Colton Mero

BITCH CLASSES

Placements in the 6-9 Months Puppy Bitches

1. MAHALI WINDFALL E'NUFF SAID

Breeder/Owner: Lynne Schanzle & Cathy Rodgers

2. MAHALI WINDFALL CHIT CHAT

Breeder/Owner: Lynne Schanzle & Cathy Rodgers

2. MAHALI WINDFALL JIVE TALKIN'

Breeder: Lynne Schanzle & Cathy Rodgers

Owners: Breeder & Linda Kramer

Placements in the 9-12 Months Puppy Bitches

1. PAHLAVI MARILYN MERLOT

Breeder: Karen Wagner & Ellen Klosson

Owners: Karen Wagner

2. JOLIE PALINDROME

Breeder:/Owner Jason & Jennifer Taylor & S. Krupp

3. VANITY BLUE DIAMOND OF POLO

Breeder: Marine Misheneua & Tatgane Hovanvoga

Owners: Lorianne Amadeo & Anne Clark

4. TOKABOUT FN XLNT

Breeder: Diedre Devins & Kit Schmitt

Owners: Kit Schmitt

Placements in the 12-15 Months Bitches

1. WINSONG COCO CHANEL

Breeder: Nikki, Mike & Jody Gardner

Owners: Chad Alexander & Chris Belt

2. TAJI EVEN FLOW

Breeder: Yancy Russell, Donna & Vanessa Bates

Owners: Deborah Stefanelli & Yancy Russell

3. DELOUBELLE WT KINDEST REGARDS

Breeder: Louise Ouimet Lavigne

Owner: Michelin Denis

4. DELOUBELLE MAYA WT LOVE TO YOU

Breeder: Louise Ouimet Lavigne

Owners: Breeder & Cheryl Rahaman

Placements in the 15-18 Months Bitches

1. DELOUBELLE MAYA VEUVE CHIZ OUT

Breeder/Owner: Louise Ouimet Lavigne & Cheryl Rahaman

Placements in the 18-21 Months Bitches

1. WINTERBERRY'S THINK OF ME

Breeder / Owner: Kimberly Kurtz

2. KAVRAB HUNTERS MOON OF GOLDEN HILL

Breeder: Kathleen Vrabel, Amy & Colton Mero

Owner: Kathleen M. S. Vrabel

3. SHARJA STRATOSPHERE

Breeder / Owner Linda Shipley

4. GOLDEN HILL'S YAZHI

Breeder: Amy & Colton Mero & Kathleen Vrabel

Owner: Amy & Colton Mero

BEST IN BREEDERS CUP

WINSONG'S DARKLY DREAMING

Breeder:
Nikki, Mike & Jody Gardner

Owner:
Nikki & Mike Gardner



CH Thاون's Star Power x CH Winsong's Shekinah Rumor Has It



Be A Dream A Touch of Freedom x Kasban Idolize The Wind

BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN BREEDERS CUP

WINTERBERRY'S THINK OF ME

Breeder / Owner:
Kimberly Kurtz

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JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Submitted by Anna Stromberg, Chair



Dear Afghan Hound fanciers, please meet Mattie Taylor - one of our "future of the breed." I hope you enjoy reading about her and her experience in the breed as well as her goals. I also hope many of you follow in Calvena Evetts' footsteps in introducing others to our lovely breed by allowing your dogs to be handled or cared for by a junior and his/her family.

Mattison Laine Taylor, Mattie, is 12 years old. She lives in Rockmart, Georgia, a small town about 60 miles northwest of Atlanta with her mom, dad and younger brother. She will be going into the 7th grade next year. Mattie is an honor roll student and is passionate about 2 things, school and dogs.

handling after her mother began to learn to show Afghan Hounds belonging to some friends/clients of their salon. Mattie was always interested in putting her hands on the Afghan Hounds when they came in the salon to be groomed. In the fall of 2012, Mattie attended a few classes at a local kennel club and she was hooked! She was offered the opportunity to co-own and show an Afghan Hound. She now participates in weekly classes at the local kennel club, seminars when possible and always welcomes critiques from professional handlers to fine tune her skills.

Her first show was in Newnan, Georgia on Easter weekend 2013. She took first place with her Afghan Hound, GCH. Sebring Elan's Silverado, Stryker, in the Novice class both Saturday and



Mattie is no stranger to a life with dogs. From the time she was born, she has been surrounded by family pets. Very mature for her age, Mattie can often be found at their family grooming spa and pet hotel in her free time. She helps at the front desk and with caring for the dogs who stay in the hotel by providing play-time activities during the day and helping clean up after them. She has just begun to learn the basics of all breed pet grooming as well.

Before Jr. Handling, Mattie danced ballet, jazz and tap competitively from the ages of 3-7. She then excelled in the mainly male sport of wrestling for 2 years. Mattie first showed an interest in

Sunday. She and Stryker have since worked their way around the southeast at various shows, learning and having fun showing in both the Jr. and breed rings. In April 2014, Mattie earned the final points needed to complete Stryker's Grand Championship.

Mattie enjoys caring for, grooming and showing Afghan Hounds and is excited to learn about other breeds in the future. Even though Mattie is still new to handling, just like everything in her life, she has her goals set high . . . on Eukanuba and Westminster.

LIBRARY REPORT

Submitted by Librarian,
Helen Stein



What a nice surprise to have received a package from Dennis and Susan Sprung, which contained many small Afghan Hound artifacts! These lovely, and in some cases quaint, figurines were donated to the AHCA Library and they are portable enough that I'll have some on display at the National Specialty in Belton, Texas.

Also in Texas will be the third Scrapbook in our project to put everything in Archival quality books. This one (nearing completion) was made possible by the generous donation of a club member and will contain not only old photos but many Certified Pedigrees of dogs from the fifties and earlier.

Eddie and Selma Kominek continue to work on editing and adding titles to many of our older videos that were recently converted to DVD format. Once completed, Eddie posts them on the AHCA website where they can be viewed at no charge. Stop by the Library booth at the National to watch some videos from our past specialties.

I'd like to thank Lynda Hicks and Toni King for continuing to edit and publish this newsletter, Topknot News, although they are immersed in chairing the National Specialty. These two ladies do have help from other club members, but they had promised only to "fill in" and publish only a couple of issues of TN. Club members -- a permanent editor would be great, so contact Lynda or Toni if you are ready to tackle the job!

The booklet Introduction to the Afghan Hound is available on CD for members, rescue groups and regional clubs; the CD includes other public education materials as well and may be copied by individuals who wish to share information about our breed. For more information, contact me at BeanieSue@aol.com.

See y'all in Texas!

CANINE HEALTH REPORT

Submitted by Health Chair,
Eileen Laudermlch
RN, CCRN



The results for the first quarter of 2014 are as follows:

Hips: 26 total 15 excellent, 10 good, 1 fair (no dysplasia)
Eye: 20—Normal
Cardiac: 5—Normal
Elbows: 2—Normal
Thyroid: 21 total—20 normal, 1 equivocal

if you are interested in ongoing progress of many studies, please go to www.akcchf.org/videos for some excellent presentation on dog health

REMINDER

If you have not done so already - please go to the OFA website and complete the Afghan Hound Health Survey
http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey_afghan.html

Blast from the past!
Guess who each person is correctly.
Answers will be in the next Topknot issue!





STATISTICS

Submitted by Statistics Chair
JoAnne Alft

AKC BREED RANKINGS FOR 2013

Provided by Connie Butherus, AHCA's Delegate to AKC

Dogs Registered: 475 dogs registered ranking 96th overall
Litters Registered: 99 litters registered ranking 106 overall

The Top-Producing Sire 13 CH offspring
CH Sura's Hollywood Nights JC
Owner: Suzanne J. & William R. Neill
Breeder: Suzanne J Neill & Sandra L Weinraub

The Top-Producing Dam 5 CH offspring
GCH CH Majic Whatever I Want
Owner: Karen Todd & Lisa Bettis
Breeder: Lisa Bettis, Debra Hamilton
& Cindy Chandler

The Top-Winning Dog in breed competition 1,331
GCH CH Tells Matrix Reloaded
Owner: Missy Ann Gallaway
Breeder: Jorgen Collinge & Camilla
& Marie-Louise Tell Collinge

The Top-Winning Bitch in breed competition 223
GCH CH Karakush Storm In a D-Cup
Owner: David Sorey, Stephen Fisher & Bruce Clark
Breeder: Le and Helen Gibson

The Top Junior Handler
Libbie Flanagan

The Top Lure Coursing Afghan Hound AKC 50
FC Allures Just Give Me That Wink MC LCX
Owner: Deanna Delesandri & Stephani Norris
Breeder: Stephani & Todd M. Norris
& Pamela McQueen

Tie

DC Komar's Kiss'N Fire MC LCX 50
Owner / Breeder: Marion Roby

The Top Lure Coursing Afghan Hound ASFA 85
FC Kominek's Hand Of The King, SFCh, Can FCh
Owner: Jeanie Martin
Breeder: Eddie & Selma Kominek

The Highest Point Total in Obedience 583.5
Anamcara It had to be You Myway
Owners: Chuck and Debbie Anthonijsz
& David and Mary Ann Giordano

Top Agility Afghan Hound
*CH MACH10 Stormhill's Red Zinger JC MXS4 MJC4
FTC1 MFC TQX T2B*
Owner Robin Cohen, Robin Kletke & Stormhill
Breeder: Mary Offerman, Terri Vanderzee
& Stormhill

Top Rally Afghan Hound
GCH DC L'Rhel Suni Asia's Timestep, CD, RE, MC, LCX2
Owner James and Lynda Hicks
Breeder: Maryjane (MJ) Moss & Larry Wilt

Certificate Award Winners:

Best in Novice Rally –
CH Elfs Smarty Jones, RN, CGC
Owners Nora Mayfield
Breeder: Roger Elfgren

Best in Advance Rally, Best in Excellent Rally
*GCH DC L'Rhel Suni Asia's Timestep,
CD, RE, MC, LCX2*
Owners: James and Linda Hicks
Breeder: Maryjane (MJ) Moss
& Larry Wilt

Therapy Dogs - Certificates earned in 2013

*GCH CH Chic's Envy's Jewel CD BN RA THD
Triplemarks Carmella Masquerade BN RN JC THD
GCH DC Cheri-A's Ice Ikon Du Carousel RA SC THD
CH Perfections Parisian Holiday JC THD*

RESCUE REPORT

Submitted by Barb Hastings, Rescue Chair



I hope everyone will stop by the Rescue tables at the 2014 National. We will have a very Special raffle item this year. It is a Royal Doulton statue. It is in the "Reflections Line" and the name is Promenade. We will be selling tickets for the drawing both before and after the National, with the drawing to take place November 1, 2014. This wonderful piece has been donated to Afghan Hound Rescue by Carol Backers & the Borzoi Rescue Group, for the assistance we have given them in the past . . . though it seems that they have done much more to assist us over the years. Tickets will sell for \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The statue is in perfect condition with no chips or cracks. It will be shipped free of charge to the lucky winner! Tickets will go on sale August 1, 2014 and can be purchased directly from me by sending your check to:

Barb Hastings
4071 Gurnee Rd.
Westfield, PA 16950

Please make checks payable to AHCA RCT and include your phone number with the check. If you want your numbered stub sent to you, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check, or pick your stubs up at the Rescue tables at the National.



PURINA PARENT CLUB PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM REPORT

Submitted by Helen Stein, PPCPP Liaison



Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP)

The Afghan Hound Club of America has received a check for \$604.73, which represents our credit for the weight circles submitted by AHCA members and Afghan Hound fanciers. Under Purina's guidelines, this money is to be used in funding **education, health research and/or rescue efforts**. In addition, a matching amount will be sent by Purina to the **Canine Health Foundation** to be used in our Donor Advised Fund (a savings account for health research in the name of the AHCA).

395 Pro Club Members are signed up to participate in the PPCPP on behalf of Afghan Hounds, and 55 of these people submitted weight circles in 2013.

Our income is down slightly from last year (\$662.09 in 2013) because fewer weight circles were submitted; however, EVERY dollar is welcome and we are happy to work with Nestle Purina, a company that donates a great deal of money to dog-related causes each year.

Purina states that there are 190 National Parent Clubs participating in this program, and that in 2013 their submissions earned in excess of \$440,000 (to be evenly distributed between the Canine Health Foundation and the individual clubs).

If you would like more information about how this program works, you can visit the website www.purinaproclub.com or you can contact me by email, BeanieSue@aol.com.

Thanks very much to all who have participated in this program!



Afghan Hound Club of America



NATIONAL SPECIALTY

October 19-22, 2014
Belton, TX
Bell County Expo Center

*****NOTE*****
CLOSING DATE
FOR ALL AHCA NATIONAL
SPECIALTY EVENTS
10/1/2014



JUDGES

Dogs / Intersex - David Frei
Bitches / Jr. Showmanship - Jane Sheppard
Sweepstakes - Floyd Gale
Lure Coursing - Garry & Judy Newton
Obedience / Rally - Cathy Caballero
Agility - Alan Arthur

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thurs . 10/16 - Sun. 10/19	4 All-Breed Shows & Agility Trials - Same Location
Sun. 10/19	AHCA Agility On-site
Mon. 10/20	AM - AKC/ASFA Lure Coursing PM - Sweepstakes
Tue. 10/21	Dogs / Bitches
Wed. 10/22	Obedience, Rally / BOB
Thur. 10/23 - Sun. 10/26	4 All-Breed Shows, 1 Specialty (Afghan Hound Club of Austin)
Specialty Saturday	4 Obedience, Rally & Agility Trials - Austin (45-minutes away)

WATCH FOR PREMIUM LISTS ON THE AHCA WEBSITE SOON!!!

For further information <http://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org/index.php/national/announcements>
or contact:

2014nationals@afghanhoundclubofamerica.org

2014 National Specialty - Meet Your Judges



DAVID FREI Judging Conformation Dogs & Intersex

David Frei is well-known to millions of television viewers as the longtime (since 1990) co-host of USA Network's annual telecast

of the popular Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show from Madison Square Garden in New York. He has been Director of Communications for the Westminster Kennel Club since 2003.

David also has been co-host on NBC of The National Dog Show presented by Purina on Thanksgiving Day since its inception in 2002, a telecast seen by more than 20 million viewers every year.

A longtime breeder-owner-handler and judge in the world of purebred dogs, he has enjoyed much competitive success with his Afghan Hounds, Brittany's and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. He has judged at dog shows all over the world, including Denmark, Australia and China. He co-bred and co-owned many champion Afghans, including Ch. Stormhill's Who's Zoomin' Who, who was the top Afghan in 1989 and retired as the top-winning female in the history of the breed with 20 all breed Bests In Show. He was also co-owner and co-breeder of Ch. Calais Sunrise at Stormhill, winner of the 1999 AHCA National Specialty.

He is proud of the wonderful work that his dogs do as therapy dogs, regularly visiting at the Ronald McDonald House New York, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and the VA Medical Center in New York. His Brittany's, Teigh and Belle, pioneered the practice there and in many other places, and his Cavalier, Angel, and his Brittany, Grace, are carrying on for them today. His second book, Angel on a Leash, about his work and observations in the world of therapy dogs and his life in dogs, was named best book for 2012 by the Dog Writers Association of America for its depiction of the human animal bond.

David is the founder and president of Angel On A Leash, which creates and administers therapy dog programs in healthcare facilities across the country. The success of the program provided the inspiration for his book of the same name.

David and his wife Cherilyn live in New York City, where she is a Catholic chaplain and director of family support for the Ronald McDonald House



JANE SHEPPARD Judging Conformation Bitches & Jr. Handling

My involvement with Afghan Hounds has spanned nearly five decades, which is quite amazing, considering that "Province" had been established years before, by Gene Jantos and his

mother, Frances. One could say that I "married" into the breed. I look back at what a tremendous opportunity I had been given, to experience the evolution of the breed over the years, and being able to have seen so many of the "Greats," both breeders and dogs that were the foundation of the breed here in the U.S.

My first Afghan Hound was my beloved Ch. Artemus of Province, an all-breed Best in Show winner and breed winner at Westminster in 1968, where he also placed in the Group. Artemus produced over 50 Champions and generations later, his descendants can still be identified with the "Artie" look.

Under the Province banner, I am proud to have bred or owned other Best in Show and Specialty winners, including American and Canadian Ch. Dominator of Province and Ch. Province Applause Resolution. Scooby's most memorable win was at this very prestigious event, The Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty in 1982.

I obtained my license to judge Afghan Hounds and Jr. Showmanship in 1984, followed by Salukis and now approved on a permit basis to judge Irish Wolfhounds.

Although I was born in New Jersey and spent most of my life there, I now reside in the Midcoast area of Maine with my husband Dave. After a long hiatus, a beautiful Afghan Hound, Voltaire, now graces my living room sofa (and bed).

I am a licensed Realtor here in Maine and my hobbies include travel, cooking and golf, kayaking in summer and snowshoeing in winter.

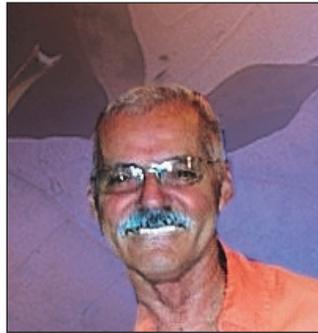
Winning The Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty in 1982 was like winning "The Super Bowl". Having the privilege of judging the National in 2014 is like winning the "Nobel Prize!" It is indeed an honor to have been invited to officiate at your event. Thank you so very much!



2014 National Specialty — Meet Your Judges

FLOYD GALE Conformation Judging Sweepstakes And Triathlon

My attraction to the Afghan Hound began in the late 1960's. At this time, I was fortunate to own dogs from the famed Moornistan and Grandeur Kennels. It was from these 2 great Kennels that I acquired my breed knowledge and understanding of our Sighthounds. I was lucky enough to see some of celebrated dogs such as Ch. Shirkhan of Grandeur, Ch. Sahadi Shikari, Ch. Mecca's Blu Silks Karu, Ch. Pandora of Stormhill and Ch. Moonshyn of Moornistan. By this time, I embarked on many durable friendships, which are still going strong to this day.



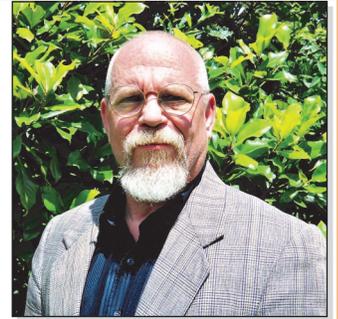
By the late 1970's, Beachbrook Afghans began to set in motion a long and wonderful journey of pushing ahead with many more acquaintances, some great memories, and many tears. Every Beachbrook Champion goes back to our 2 Foundation bitches, Ch. Beachbrook Carmel of Zuvenda and SBIS Ch. Zuvenda Valhkryi of Beachbrook. These 2 bitches were both based on solid bloodlines of both the Mecca & Moornistan dogs from the breeding accomplished by Carol Shirk, Karen Usury Martin and Gerri Cumberland. It was through these 2 bitches that really helped us establish a very strong bitch line which Beachbrook has become famous for. Throughout these wonderful forty years, Beachbrook Afghans has produced over eighty-five Champions, and resulted in producing 6 Dams of Distinction, which we are very proud of. I was taught at a very young age to place all of your efforts in your bitches because you can almost always find a Sire that would fit your bitch's needs, and we did follow this advice. Beachbrook Afghans has produced many Group winners, 4 All Breed Best in Show Winners and 9 Specialty BIS winners, while winning at over 50 Independent Specialties throughout the United States. The highlights of my career in dogs will always be attributed with taking Sprinkles MBIS/MSBIS to the spot of being Number #1 Afghan All Systems in 2005. This ride was like no other, she was a dream come true and I only have one wish from her illustrious career, and that is we were able to have one of her offspring. She rose to fame with no financial backers, no politics but with only her outstanding attributes and extravagant outlook towards the world of dog shows.

Throughout our years we have forged many great breeding partnerships, and could never have accomplished our highs without the likes of Leslie Stoffels, Lex Robertson, Michael Liss, Cathy Lursen and the Mary Jean Odrons of our known little worlds. Finally, my individual thanks for the memories and friendships to all of them.

One final breeding is planned and hopefully we can get something from our breathtaking MSBIS Ch. Beachbrook Cartier Diamond. Beachbrook and I are now in semi-retirement, living our lives in Paradise, and loving every second in the Sunshine State of Florida.

GARRY NEWTON Lure Coursing

Garry grew up with Great Danes and a Standard Poodle over which he hunted pheasant growing up. His first show dogs were Great Danes, but after returning to the United States from overseas military duty, he quickly became enamored with sighthounds. His first sighthounds were Borzoi, followed by Salukis. He became involved with Afghan Hounds when Judy's first Afghan asked if he (the Afghan) could keep him (Garry). Garry has judged lure coursing since the mid-1970's and served on the first AKC lure coursing advisory board. Garry is approved to judge the Hound, Herding and Working Groups, as well as Best in Show in the conformation world.



Garry is also well known for his sculpture, mainly in bronze, of dogs.

JUDY NEWTON Lure Coursing



Judy was first introduced to the world of pure-bred dogs by rescuing 2 Afghan Hounds in Northwest Arkansas where she grew up. Through contacts made due to these dogs, she was introduced to the world of pure-bred show dogs. Judy's first "show" dogs were Afghan Hounds followed by Salukis. Her first Afghan Hound fell in love with her now husband, Garry Newton, and asked if he (the

Afghan Hound) could keep him (Garry).

Judy made Garry co-own and campaign an Afghan Hound before she would marry him, figuring that if 2 people can survive that, they can survive almost anything.

Judy is a Ph.D. chemist as well as a certified secondary science teacher.

Judy and Garry are best known in the dog world for their Salukis, having produced over 50 conformation champions with a very limited breeding program. They have also produced multiple Best in Field (lure coursing) winners, High in Specialty Trial obedience dogs, Best Junior Handler (both dog and child), and most important, good companions.

Judy and Garry handled professionally for a while, specializing in sighthounds. They finished the conformation championship on over thirty Irish Wolfhounds as well as many other breeds.

Judy has judged lure coursing since the mid-1980's and conformation since the mid-1990's. She has judged all over the world including Sweden, Finland, Canada, Japan and Australia.

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CATHY CABALLERO Obedience & Rally

I cannot remember a time when my family did not include a dog! My interest in obedience started in 2005 when my husband and I adopted 2 Labrador puppies from the Heart of Texas Labrador Rescue. I had the privilege of studying under Joyce Morgan in Austin, TX, who mentored and encouraged me along the way. I quickly was bitten by the “show bug” and started competing in Rally and Obedience in 2006. I was asked by Joyce Morgan to teach at her training center after completing some titles with my Novice A dog. I continue to teach and love every minute of it!

Many friends I met along the way encouraged me to become a judge. I thought that was the best way I could give back to the sport which has given me so much joy, friendships, and most importantly, a better relationship with my dogs. In 2013, I retired Dora, CDX, RAE, CGC, and I continue to compete in obedience, agility, dock diving, and field training with my Novice A dog, Olive, UDX2, OM1, RAE2, MX, MXJ, XF. I also started my newest dog, Apollo 25, CD, BN, RA, a Miniature Pinscher, off on his obedience journey in December 2013.

I am currently a member of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Labrador Retriever Club, serving as Obedience Chair from 2012-present and Vice President/board member from 2013-present. In any spare time I have left, I enjoy trail riding with my 12-year old paint horse, Genna!



ALAN ARTHUR Agility

Alan Arthur of Leander, Texas has been involved in the sport of dogs for nearly 40 years.

Alan has exhibited and bred Scottish Deerhounds since 1976. He is a former President and AKC Delegate for the Scottish Deerhound Club of America. As an owner-handler, he was in the top 10 in his breed in conformation for 15 consecutive years with numerous Group wins and one All-Breed Best in Show. After a Whippet was added to his household in the 1980's, he also exhibited and bred many excellent Whippets, one of which is a multi-Best in Specialty Show winner. He and his wife, Liz, have bred 25 AKC Champions and are recognized as AKC Breeders of Merit.

Alan discovered agility as a way to improve the confidence of a Whippet that was spooked on the examination table at a conformation show. He found that he loved agility competition as much as he loved conformation, and after many happy and rewarding years as an agility exhibitor, he decided to apply for approval to judge AKC Agility. Alan has found that judging AKC Agility is fun, rewarding, and challenging and has enjoyed every minute of his time as a judge.

Alan has had the honor to judge the AKC Eukanuba Agility Invitational in 2012 and the AKC National Agility Championship in 2014 and has been invited to judge Agility at the Westminster Kennel Club show in 2015. He is pleased and excited to have been asked to judge for the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty Agility Trial and is looking forward to a fun and successful trial.

Away from Agility, Alan judges Borzois, Greyhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds and Whippets in AKC Conformation. He and Liz, who is also an AKC Conformation judge, are enjoying their retirement with their Whippets and an Italian Greyhound.

2014 NATIONAL SPECIALTY TROPHY FUND

Trophy donations in any amount are welcome! However, if you donate \$50 or more you are entitled to pick up a free catalog at the National. Include an additional \$5 if you want your catalog mailed. The names of all donors will appear in the catalog, and the names of those who donate \$100 or more will appear on a separate page of the catalog, IF YOUR DONATION IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2014.

This year, for every \$10 you donate over \$50, your name will be included in a raffle for an original piece of artwork by Janet Williams or a dog raincoat made by Sandy Nelson. The drawing will be held at the National; you need not be present to win. The first name drawn will receive the art work and the second name will receive the raincoat.

Go to www.afghanhoundclubofamerica.com for a Trophy Donation Form and further information.



INTERNATIONAL STARS SHINE BIG 'N BRIGHT

AT THE 2014 NATIONAL BREED EDUCATION SEMINAR

Submitted by Breed Education Chair, Barb Bornstein

The 2014 Breed Education Seminar promises to be interesting, informative and fun as we listen to and learn from our International guest panelists. These speakers regularly attend our National, and several recently attended (and some spoke at) the 2014 Afghan Hound World Congress. Now we will have the opportunity, right here in our own back yard, to hear their views on the current status of our breed and learn what they feel is most important in the breed.

Our exciting panel of International Speakers:

Jennifer Atkinson – New Zealand

Susan Rhoades – England

Lotte Jorgensen – Denmark

Terry Wilcox – Australia

Will also be joined by our own **Harry Bennett**, AHCA Judges Education Chairman, who will comment on what he sees weekly in the show ring here in the USA.

Following the panelists' remarks, the floor will be opened for questions from you, the attendees. On the following pages, you will see the bios of this year's Seminar speakers.

HELP SPONSOR THE SEMINAR

One purpose of the Afghan Hound Club of America is to provide continuing education. We accomplish this through Topknot News, Judges' Education, AHCA Library material, and our National Specialty Show Breed Education Seminar. A feature of the Education Seminar and Dinner is maintaining the fee of \$15.00 for the dinner, while the Seminar is the real benefit. This year we have managed to continue the current Seminar Dinner rate of \$15.00 because of the generosity of the **International Stars Seminar Sponsors** who have stepped forward contributing donations that will offset the Seminar costs.

If you wish to become an **International Stars Seminar Sponsor**: Mail a check, payable to the AHCA to Barb Bornstein, PO Box 108, Reddick, FL 32686 in the amount of \$50.00 per person, by no later than October 1, 2014. Your donation will include the cost of your dinner and your Seminar reservation) will be made for you. Each and every sponsor will receive special recognition at the Seminar dinner.

Following is the current list of **International Stars Seminar Sponsors** and we thank them!

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PANELISTS



JENNIFER ATKINSON

New Zealand

Jennifer has been involved in dog showing since 1977 with Afghan Hounds, having bred, owned and handled several multi BIS winners.

The extensive love of the Afghan Hound and Borzoi has taken her all over the world, enjoying shows of Afghans with large numbers no longer seen in New Zealand. To see dogs that are behind or from the lines currently in the southern hemisphere has always been a pleasure to Jennifer and it will continue to be so.

She has also been involved with Gordon Setters (since 1986), Kerry Blues (since 1988) and has a continuing involvement in Borzoi (since 1982). Jennifer started judging in 1982, having gained her NZKC international licences for the Hound group, followed by the Gundog, Terrier and Working dog groups. Jennifer has also handled many other breeds in the Hound, Gundog and Terrier groups. While her main interest has always been with the Afghan Hound, she enjoys an extensive involvement with the Borzoi and a number of other breeds within the Hound group. Jennifer is the immediate past secretary and life member of the Dominion Afghan Hound Club (now in recess) and the Auckland Branch of the Judges Association.



HARRY BENNETT

USA

I played the oboe from childhood through high school. When I got the idea that I wanted a purebred dog, I studied all that I could about the different breeds and chose the Afghan

Hound. In my mind I established that this breed is to the Hound Group as the oboe is to the woodwind section of the orchestra.

I acquired my first Afghan Hound in 1970. I was a teen and a little hasty to get the dog because I wanted it before my parents changed their minds about letting me have one. He was not actually show quality. However, I had been introduced to dog shows by a neighbor and so I became driven. I am sure I made a lot of mistakes with this dog, but I also learned so much, and I was encouraged every step of the way by everyone around me. People asked me to show their dogs very early on so I think I had a special knack.

I traveled around the country to visit different kennels. I got to see and have my hands on some of the greatest Afghan Hounds this land will ever know. These dogs were young, old, at home or in the ring.

I wanted to get it right for myself so I contacted Fred Alderman and he sent me a beautiful puppy bitch. She grew up to be Ch. Dynasty's Wild Child. I later bought an older bitch, Habah's 'Member Me, from Larry Randall. After being awarded Winners and Best of Winners at the National, she became a champion at almost 8 years of age. From there

I bred for myself under the prefix Wanderin' producing some specialty winners such as Ch. Wanderin' Bad Girl, Ch. Wanderin' Glorya, and Ch. Wanderin' Cat In The Hat. I co-owned Ch. Pahlavi Storm Warning with Karen Wagner. Some years later Karen sent me a 5-1/2 month old puppy to get ready to show. When she stepped off the plane, I knew immediately that I would rather co-own this one than be paid to show her and so our journey with Ch. Pahlavi Blame It On The Rain began. I showed Licorice to be the youngest Afghan Hound to finish her championship.

I loved handling and if statistics were tabulated for the category, I would have to be in the top 5 individuals having handled the largest number of Afghan Hounds to their championships. Some Afghan Hounds that I campaigned to notable ranking and high awards were: Korelec's Kharisma of Kamelot (Westminster BOB), Kabik's Hit and Run, Pahlavi Pyromania, Jorogz' Juliana (youngest champion to win a Specialty), Cypress Shaken Not Stirred, Aries Obsession of Sankya, Sudon's Miss Olivia, Arcana Academy Award and the beautiful Rhadaman, the dog from France. If these dogs weren't number one, they were certainly phenomenon's in their day. I am proud to say I occasionally showed to significant wins the beautiful Sharif's Sky's The Limit, Pahlavi Puttin' On The Ritz, Yucatan's Knight Vision and Mijkelh Sikanni of Procyon.

I have been honored to judge the Breeders' Cup Futurity twice and the Sweepstakes at our National, as well as innumerable Sweepstakes at Regional Specialties through the years. This has given me the opportunity to intimately see the Afghan Hound nationally as it moves through this span of time. I have also judged Sweepstakes, Futurities, and Top Twenty competitions at many other breed National events. I love to judge but I am not through showing dogs. I have shown many breeds in many groups but try to keep my focus among the Sighthounds and the Toy breeds. I have been reputed with special and personal accomplishments in Borzoi, Ibizan Hounds, Salukis, Chinese Cresteds, Toy Manchester Terriers, Italian Greyhounds and Havanese. A most recent endeavor for me as a handler is with the Coton de Tulear.

Activity in the Parent Club has always been important to me. I've always believed that if you can make a difference, then make a difference. In the Afghan Hound Club of America, I have served in one respect or another over several years. It seems I found my niche in Judges Education, which was handed down to me fourteen years ago.

**Editor's note: Harry is a past President of the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. He currently serves on the AHCA Board of Directors and as Chair of the Judges' Education Committee. In 2013, the American Kennel Club's Outstanding Sportsmanship Award was bestowed on him on behalf of the Afghan Hound Club of America.*

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PANELISTS



LOTTE JORGENSEN Denmark

Lotte was Afghan Hound Breeder of the Year in Denmark fourteen times since 1981 and owner or breeder of the Afghan Hound of the Year in Denmark eighteen times since 1974. She owned Multi-Ch. El Khyrias Drambuie, who was "Dog of the Year" of all breeds in Denmark in 1978. Multi-Ch. Boxadan Hey Ma,



Look At Me earned the same title in 1986 and Multi-Ch. Boxadan Xercise Makes Master was runner-up to the title in 1993. Each of these three Afghans have won the FCI World Winner title twice, and Afghans who were owned, co-owned or bred by Boxadan, have won the FCI World Winner title eleven times since 1976. The latest was in Helsinki, Finland in 1998 with Multi-Ch. Boxadan Double Trouble and in Milan, Italy in 2000 as co-owner to Ch. Tryst Of Grandeur.

Boxadan has bred about seventy-five champions in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, England, Germany, Poland, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Italy, Croatia, Bulgaria, Cypress, Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Turkey, Philippines, United States, Canada, South Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba and Japan, as well as several Nordic, Baltic and International Champions. They have won more than two hundred All Breed and Specialty Best In Shows, including Best In Show at the big Copenhagen Winner Show, the famous Sighthound Show in Skokloster, Sweden, and twice at the prestigious Show of Winners in Denmark.

She started to breed on the beautiful Scandinavian El Khyrias Afghans, and is today one of the very few breeders who is still loyal to the strong and powerful, but elegant style of Scandinavian Afghans.

Lotte was licensed as an FCI judge for Afghan Hounds in 1986, and is today approved for a total of forty-eight breeds (all Sighthounds, all Spaniels, Beagles, Lhasa Apsos, Newfoundlands, etc.).

She has judged at the World Dog Show in 2010 and at many famous specialties and championship shows in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Estonia, England, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Spain, Switzerland, United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Lotte is also the author of a book about American Cocker Spaniels, and is the former president of the Danish Sighthound Club.



SUSAN RHODES England

I bought my first Afghan as a pet in 1967. Back then the "Lord of the Rings" was at the top of many reading lists and Shadowfax was an obvious choice as a name for my hounds. My first Champion, Bondor Barbarella, finished her championship at Crufts in 1973, where she was Best of Breed.

I began judging in 1976 and have been most fortunate since then to judge Afghan Hounds at the Championship level in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Finland, Belgium, Italy, Germany and Sweden.

I am also involved in the training and assessment of would-be Afghan judges through the education program of the Afghan Hound Association. I have served on the Committee of three Afghan Breed Clubs and have been Chairman of one. I am currently a Committee member of the Afghan Hound Association. I am a member of the English Kennel Club and I have served on the national Afghan Breed Council as the Breed's Liaison Officer with the English Kennel Club.

Interspersed with all this, I bred my first litter in 1971, and thereafter only occasionally. Ch. Shadowfax Savannah Dawn JW, born in 2001, achieved British, Danish and Swedish Champion titles and her litter brother, Multi Ch. Shadowfax Stepnoi Veter JW, achieved British, FCI International and Multi Champion status and completed his career by winning Best of Breed at Crufts in 2009. More recently, littermates Shadowfax Ciao Aquilo JW and Shadowfax Ciao Agrippina, born in 2003, were both successfully campaigned to their FCI International titles.

My particular interest in Afghans is the history of the breed. I have a large collection of British Afghan photographic and video memorabilia and I have had several articles on the early history of the breed published in Britain and the United States.

I consider myself very fortunate to have travelled widely while following my interest and passion for these hounds and I am delighted to have the opportunity to visit another of the AHCA National Specialty events.



INTERNATIONAL STARS SHINE BIG 'N BRIGHT
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PANELISTS



TERRY WILCOX
Australia

Ada and I obtained our first Afghan Hound in 1970 and soon had several more. In 1973 with all the collected wisdom of pure good luck, we mated our UK line bred bitch to the American Import Aust. Ch. Coastwind Holyman, producing Ch. Defauves, Chiaroscuro and Arabesque, who dominated the Victorian show scene for many

years. These lines can be found in most successful kennels in Australia today.

By the early 1980's, both of our daughters (who had inherited the "I want a pony gene") caused us to be involved in the local Pony Clubs but by the late 80's this stage had passed. We were now able to resume our interest in Afghans and we decided to look around for lines to compliment our current lines in areas we felt we needed. We obtained a brother/sister from Jalalabad Afghans and the male went on to be the Australasian Show Dog of 1994, while the sister became our new foundation brood bitch.

In late 1996, I had the opportunity to judge the Afghan Club of Christchurch New Zealand. This event presented a 9-year old hound with the zest, enthusiasm and movement I had not seen since hounds of the early 70's. The dog, Ch. Eros of Juwain, was actually 11 generations from Sidar. I had his semen collected. Unfortunately, his semen was of low yield and produced a solitaire pup in 2000, being "Alaqadar Btxd N Btwn," who with his son, Ch. Cobol, became our benchmark dogs for Afghan gait. At this same time I began to video and build a database of videos.

In 2003, I employed the services of a slow motion videographer, which provided the first real opportunity to observe in fine detail exactly how nature developed this breed's unique gait. An essay detailing this was published in 2005. Around this time, video manufacturers began producing a range of affordable high definition slow motion video cameras and, for the first time, a means to accurately record movement commenced.

By 2008, a comprehensive database was evolving. I published an essay in greater detail in conjunction with my Veterinarian daughter. This outlined the importance of head carriage and equally the need to not deny any exhibit the right to negotiate ground coverage naturally.

In 2011, we imported new American lines to compliment our line bred progeny. We now have two different pedigreed lines to continue this breeding. We continue to look for new lines to blend. Line breeding can only go so far before out crossing becomes necessary.

Breeding is not a simple dedicated occupation. Many factors are at play at all times. Breeding is a numbers game. Good luck as well as good management are essential.

My presentation will deal with the methodology employed for benchmarking Afghan movement. There are many aspects of this breed's unique gait still unresolved

**AKC EXPANDS THERAPY DOG
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In an effort to honor the thousands of therapy dog teams that make a difference in the lives of others daily, the American Kennel Club (AKC) has added four new titles to the popular AKC Therapy Dog™ program.

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March 27, 2015 ~ Mesa, Arizona

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REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATES

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CLUB REGULAR CLASS JUDGE SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE	SHOW DATE	LOCATION SHOW SECRETARY
Evergreen Afghan Hound Club Judges: TBD	August 1 - 2, 2014 Auburn, WA	
Midwest Afghan Hound Club Regular Classes: Edith Tichenor Hanson Sweeps: Gail Mofford	August 8, 2014	Oberlin, OH Holly Miller, Event Sec. pennybank@roadrunner.com
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Afghan Hound Club of Greater Denver 9/4 - Regular Classes: Sandra Weinraub / Sweeps: Kelly A. Ray 9/5 - Regular Classes: C. Gill Ullom / Sweeps: Diana Wilson	September 4 - 5, 2014	Greeley, Co Jan D. Curtis, Event Sec. Jdc_showsecretary@msn.com
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Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Association Judges: TBD	October 5, 2014	Frenchtown, NJ Shaina Torres, Event Sec. ivana09@live.com
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