



TOPKNOT NEWS

The Newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America

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Winter 2005

SPECIALTIES

January - None

February - Nutmeg AHC 2/11

Doug Gaudin Classes

Kerry Pope Sweeps

AHA Long Island 2/12

Joe Inguaggiato Classes

Henry Dietzgen Sweeps

March - Tidewater AHC 3/11

Jaime Ganoza Classes

Jerry Bazar Sweeps

Richmond AHC 3/12

David Cochrane Classes

Gerri Cumberland Sweeps

AH Breeders' Cup 3/24

To be announced

AHCG Phoenix 3/25

Ken Tippie Classes

Bruce Clark Sweeps

AHCG Phoenix 3/26

V Hamilton-Preston Class

Ann Sterner Sweeps

April - AHC Dallas 4/29

Gill Ullom Classes

Anna Stromberg Sweeps

AHC Dallas 4/30

Reggie Nesbitt Classes

Billy Webb Sweeps

Potomac AHC see Sept.

May - AHC Northern New Jersey

AHC California

AHCSW Ohio

AHCG Columbus

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AFGHAN HOUND BREEDERS' CUP 2006

FLASH!! The judge will be Debbie Webb

As many of you already know, the 2006 Breeders' Cup, "Spring Bloom", will be held in Mesa, AZ on March 24th, 2006. We in the Phoenix area are working diligently to make this an event to remember. The host hotel is The Windemere Resort in Mesa, AZ and is about a 1/2 hour drive from Phoenix Sky Harbor airport. The judging will be held in the courtyard outdoors. All the rooms in our block open onto the patio with the first floor having small patios and the 2nd floors having balconies overlooking the area. The rate is \$99/night which includes an expanded continental breakfast. The rooms are equipped with coffee pots, refrigerators and microwaves. If you are coming without a dog, please request a 2nd floor. When you book the hotel be sure to mention the "Afghan Hound group" for your rate.

We are planning a welcome on Thursday night and a dinner buffet following the Breeders' Cup on Friday night. Lunch is planned and will be at a reasonable cost.

March is just around the corner and please keep in mind that the Breeders' Cup is completely self funded, with a high percentage of the monies obtained by donations. I will be mailing donation requests shortly. Please give what you can.....let's keep the Breeders' Cup special. Mail all donations to Eileen Laudermlch, 5902 E. Emile Zola Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85254.

Saturday and Sunday, March 25th & 26 are back to back specialities hosted by the Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix. The judges on Saturday are Bruce Clark for sweeps and Ken Tippie for regular classes. On Sunday the judges are Ann Sterner for puppy and veteran sweeps and Valerie Hamilton Preston for regular classes.

March weather is usually spectacular, with the highs in the 80's. There are many amenities to the area; a major mall is 1 1/2 miles away as well as most major restaurants and a golf course. For those who wish to take the time, the Grand Canyon is about a 4 hour drive. So come, relax and enjoy what the southwest has to offer.

NATIONAL CONFORMATION PLACEMENTS

<p>NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES Judge Michael Dunham Best in Sweeps - Amina Cold Xotica - Owners Robin Wochner and G Rasmussen Best Opposite in Sweeps - Mahar's Toot Toot Tootsie - Owners Dianna Smith and Lucy Orłowski</p>	<p>4th Perfections Cadeau Parfait</p> <p>Open Dogs: 1st and Winners Dog.. Waiting on A Sunny Day 2nd Goldust Almost Famous 3rd Sanre' Valliant Vaquero 4th Sars-Smrwind Some Like It Hot</p>	<p>Open Bitches: 1st and Winners Bitch Rima von Hausman 2nd Joha Galaxy Solo Swiftwind 3rd Tells Just Call Me Miss 4th Boanne's Lovesong of Dhivia</p>
<p>DOG CLASSES Judge Michael Canalizo Puppy Dog 6 - 9 months: 1st Raffica's Blackmailed By Samar 2nd Allure's Summer Promise 3rd Elmo's Lift Off</p>	<p>BITCH CLASSES Judge Duane Butherus Puppy Bitches 6 - 9 months: 1st Allure's Scent Of Summer</p>	<p>BEST OF BREED Judge Michael Canalizo</p>
<p>Puppy Dog 9 - 12 months: 1st and Reserve Winners Dog.. Cynergy's Aviator O' Verpatsha 2nd Gwich'in Peyton's Touchdown 3rd Tanqeray Tennessee Gold 4th Amina Coldcotica</p>	<p>Puppy Bitches 9 - 12 months: 1st and Reserve Winners Bitch Regimes All About Eve 2nd Cynergy's Jewell of the Nile 3rd Hillside Dubbonet 4th Elmo's Priceless Picasso</p>	<p>Ch. Elan Sebring The Matrix</p> <p>BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX Ch Beachbrook It's Raining Men</p>
<p>Dogs 12 - 18 months: 1st Cavu Overnite Mail 2nd Suncrest Harley of Bybur 3rd Absolut Lee Cavu 4th Horizon Prime Time</p>	<p>Bitches 12 - 18 months: 1st Cavu Wild N' Naughty Nites 2nd Khandhu Olympia 3rd Charikar Cleo's Charm 4th Majenala Ego Trip in Concert</p>	<p>BEST OF WINNERRS Waiting On A Sunny Day</p>
<p>Bred By Exhibitor Dogs: 1st Kasban American Idol 2nd Summerwind Reflection of Me 3rd Sura's Hollywood Lights 4th Majenala Smashing Sensation</p>	<p>Bred By Exhibitor Bitches: 1st Perfections Parisian Holiday 2nd Sha-Cone Abaca Delightfull 3rd Messengers Amarige D'Amour 4th Mykhan's Kolor Konfetti</p>	<p>AWARDS OF MERIT Ch Thaons Stardance Ch Cavu Sonicair of Karamoor Ch Arabesque Sarah Brightman Ch Elmo's Men Are From Mars Ch Elmo's Everybody Says I Luv U</p>
<p>American Bred Dogs: 1st Baakara's Pure of Heart 2nd Cyan Fine Art 3rd Witchwood Sumrwind Neomatrix</p>	<p>American Bred Bitches: 1st Aries Wisteria Carousel 2nd Acadia Music of The Knight 3rd Tanis Black Pearl 4th Perfection's Wee Petite Magic</p>	<p>BEST PUPPY Regime's All About Eve</p> <p>BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR Kasbans American Idol</p>
		<p>Final National report and critiques will be in the next issue along with October Board minutes.</p>

NATIONAL - AKC LURE
COURSING RESULTS

Open - "Marcel" (Perfections
Cadeau Parfait) owned by
Angela & Michael
Barrett and Debbie Petersen

Specials - "Summer" (D.C.
Allure's Dble Red Hot
Summer) owned by Dick
Hafner and Patricia Silverman

Veteran - "Solo" (no registered
name). Owned by Jeanette York
and Betty Jonas

BOB - "Marcel"

NATIONAL OBEDIENCE
RESULTS

Judge: Mary Lou Just
High in Trial: JHAZBEAU'S JAS-
PER. OWNER : Suzanne Harvey.

Novice Class A
1 181.5 OB 08 XANDU
X'PONENTIAL. . OWNER: Paul
Hubbard.

Novice Class B
HIT/ 1 182.5 OB 07 JHAZ-
BEAU'S JASPER. . . OWNER:
Suzanne
Harvey.

RALLY

Judge: Mary Lou Just

Novice Class A
1 R 05 85 _____ Score CH.
DESTINY'S SINGULAR SENSATION,
JC OWNER: Jeannette
York & Betty Jonas.

Novice Class B
1 R 07 96 1:36 _____ Score CH.
SARS NORMA JEAN, OWNER:
Pamela Unterseh.

Advanced Class B
1 R 08 93 _____ Score CH.
SARS BRETT MAVERICK, CD RN.
OWNER: Pamela Unterseh

NATIONAL - AGILITY
RESULTS

Excellent Standard

"KENO" - MACH Ch Bijan-
Lyrix Megabucks
Owners - Robin Cohen and
Robin Kletke
Breeders - Vicki Robison and
Kelly Ray
Sire - Ahsahr Fair Weather
Johnson
Dam - Bijan Fleurette De
Willowind

Excellent Jumper

"Pony" - Xanadu X'Ponetial
Owner: Paul Hubbard

"Pony" was also the winner of
Novice A obedience.

Novice Jumper with weaves
preferred.

"Star" a 13 and a half year old
bitch Owners Robin Kletke
and Robin Cohen.

VETERAN SWEEPS

Judge: Mr. Michael Dunham

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes:
CH. DHIVIA JENFIELD DESERT
WARRIOR. OWNER(S): Beverly
Mackenzie & June Beard.

Best of Opposite Sex in
Veteran Sweepstakes: DC
LLACUE'S KARAMOOR AMA-
POLA, SC LCM. OWNER(S):
Eileen H. & Howard R. Lauder-
milch & M. Cuevas & J. Llano
& C. Jakus & M. Masino.

NATIONAL - STUD DOG
RESULTS

Judge Michael Canalizo

Ch Verpatsha-Boanne Sir Em-
manuel Owners : Jan But-
tler & Pat Sheets

NATIONAL - BROOD BITCH
RESULTS

Judge Duane Butherus

Ch Elmo's Ethiopia Owner:
Peter Belmont, Jr

SHOW VIDEO - DVD

Obedience/Rally	\$25
Sweeps/Veteran Sweeps	\$25
Class Dogs	\$25
Class Bitches	\$25
Parades-Veteran/Rescue	\$25
Best of Breed and all non-regular classes, Jr Handler, Best in Field, High in Trial	\$60

Entire show \$125

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SPECIALTIES CONTINUED

June - AHCG Chicago
Colonial AHC
AHC St Louis
Evergreen AHC

July - Finger Lakes AHC
AHCG Portland
AHCG Milwaukee
G PittsburghAHC
Monterey Bay AHC
Sand & See AHCFlorida

August - G Twin Cities AHC
Mid West AHC

September - AHCG Denver
Tara AHC
AHCG Detroit
AHC America 9/17 - 9/21
Betty Richards D & I
Romayne Strilka-Switch B
Barbara Cassidy Sweeps
Potomac AHC 9/22
Lehigh Valley AHA 9/23

October - N California AHC
AHC Memphis

November - S Arizona AHA
AHC Omaha 11/18
JoAnne Buehler Classes
Sweeps pending

December - None

Specialty information
should be sent to
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If no judges are listed, the
show was held in that month
last year.

Highlights of Board Meeting June 2005

St Louis, Missouri

Board Members in Attendance: JoAnne Buehler, Abbe Shaw, Gill Ullom, Donna Amos, Jan Lucree, Linda Jackson, Sue Busby, Claudia Jakus, Betsy Hufnagel, Helen Stein, Le Hedstrom

Absent: Harry Bennett

JoAnne reported that a tax-exempt charitable trust has been established for the AHCA Rescue committee. The formal name is The Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue Charitable Trust. This has been a long time coming, and we are pleased to have it accomplished.

Donna reported that a letter concerning the trophies to be returned from the 2004 National Specialty was sent to Philippe Gallardo originally on 10/4/04. The issue remained unresolved. The board decided to try again and send another letter, this time under the President's signature rather than the corresponding Secretary. (This did result in return of the monetary value of the trophies in July.)

The board made and passed a motion to make a \$500 donation to the Morris Health Foundation earmarked for chylothorax research.

A motion was made and passed to put in Policies and Procedures that health registry information for the sire and dam may be included as an optional item on pedigrees for the Breeders' Cup and will be included in the catalog entry.

Jan reported that a number of ballots for judges for the 2006 National Specialty were disallowed because the envelopes did not contain a return address, as directed on the ballot. The accounting firm cannot certify the ballot with no name and address as the ballot is compared to a current membership list. This needs to be emphasized with the membership. Jan will write an article for Topknot News concerning this.

It was reported The 2005 Breeders' Cup made a profit. The site for the 2006 Breeders' Cup will be changed because the hotel will no longer accept dogs. The new site in Mesa AZ is the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center. The date is Friday, March 24, 2006. The Phoenix Club will hold back-to-back specialties at the same site on Saturday and Sunday, March 25 & 26, 2006.

Breed Education is presently chaired by Michael Canalizo, but Sandy Frei and Midge Horn are in charge of this year's symposium at the National since Michael is judging.

Janet Lenobel has taken over as Chair of the Coursing committee. Jan Swayze Curry put together an AKC lure coursing trial with the Chattanooga Kennel Club show in September 2005. It was successful. Others will be held around the country. If anyone is interested in having one in their area, they should contact Janet initially.

Claudia reported that the top obedience dog is Scarabet The Purple Gator and the top agility dog is Ch. Byan-Lyrix Megabucks, MX, MXJ.

Next meeting Sacramento CA with the National.

September 2005 AKC Quarterly Delegates' Meeting

The September 2005 American Kennel Club Delegates' Quarterly Meeting was held September 12th and 13th in New York City. The meeting was well attended with 371 Delegates present. The large number of attendees was probably due to the scheduled Monday evening presentation by Dr. James Holt, the AKC Legislative Representative, on the latest information on the PAWS issue. The Delegates were treated to two PAWS presentations by Mr. Jim Holt. He responded to questions, explained, explained and further explained. I'm not too sure many minds were changed at either of his presentations (Monday evening and at the Tuesday meeting).

At the Delegate Parent Club Committee we received a request that all Parent Clubs respond to the following AKC items:

The Specialty Site Locator This must be updated after each National Specialty to be of any value. Show Chairs are usually the ones to do this. So far only 56 clubs have responded.

Parent Club Input for Invitational Show Judges Letters have been sent to each Parent Club. So far only 22 have submitted names. Clubs can't complain about the judges selected if they don't respond to the request.

Veterinarian Outreach Program Each Parent Club was requested to respond regarding linking to the AKC site via their Health Page. As of the meeting 57 parent clubs had responded

In addition, the following items are

of importance to all parent clubs.

Copyright of the Breed Standard. Once again all Parent Clubs are urged to do this.

Some clubs are currently having problems -- again.

- DNA verification of breeding stock is urged by the Delegate Canine Health Committee and the Parent Club Committee. A jointly-authored letter was released by both committees at the Canine Health Conference in St. Louis in October, 2005 (copy enclosed).

- CHIC - All Parent Clubs are urged to become aware of this program and formulate the criteria for participation. This Canine Health Information Certification program is administered by the OFA.

The Tuesday morning forum was a presentation by Dr. Elaine Ostrander, the AKC Consultant on DNA matters. Dr. Ostrander spoke about the latest work on canine genetics, including genetic mapping and the canine genome project. While explaining the canine genome and its relationship to disease, we learned that the first two genes implicated in hip dysplasia have been located. This was from a study in the Portuguese Water Dog, working with DNA samples collected by the Parent Club from a large population. Dr. Ostrander is working with Tom Sharp, also of the AKC DNA program to develop a white paper with recommendations to the AKC Board about the various AKC policies connected with the use of DNA. The use of DNA in compliance programs seems to be effective, as 45% of all litters are sired by dogs in the Frequently

Used Sires Program.

At the Delegate meeting, the death of Director Dr. Asa Mays was reported by Chairman Ron Menaker. He went on to report that the AKC/CAR Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund had raised \$250,000 to date, and that AKC has donated to the Take the Lead Katrina Relief Fund. We then listened to the Financial Report. AKC's operating profit is down a bit due to a continuing decline in registrations. The investment portfolio is doing well at this point, but the impact of disasters like Katrina make the future somewhat uncertain.

President Dennis Sprung spoke about PAWS, which he described as an emotional issue on which we all agree to disagree. He also gave a positive report on the activities of staff, fanciers, and clubs with regard to the Katrina disaster. CAR and local rescue/shelter groups all have risen to the challenge. Additionally Take The Lead has established a fund to assist those affected.

There were several votes pertaining to changes in the Field Trial Rules for Spaniels. We also voted on proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 9 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would permit cluster shows to have one closing date to avoid exhibitor errors. Common sense won and this was approved

The next Delegates meeting will be January 16th and 17th, following the Invitational, in Tampa, Florida.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Butherus
AHCA Delegate to the AKC

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The Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. 70th NATIONAL Specialty Show

Sunday, 17 September 2006 - Thursday, 21 September 2006

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Nestled in the heart of Lancaster County's historic Pennsylvania Dutch Country is the Lancaster Host Resort- a perfect venue to showcase our beautiful breed and a great location to enjoy following the Specialties. You can take a swing at the 18-hole championship golf course, dive into the indoor/outdoor swimming pools, play tennis, basketball, volleyball and even ride a bicycle on the 225 acre property. The show area is a totally secured 24,000 square foot Expo Hall with convenient access from all sides.

Hotel & Reservations

Hotel information can be accessed at: www.lancasterhost.com Call 1-800-233-0121 to make reservations. A special \$90.00 per day room rate has been arranged for us. Please be sure to mention the AHCA event when making reservations.

The judges are: Betty Richards Dogs and Intersex
Romayne Strilka-Switch Bitches
Barbara Cassidy Sweepstakes

The AHCA National Specialty will be followed by:

Friday Sept 22nd: The Potomac AHC

Saturday Sept 23rd: The Lehigh Valley AHA

All Shows same location. Judges yet to be determined

For additional information, please contact

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All these and more:

Lure coursing, AKC and ASFA

The Top 20 Competition

Obedience/ Agility Competition

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes

Vendors Reception- Wine and Cheese

Afghan Hound Breed Symposium and Buffet Dinner

General Membership Meeting

Rescue Meeting

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The list of current chairpersons will appear in each issue of Topknot News and in the Membership List. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or just want to say "Thank you," chairpersons may be reached as listed.

This is the second issue of Topknot News for 2005, and there will be a third around the New Year. We had a slight delay when our current editor, Sharon Watson, was unavailable to us last spring. The minutes enclosed are from the AHCA Board Meeting in St. Louis, MO, June 2005. The October Board Meeting minutes will be in the next Topknot News along with a year-end financial statement from our Treasurer, Linda Jackson. However, all new membership applications from both June and October are included here, getting them back on schedule. All of these applicants will be up for second reading at the first Board Meeting of 2006.

I am also pleased to announce the creation of an IRS 501 (C) (3) Tax Exempt Rescue arm within the AHCA. The name for it is The Afghan Hound Club of America Charitable Trust. This promises to help the rescue fund-raising effort greatly. All donations to AHCA Rescue are now a tax write off.

Our 60th AHCA National concluded last month with wonderful weather, a beautiful venue and many lovely Afghan Hounds. A big THANK YOU to Judy Bloom, show chair, and all her helpers! Thanks, also, to our many foreign visitors and competitors for joining us.

JoAnne

I am happy to have been appointed Lure Coursing Chairperson for the AHCA. Our goal for next year is to have three regional trials sponsored by the Parent Club. We have already had our first in Chattanooga, TN, thanks to the hard work not only from Jan Swayze, who served as the Trial Chairperson, but also AHCA members who made this trial a success. Look in our Topknot Newsletter for information on future trials.

On other news fronts, the 2006 ASFA International Invitational will be held in Falcon, CO June 3 - 4. Unfortunately, those of you who attended the II. in 2003 are aware of the problems held on those grounds. However, since no other site could be obtained, ASFA had no other option. In 2007, the I.I. will be held in Priory Lake, MN, June 2 - 3 and in 2008, it will rotate back to the East. The ACoD will be held at the Days Inn Hotel and Conference Center outside Dulles Airport on April 2 - 3, 2006. For anyone interested in attending the convention, all this information can be found at asfa.org.

The AKC is currently reviewing the rules and regulations for lure coursing. For information or to get in touch with any of the members on the Advisory Committee, go to www.akc.org/events/lure_coursing. The coursing age for Veteran hounds at AKC trials sponsored by AHCA has been set by the Board to six years of age in order to be consistent with ASFA age rules.

A calendar of coursing events, and trial information can be found at both ASFA and AKC websites.

I'm also happy to announce the top ranked coursing dogs for 2004:

AKC: DC Shekinah King Richard SC "Burton"
Owners: Mary & Max Ross & Leslie Stoffels

ASFA: FC Utchati American Dream, SC, FCh "Spice"
Owner: Lynne Miller

So here's to getting your Afghan Hound off the couch and letting them go Happy Hunting!

Janet Lenobel

The total number of Afghans that have been brought into Rescue in the past 3 quarters of 2005 was 89. There were 18 dogs in the program at the beginning of the 1st quarter. Giving us a total of 107 Afghans. Rescue was able to place 77 of these dogs. We unfortunately had 6 returns to rescue, but did not have to have any Afghans put to sleep. Our numbers seem to be running about the same this year as last. We have noticed that we are getting more multiple dogs being turned in by people who were breeding for profit, but have found they can not sell the dogs. Hopefully they give us all the dogs and will no longer be in the business of breeding Afghans. We did receive notification of 3 Afghans displaced by the Hurricanes, but this is a neglect case and is being handled by the Shelter in New Orleans. I understand that a few of our members are fostering dogs due to the Hurricane's impact, but these will be returned to the owners once they have a place to go to.

Our 2006 Calendar will be available at the National this year. This as well as the Chinese Auction and Art Auction remain our largest fund raisers. We were able to sell all the Cook Books that were donated to us by the Parent Club and we have a plan to create a new Cook Book in early 2006. Our "Drinking for Rescue" bottle recycling project has continued to grow... not at the rate we thought, but it does generate some income on a Monthly basis. Yarn items are still available. Several Clubs made substantial donations to Rescue this year because they have a large rescue account but are not getting dogs turned in. We appreciate their help and support.

We hope that the plans to make Rescue 501 c 3 (not for profit) are still being considered. We wait direction from the Board of Parent Club in regards to the issues we addressed earlier in the year. It is getting harder to take custody of dog from some Shelters, because they are making it mandatory for the Rescue Group to be a not for profit organization. We have currently placed 6 dogs due solely to our Ad in Dog Fancy, and have directed several people to the PC Breeder Referral Site when contacted about locating a puppy.

Just want to take a moment and say Thank you to some very Special People. Lorraine Tayeb and her Daughter Jennifer did a fantastic job at the Rescue Table at the National. Jen allowed us to send the items to her home....then they brought the items in and set up the table. They also worked the table while showing their dogs!! We would not have made the \$3000.00 that we made with out these two wonderful people!! I would also like to Thank my good friends, Barb Arndt, Melissa Williams and Sharon Williams, these three are from Canada and are members of our Club, Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club. They came to watch the National on Holiday.....and you guessed it.....wound up working the Rescue Table when needed. My Thanks to these three for all the help!!!! There was also a Gentleman by the name of John from England..... who was always there.....with a helping hand. I want every one to know how much we appreciated all the help and to say Thank you one more time. I know on Friday, there was lots of help from those who participated in the Rescue Parade, so thank you to those people as well.

I have been told that the Art Auction made over \$20,000.00! 1/2 of this money is destined to come to Rescue. When I get an exact figure,,I will let you all know. Our bills lately have been very high and we have all but been working in the RED, so this could not come at a better time. I am thankful to who ever decided to hold the Art Auction and to share with us. By the way.....we are now officially a not for profit organization!!!! It is official! So any donations are tax deductible!

Rescue is Working -

Read All About It

Reports from

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Please Read - Important!!!!

It is finally official! The Rescue Group now has a 501c3 number!!!!!! We are now officially a nonprofit organization! We will be doing business as The Afghan Hound Club of America's Rescue Trust. Any donations that are sent to us will have a receipt with the tax #, signed by us, sent back to the sender. These donations can be used on your income tax as a charitable contribution. Any one who has a matching funds account at work can also use this number to donate. My thanks to JoAnne Buehler, President of the PC and the Board of Directors for their assistance in helping us with this matt

CALENDARS

2006 Rescue Calendar is now available! They can be obtained by sending \$15.00 to:

AHCA Rescue
% Barb Hastings
RD 3 Box 141
Westfield, PA 16950

Please be sure to furnish an address for shipping or go to our Rescue Web Site www.afghanhound.net <<http://www.afghanhound.net>> and click on the Calendar to print off an order form. We still have a few copies of the book "The Road I Took to You" left and they can be obtained by sending \$12.00 to Barb.

COOKBOOKS

Rescue is taking on a new project! We have sold all the Cook Books that were generously given to us by the Parent Club and have decided to create a new Cook Book. We are looking for recipes, both human and canine, to be included. Please send your "Special Recipes" to Sue Mackler JandSMack@aol.com We hope to have it available at the Breeders Cup!!!!

KENNEL PROFILES

These graphs represent the life of a kennel. They begin in different years and all end with 2004. The breeders/owners may have been "in Afghyans" before the first date on the graph - that date is the year they finished their first dog. We used the kennels at the top of the list to see what they looked like. We didn't find any that made even close to a straight line. The first four below show a general upward trend to 2004.

The next four kennels seem to be slowing down or stopping. There are many reasons for this - we're all getting older (really?), retiring, judging, or maybe realized our goals and moved on.

The last four we couldn't categorize. They start, stop, go up and down rapidly. The last one belongs to your editor so we know what happened.. We started, had some success, stopped for a number of years due to family, and then started again. We think it does look different from the top kennels. We have had moderate success - 37 champions.. Next we will try some kennels with fewer than ten champions.

The kennels profiled here are: (not in the order presented above) Coastwind, Elmo, Grandeur/Rechler, Grandeur/Shay, Kabik, Mahali, Qamari, Salem, Shylo, Stormhill, Summerwind, Thaon . If you would like to correctly identify the kennels, email me at salem82@madbbs.com or call 716 483-3803. Or contact me for your own profile and/or list of champions.