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Letter from the Editor

I would like to welcome Brian Wood to the Topknot Team. His sharp eye has already proved valuable to us.

In addition to information on the upcoming National this issue contains several new features which we hope you enjoy. These are based on your input as well as discussions with the AHCA Board. We hope to continue including them but availability, as well as your feedback will determine what is repeated. On pg.12 there is a fantastic article on Mary Blacker, pg. 25 starts a look at the new Afghan event of Barn Hunting, and pg. 28 premieres a series by Allan Reznik introducing new Afghan Hound Judges. Pgs. 21 & 22 have some fun items that will challenge the longtime members and inform the newcomers. Pgs. 30 -33 are the result of work by Murray Anderson, Tazi Tourist, NZ with help from Jan Fielder (Editor of the AH Year Book). Also, a special Thank You to Michele Trifiro for contributing her cartoons.

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We intend to print some extra copies of TN and have them available at selected specialties to be used as a tool to help recruit new members. We encourage you to give them to prospective members.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by

Tony Saia
President



Dear Fellow AHCA Members,

Welcome to another celebrated Topknot News from the Newsletter Team.

Things within the AHCA world are moving forward with hopefully some progressive changes.

At our last Board Meeting in Conn. we sponsored a “Meet and Greet the Board,” and honestly I was very impressed with all the great discussion, suggestions and progressive ideas that were brought to our attention. It’s now up to all of us to try our best to implement these ideas. Keep in mind that I am a great believer that bringing up issues is great but we need YOUR assistance in the solutions.

We have our National coming up, and being the Chair I can tell you all that this will be a Glamorous Event, so please do not miss out on the fun.

Also in March of 2016, we are lucky to host the Afghan Hound World Congress. Our AHCA teams are all working vigorously to keep all informed of these seminars, events and shows. Another enormous event not to miss.

Remember: be part of the solutions. We need your help.

Tony Saia
President

*Remember to support **your** National by making a trophy donation and buying some raffle tickets. Everything we do at the National costs money. What you give makes a **big** difference. Thank you to those who have already given!*

***The Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.
Proudly Presents
The 79th National Specialty Show
Sunday, October 18th 2015 - Thursday, October 22nd 2015
Atlanta, GA
Sheraton Atlanta Airport Hotel***



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Regular and Non-Regular Dog Classes and Best of Breed

Regular and Non-Regular Bitch Classes

Sweepstakes Classes (All), Triathlon

Junior Showmanship Classes

Lure Coursing

Obedience & Rally

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Associated Specialties

Thursday, October 15, 2015

North Georgia Hound Association

Friday, October 16, 2015

Douglasville Kennel Club

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Atlanta Kennel Club

Friday, October 23, 2015 AM

Tara Afghan Hound Club

Friday, October 23, 2015 PM

Carolina Afghan Hound Club

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Kennesaw Kennel Club

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Kennesaw Kennel Club

The 79th National Specialty Show

Tentative Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 17th	AHCA Board Meeting
Sunday, October 18th	Lure Coursing, ASFA and AKC (offsite) Exhibitor Set-Up Noon to 9 PM
Monday, October 19th	Rescue Meeting, Obedience Competition, Rally Competition, Junior Showmanship, Vendor Welcome Party, Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes PM
Tuesday, October 20th	Regional Club Meeting, Dog Class Conformation Judging, Winners Dog, Breed Seminar & Dinner
Wednesday, October 21st	General Membership Meeting (3 hours), Judges Education, Liberty Exhibition, Bitch Class Conformation Judging, Winners Bitch, Art Auction & Dinner.
Thursday, October 22nd	Triathlon, Parade of Veterans, Parade of Rescue, High Scoring Dog in Obedience, Rally, Best Junior Handler, Best in Field. Presentation of Triathlon Placements, Best of Breed Competition, Best Stud Dog, Best Brood Bitch, Best Brace, Best Puppy & Best Bred By Exhibitor, Awards Banquet

Examples of the Trophies

Please be sure ***you*** make a trophy donation to help offset the cost of these fantastic trophies.



The 79th National Specialty Show

The Judges



Regular Dog Classes, Intersex, Stud Dog, Brace, Best Puppy & Best Bred By Exhibitor

Mrs. Terry d. Chacon, 811 Elise Dr., Redlands, CA 92374

In 1973 I received my first Afghan Hound from my husband as a birthday gift. In spite of her crazy Afghan Hound puppy antics we learned to love the breed and the rest is still unfolding. I purchased my first show dog in 1978 from Margie Pugh of Bonanza Afghan fame and 2 years later purchased a bitch from her as well. My first 2 champions (Am. Can. and Mex. Ch. Bonanza Red Han Solo and Am. Can. and Mex. Ch. Bonanza C & H Sugar Cookie)

were my foundation and the beginning of a lifelong love affair with the beautiful Afghan Hound under the prefix ShaCone. I have bred, owned and shown over 80 American Champions, as well as Group winning and multiple Specialty Best in Show winners, and a World Dog Show winner.

I am not as active in showing and breeding these days as I am spending my time creating art of this beautiful breed. I have just finished my first lifesize bronze statue (see photo) with more to come. I also work in oil and create jewelry in silver, gold and bronze. Although my plans have changed in a different direction, I still enjoy attending dog shows and seeing my wonderful family of friends, some of whom I have known for 40 years.

I have judged in the USA for 14 years and have traveled to Canada and South Africa to judge. I look forward to judging the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty in Oct. of 2015. To be chosen by your peers is the highest honor any breeder can have. I thank you!
Warmest regards and see you soon,

Terry d. Chacon
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The 79th National Specialty Show

The Judges



Regular Bitch Classes, Brood Bitch, Jr. Showmanship
Dr. Edna Martin, 6020 W. Egidi Ln. Libertyville, IL 60048

My introduction to Afghan Hounds started with a silver Miniature Poodle. Roy and I obtained Jacques shortly after we were married. He even had champions in his pedigree! We had never heard of crates, nor had either of us raised a puppy. After several mishaps, we decided that he needed obedience class. I found one close by, and I started learning how to train my dog...or vice-versa. The trainer had German Shepherd Dogs and invited us to the local dog show... Harrisburg Kennel Club, then a very large benched show. We wandered around the show and came to the Afghan Hound ring. We were mesmerized by the beauty, elegance and presence of the dogs and a couple of people let us pet them.

We came home all fired up. Roy immediately went through Dog World magazine and wrote to all the top breeders. Many were kind enough to respond and send pictures and pedigrees, which I started researching. Then we saw an ad in the Sunday New York Times..."older puppy for sale...shown 3 times...3 blue ribbons...including Westminster Kennel Club!" Well! We contacted Sally and

Wally Storch and Ahmed came to us. He was the sweetest dog ever and he was our Afghan Hound 101 dog. After a year or so of not winning, we decided to place him and step up. We did, and our first champion, Ammon Hall Barfly, came to Kaihorn. She finished quickly, but we couldn't get her bred. We placed her in a great home and set out to find a show male. Jim and Mary Nesbitt had gotten a young male back and allowed us to have him. They called him Clipper, his registered name being Mecca's Eclipse. Six-year-old Amy told our friend that "Daddy was going to get Clifford"...and Clifford he was from that day on.

That was the real beginning of Kaihorn. Cliff did very well, both as a show dog and as a producer. Time went on...Roy wanted to branch out and judge more, so we ventured into Salukis, with a beautiful bitch from Rodger and Terry Smith, and a wonderful dog from Winafred Lucas. Amy wanted a dog of her own...so that was the beginning of the Wirehaired Dachshunds.

I started judging, too, in 1973.

Roy and I divorced in 1980 and I started Phase II. I went to work for AKC and worked on all the slide shows and videos. What a wonderful learning experience! Throughout those years, I kept current with the Afghan Hound and Dachshund worlds. I helped my dear friend Ottalee move from Pointers to Afghans with the acquisition of the lovely Ararat's Aerobic Dancer, who I later co-owned. I finally started traveling less for AKC and obtained Solo's Harbor Mayden W(Bridget, Wire Dachshund).

In 1990, I married Don Martin of Basset Hound fame, moved to the Chicago area, resumed showing and judging, and learned about Basset Hounds.

The time has flown. I judge two groups, Hounds and Terriers, as well as Juniors.

We are 7 generations down from Bridget, and our new Afghan Hound puppy arrived 2 weeks ago. Dante is happily chasing his older half brother Bentley around my dog-sitter's yard.

I love judging. I especially love judging Specialties, and judging National Specialties puts the icing on the cake. To judge the National Specialty of my most cherished breed is the stuff dreams are made of. Thank you for awarding me this opportunity of a lifetime. I will do my best to prove worthy.

Edna J (Midge) Martin, Psy. D

The 79th National Specialty Show

The Judges



Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes Classes & Triathlon Conformation Judging

Mr. Bruce Clark, 1625 W. Quall Run Rd., Watkins, CO 80137.

I began my obsession with dogs when I was in the eighth grade and I borrowed a Dachshund from our neighbors to show at matches. I then took her to an obedience class and we were awarded "Most Improved!" From that point on, I was hooked! I won my first Best In Show with my Whippet, Ch. Amigo's Amistoso Payoso, C.D. when I was a Senior in High School and also qualified to go to Westminster to compete in the Junior Showmanship competition. I got my Professional Handlers license when I was 21 and was fortunate to have the opportunity to show SBIS and Multiple BIS Ch. Amulet's Pinball Wizard and Ch. Coastwind Kohoutek as a couple of the first Afghans I showed. That was during the height of Afghan popularity and I quickly became enamored with the breed. In

the late '70s my best friend Stephen Fisher and I found that we had very similar ideas about Afghan Hounds and "Shylo" was born. The first Shylo litters were whelped in the early '80s and we quickly became the most successful "new" kennel the breed had seen. We were the top Afghan breeders in the U.S. 1986-1991 with 34 new champions. In the years since, we have bred well over 100 American champion Afghans and have bred, owned, and finished for others over 150. This includes several all-breed and specialty Best-in-show winners as well as 20 different Group-winning Afghans. Our most successful dogs can be found "somewhere back there" in the pedigrees of a large number of current show Afghans in the U.S. and include Ch. Shylo Sebastian of Patmar, Ch. Shylo Marquis Malachite, and Ch. Shylo Darktown Strutter. Though we did almost no breeding for well over a decade, in the last few years we've enjoyed a renewed interest in exhibiting and breeding and have recently imported dogs from Sweden, Spain, and Australia, all of which are now American Grand Champions.

In the last few years we've also been able to pursue our second love, Greyhounds. Though we've had only a few Greyhound litters we've had great success in that breed as well, and have bred over 30 American champions and several all breed and specialty Best-in-Show winners, including three Best of Breed winners at Westminster. In 2011 we were pleased to have the top Sire and Dam in the breed in the U.S., and our bitch "Spot" won the Greyhound National Specialty last year.

Bruce Clark

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The Judges



Obedience & Rally Obedience

Ms. Connie Parrish, 235 Gray Hwy, Gordon, GA 31031

My name is Connie Parrish. I began my dog obedience career at the early age of 8 as a 4-H'er, training and showing a Rough Collie until I entered college in 1974. I then took a few years off to pursue a professional working career as a social worker for the State of Georgia. I got the dog bug again and switched breeds trying Shetland Sheepdogs, a Standard Poodle and a Doberman but was not happy with any of those breeds. So in 1994 a club member gave me a Bedlington Terrier and the rest is history. I have had the top winning Bedlington in obedience for many years and am currently working on earning a UD on the 6th Bedlington in the history of the breed. That dog is currently the only one in the history of the breed to ever win a High in Trial. I am presently working as a provisional judge in all rally classes and in open obedience. I am very excited about being invited to judge at the Afghan Hound National Specialty in October 2015.



Lure Trial

M. Donna Richards, 8223 Lantana Dr., Denver, NC 28037

Donna and her husband Larry are the proud owners of TnT Kennels ...home of multi Dual Champion Whippets and many years of record-breaking AKC and ASFA #1 Whippets. We were AKC's first Performance Breeders of the Year in 2013. It was such an honor to bring home that award for lure coursing. Donna has been an ASFA judge since 1989 and was one of AKC's first coursing judges. It is a wonderful privilege to judge for the Afghan Hound Club Of America. Thank you for the honor.

The 79th National Specialty Show

The Judges



Lure Trial

Mr. Dean Wright, 446 Baltimore St., Hanover, PA 17331

I started in dogs with Miniature and Standard Poodles in the early '60s. I bought my first two sight-hounds, both Ibizan Hounds, in 1967. I was the president of the Ibizan Hound Club of the United States in 1979 when the breed was recognized by the AKC.

I owned the first Ibizan Breed Champion, CH Sunking Eterna of Treybeau, FCh. Eterna was also the first Ibizan Hound ASFA Field Champion. I owned and bred the number 1, number 2 and 5 other Ibizan Hounds along with the number 1 Greyhound in the lifetime top ten as of the 2000 ASFA Historical Book. I also owned the number 1 Saluki thru 1997.

I have said "Lure coursing has been my passion since I saw the reaction of one of my Ibizan Hounds the first time he saw the lure moving along the ground. This hound that had just been bored to death in the show ring came to life and so did my desire to help sight-hounds have the opportunity to chase the lure."

I was hired by the AKC in 1991 to write their lure coursing program. I worked as the AKC Lure Coursing Director for the next 12 years. I have also served the American Sighthound Field Association as Regional Director, Second Vice President and First Vice President and was recently elected to serve again as Regional Director. In 2012 I was elected to serve again as the First Vice President of ASFA.

I now reside in Holtwood, PA with my wife Cackie Vroom, Greyhounds and Whippets. My last remaining Ibizan Hound passed away in November of 2009, my last Saluki in May of 2011.

After 39 years of lure coursing I still enjoy watching the new hound run for the first time. When they realize they are off lead and their long instilled instinct to chase kicks in, and they are off doing what they have been bred to do for centuries.

I thank the Afghan Hound Club of America for giving me the opportunity to watch your hounds compete and judge their performance.

Dean Wright

The 79th National Specialty Show Selected Auction Items



“Memory Lane”

Quilt made by Eileen Laudermilch and her twin sister Arlene. It is made up of shirts from past nationals donated by members of the AHCA. The oldest shirt is from 1990. The quilt is 92” square so it is a very generous Queen size backed and bound with dark green fabric. This is a one of a kind item and will never be duplicated. Thanks to all who helped. You need to dig deep to take this beauty home.



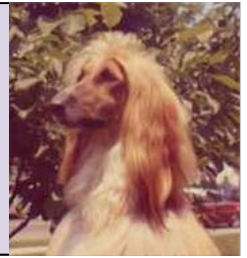
“On The Hunt”

A one of a kind, never to be repeated work done by Barb Bornstein. This is a series of wood Afghans designed and produced by Barb mounted on a beautiful wood base. In spite of being busy with her move to Arizona Barb carved out the time, and the wood, to produce this stunning piece. Proceeds from this item will go to rescue so please be ready to write a **big check**.



Loving the Afghan Hound *✧ A Tail of First Love ✧*

By Doris Horton and Mary Blacker



Is it possible for one to not know when they first fell in love? How can it be that such a love and passion cannot be recalled from the recesses of my mind? Could it be that such an intense, emotional affinity for this alluring and aloof ancient breed is somehow knit in the very fiber of my being, having no moment in time that marks the instant in which I was first smitten by this majestic dog?

Yes, indeed, this explains it! Then, at an appointed time in my existence, an introduction to the object of my affection released in me the unadulterated joy that began a lifelong love affair with the incredible Afghan Hound. I have been in love with the Afghan Hound for longer than my earliest memories yet I am unable to discern when exactly this magnificent breed stole my heart.

On the other hand, fellow AHCA member Mary Blacker tells her story giving us a detailed account of her earliest memories of her fascination and love of this aristocratic clown. With a twinkle in her eye and a serene countenance, Mary tells of her affection for dogs and her beginning love affair with the Afghan Hound. Mary reminisces, "In my baby book, my mother had written, 'Mary's first sentence was, "see the Boo Woo" (Bow Wow)' and when I was about 4 years old, I became aware of a Scottish Terrier named Fala, owned by the sitting president in the White House, President Roosevelt. I began asking my parents to get me two Scotties – one pink and the other blue – but Daddy got the family a red Cocker Spaniel. My sister and I wanted to name him Mac after a Scottie in one of our early books. Mother wanted to name him Sandy and Daddy wanted to call him Blitz-Krieg. You can tell by his name, Blitz-Krieg Sandy Mac Kenney, the pecking order in our family! As young as I was at the time, I still have a vivid memory of going to the kennel and seeing all those puppies in a small area. I spent a lot of time with Blitzie as we called him, and I remember one day sitting in our back yard which was high on a hill and looking down on the town of Dayton, Ohio hearing big booms and whistles blowing. These explosive noises coming from the city were just 'world noise,' I told Blitzie, comforting him as I told him not to be afraid.

"When I was about 6 or 7 years old, I was sitting on the living room floor looking through a *Life* magazine when I spied a small headstudy of an Afghan Hound on the editorial page. I was enthralled! Filled with wonder, delight and resolve, I showed it to my mother and told her, 'that's the kind of dog I want when I grow up.' That was the moment I fell in love with what was to become my passion, filling my days with joy and exciting adventures with a host of dog fanciers and endearing friendships to this day.



Mary and Kuri - 1955

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“When I was maybe 9 or 10, I found a beautiful Collie roaming our neighborhood and he came over to see me. I saw he had a tag with his address on it and knew where his street was so I took him to his home. The lady at the door was so glad that I found him and brought him home that she gave me 50 cents! So on my way back home, I stopped at the local drug store to see what I might want to buy with such a large amount of money. As I looked through the magazine section, I spotted a **Dog World** magazine which only came to 35 cents, so I bought it and that was the beginning of my romance with the magazine and the dogs featured within its pages. Although there was only one page devoted to Afghan Hounds with many small pictures, I spent a lot of time reading the magazine cover to cover and I continued to buy it each month. I studied every breed, reading and enjoying ‘pretend judging’ these breeds and picking out a first prize winner on each page. Then I would pick a best of breed from all the page winners. My parents had no idea how late I stayed up on school nights ‘judging’ dogs!

“I was about 14 years old when I learned of a dog show in my hometown. My aunt Norma was a dog lover and my ride to the Dayton Kennel Club Dog Show in the year 1951. By this time I was very familiar with all the breeds and was so excited to catch a glimpse of the dog of my dreams and to see up close the dogs I had been judging in the pages of the tattered **Dog World** magazines. The first two breeds I saw as we entered the building were a Miniature Schnauzer and a Bedlington Terrier – what a thrill! I was eager and more than ready to lay eyes on the Afghan Hound. Practically all indoor shows in those days were benched and I was elated to find the two Afghan Hounds that were entered were benched together. I could hardly wait to talk with the owners and pet their dogs but was never able to get close enough to do either because of the number of people crowding around them. A certain meeting would be satisfied soon enough.

“In the fall of 1950, my younger brother came bursting through the door of the house breathless, imploring me to come quickly. He had seen some Afghan Hounds in someone’s backyard and was eager to take me there so I jumped on my bike and followed my brother Phil about a mile to discover that my long awaited introduction to the Afghan Hound was about to become a reality. I met Doris and Gordon Wheeler (Kandulla Kennels) who not only had an Afghan Hound for me to see, they had a litter of puppies that were about 7 weeks old! Doris and Gordon were very kind to me and my brother and were impressed that I picked as my favorite their pick of the litter. The bitch, Kandy of Harline (Ch. Agha Kush x Ch Hazara of Harline) had a litter of five black-masked red puppies sired by Zaadulla of Arthea. The Wheelers invited me to come back to their home anytime I wanted to, a beautiful beginning of a lifelong friendship. I spent many hours as a teenager helping Doris clean up after the puppies, playing with them, brushing and leash training them and whatever else was needed to care for all of her Afghans. When the litter was old enough to show, the Wheelers took me to dog shows they entered and invited me to go with them to the Marion, Ohio dog show.

“At previous dog shows I had seen some interesting vendors’ booths and decided I had better start saving my money so I could go shopping at the Marion show. I labeled an envelope, which I still have to this day, ‘Marion, Ohio – January 27, 1951’ and started saving as much as I could. As it turned out, there were hardly any booths at that show so when we left for home, I still had about \$7.00 that I had intended to spend. On the way home, Gordon asked me what I was going to do with all the money I had saved up and I facetiously remarked, ‘I think I’ll buy an Afghan Hound!’ As we rode along I began to think about that remark and decided that I really would keep saving my money until I had enough to buy my very own Afghan Hound.”

As Mary continued to contemplate her decision to save her money to realize her dream of acquiring her very first Afghan Hound at her young age, her emotions were charged with excitement and expectation.

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She tells of Bob Wales, the owner of the sire of the Wheelers' litter, who was planning to breed his Winonie of Ghazni (a litter sister to the famous Ch. Taejon of Crown Crest) to Zaadulla of Arthea, the dog he had been showing. Since the breeding appealed to her, Mary decided that she wanted to buy one of the puppies from Winnie's litter but how much money would she actually need to buy one of Bob's puppies? Mary had no idea how much it would take but thought that Mr. Wales would sell one to her for \$50.00. Not knowing what Afghan Hound puppies cost at the time, she found out later that it was from \$300.00 to \$500.00. As Mary continued to save her money, she revised her idea thinking that she would have to pay perhaps \$100.00 for one of Mr. Wales' puppies. With a sigh of disappointment, Mary explains that Bob Wales' breeding of Chico (Zaadulla's call name) and Winnie never took.

Although this was a big disappointment for a 14 year old, Mary did not lose her resolve to pursue the purchase of the dog of her dreams. At that point her good friend from high school, Sue Kenrick, decided that she, too, wanted to buy an Afghan Hound.

Mary picks up her story with delight, saying that, "With the sad news that Mr. Wales' breeding did not take, Sue and I began writing to kennels that advertised in ***Dog World*** magazine. Some we wrote to did not respond and one fairly well-known breeder (who later became a judge) wrote a rather unfriendly letter asking if our parents approved of our venture and remarked that our puppies, if we got one, would probably die due to lack of proper care. As responses came in, we were only interested in male puppies as our parents would not allow us to buy bitches. One of the letters was from Eunice Clark of Hughcliff Kennels who had two male puppies that fit the description of what we each wanted, black-masked red puppies. A response from Sunny Shay, later reprinted in the Spring 2013 issue of ***Topknot News***, was by far the nicest letter I received. She gave vivid details of herself and of her beautiful Afghan Hounds. While I continued to screen responses, Bob Wales' Chico (by then Ch. Zaadulla of Arthea) and Winnie were bred again and this time it took so I decided to wait for that litter. I wrote to Sunny Shay and told her of my decision to wait for this litter instead of pursuing possible puppies from her breeding. She responded personally to me with a very nice and encouraging letter."

There were two black-masked red males and three bitches of the same color in the litter that Winnie whelped on June 24, 1952. At the time this litter was born, Mary was 15 years old and about to acquire a



Zaamarakuri of Ghazni

puppy of the breed that she had been in love with since she was seven. With fond memories, so deeply rooted, not unlike the stories of any young teenager retracing their account of their first love, Mary picks up her story telling of the moment she first laid eyes on Kuri. "Bob named the puppies and the one I liked he had named Zaamarakuri of Ghazni – Kuri for short. He said that Zaamarakuri meant swift and efficient and I was very happy with the name. I saw Kuri for the first time when he was about three weeks old and the next time I saw him, at seven weeks of age, he was coming home with me.



Kuri - 7 weeks

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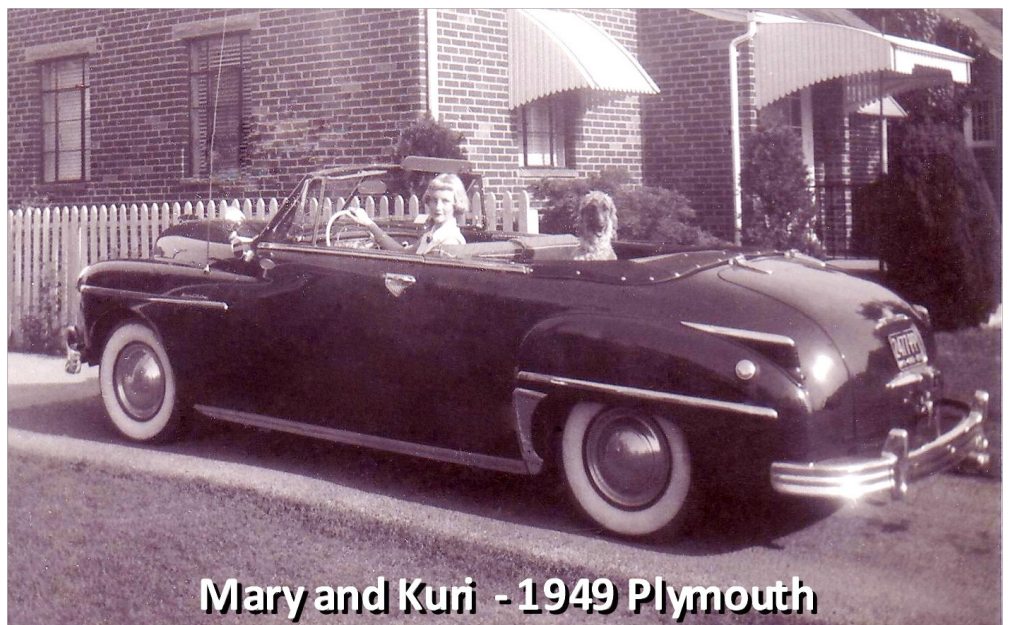
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“Mother and Daddy took me to Greenville, Ohio to bring Kuri home and I gave Bob Wales all the money that I had saved up which was a total sum of \$90.00. Bob told me that he would sell him to me for \$150.00 but that I was not to tell anybody what I paid because he was selling the others for \$350.00 each and said that I could pay him the remaining \$60.00 when I could. I had already sold my bicycle, babysat, was a substitute paperboy, picked strawberries and green beans while on summer vacation in Michigan to get the \$90.00, so I continued babysitting and delivering newspapers to earn the rest. Around this time, my older sister had bought a Cocker Spaniel puppy and then several months later, she ran off and got married so the Cocker became mine. I played with him and trained him to do a lot of tricks but he did not have the usual merry personality that most Cockers do. It was fun to watch the puppies play but by the time Kuri was eight months old, it appeared that someone had been cutting his hair with scissors. He was looking pretty ragged by the time the Cocker started vomiting up hairballs! Consequently, I decided to sell the Spaniel and the money went a long way to help pay what I still owed on Kuri.”

Mary reminisces of the many new friends she met while going to the shows with the Wheelers and attending meetings with them at the Dayton Kennel Club. She decided to join the membership and continued to grow in her knowledge of dogs. As the one and only junior member, Mary chuckles and says she “felt like the club mascot!” Mary was pretty proud of herself at one of the meetings, with about 50 in attendance, when she was the only one who could correctly name all of the 50 AKC breeds.

Mary continues, recalling that “as Kuri’s coat was beginning to look halfway decent after being chewed by our Cocker Spaniel and I was ready to show him, the problem of transportation to the shows became apparent. One evening I was riding with my dad as he was doing his job estimates when we passed a service station with a 1949 dark green Plymouth convertible parked in a conspicuous place with a for sale sign on it. Daddy casually remarked, ‘How would you like to have that car?’ Of course I didn’t take him seriously since I was still 15, but said something to the effect of how ‘neat’ that would be! Later that evening I walked to my friend Sue’s house to spend the night. We were sitting on her porch talking when Mother and Daddy pulled up in that green Plymouth convertible. As we ran out to the car, Daddy said, ‘How do you like your new car?’ I burst into tears of happiness and began hugging and thanking him. I sure did not know at the time that Daddy was not really intending to buy me the car. Mother thought what he had done was a dirty trick and she insisted that he buy it for me. He taught me to drive that Plymouth and I soon turned 16 and got my driver’s license. Looking back, life couldn’t get much better than that! I had my dream dog, a new car and a best friend who shared my interest in showing Afghan Hounds!”



Mary and Kuri - 1949 Plymouth

Loving the Afghan Hound

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We will discover that Mary's life was punctuated with more exciting moments during her days of showing Kuri. Mary reflects with enthusiasm, as though it were yesterday, "It wasn't until September of 1953 that Kuri and I made our show debut. He still looked a bit ragged from having his coat chewed, but he took the single point and went on to win points every time he was shown and began placing in the Group ring as a class dog. When he still needed 3 singles to finish his championship, I entered him in the Columbus, Ohio show. It was a benched show, so if you weren't there by 11:00 am, you were not permitted to show your dog.

"Sue and I left home in plenty of time, but in Springfield, Ohio, we were harassed by a car full of boys. We were fully focused on getting Kuri to the dog show. These boys were relentless in trying to capture our attention so they would go slow until we tried to pass them on the two-lane highway, then they would speed up so we could not get around them. At one point, we signaled a right hand turn which they made as we continued to go on straight ahead thinking that we were finally rid of them. However, they soon caught up to us and rode our bumper. We couldn't ditch them! Finally we got the attention of a highway patrolman and explained our predicament, and he stopped the boys. We continued on our way without delay and smiled smugly at the boys who hunkered down in their car with scowling faces as we passed.

"Frustrated that we were having trouble finding the showgrounds and time to get there was almost up, we broke the speed limit and went the wrong way on a one-way street, arriving at the show three minutes late. With emotion we told the men at the entrance our story and they were sympathetic and kind enough to let us in. That was the day that Kuri finished his championship with his third major and a Group 2!

"Back then, the Dayton Kennel Club rented a room in the Biltmore Hotel and took entries up until the time the show closed. The club president, Pearl Kleinhans, had asked me to help take entries and as we were working together, Pearl asked me if I had entered Kuri. I replied 'no' because by this time Dayton was no longer a benched show. I preferred benched shows because I did not own a crate or a grooming table and the bench served as both. Pearl insisted that I enter Kuri. I protested and made excuses with my last one being, 'and besides, I don't have the money to enter.' Pearl plunked down a \$5.00 bill and said, 'Enter the damn dog!' The rest is history. Kuri won the Breed, Group 1 and Best In Show that day, making him one of only three Afghan Hounds to win BIS that year – 1955. Pearl would never let me repay her for the \$4.50 entry fee."

Mary lingered sentimentally in thought, lost in the indelible memory of her lovely Kuri's wonderful success and her rising to the ranks of those much older and more experienced, feeling blessed that her first love took her all the way to the top. Kuri was shown only 25 times in his lifetime and in those few shows he won his championship, one Group 3, three Group 2's, four Group 1's and one Best In Show. He sired the top-winning bitch, Ch. Samaris of Moornistan, who then went on to become the top-producing bitch of all time and held this distinction for more than 30 years. Samaris was the foundation bitch for the famous Holly Hill Kennels of Ned and Sue Kauffman. Kuri also produced BIS Ch. Hassan-Ben of Moornistan.



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Mary Blacker and BIS Ch. Zaamarakuri of Ghazni



Ch. Zaamarakuri of Ghazni (Kuri)

With a smile of satisfaction Mary knew that her love of this remarkable breed would last throughout her lifetime and goes on to say, "I lived at home until I was 26 years old. My parents would not allow me to have a litter or an additional Afghan Hound and by the time I married and had a home of my own, Kuri was too old to produce so I never bred him. He lived to the ripe old age of 17.



Holly Hill Hurrem Bey (Remi) and Rudaki of Fireside (Zoc, Kuri's son)

"I enjoyed a wonderful life in business and as a school teacher and lived in my dream home in Dayton with my loving husband Lloyd. In time we rescued a 15-month-old son of Kuri named Zoc who produced our Group winner, Ch. Ledgewood Simoom. Gary Sinck had Zoc's litter sister, the foundation bitch of his Jamna Afghans.



Ch. Ledgewood Simoom (Simi)
Sire of Ledgewood Khairi

Simoom produced a beautiful domino bitch Ledgewood Khairi, who we bred to Taco, Ch. Pahlavi Puttin' On The Ritz. We had great hopes for this breeding but sadly our bitch became ill and we lost her shortly after the breeding.



Ledgewood Khairi

"From Simoom came our lovely bitch Misty, Ch. Ledgewood-Registan's Mistral who we linebred on Kuri. From this breeding we kept a bitch, Ledgewood Shamal. She had a best in specialty match and a best in all breed match, three single points and a breed win over specials when my husband Lloyd was diagnosed with cancer. When he passed, my life came to a halt. Showing Shamal was no longer in the plans.



BEST OF BREED
in VARIETY
TENNESSEE VALLEY
LIVESTOCK
SHOW
March 11, 1966
shown by Gladys Ledgewood Shamal - Shown by Mary Blacker
Judge Michelle Leathers

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"I decided to move to Florida to be near my two sisters and after Shamal passed, I was fortunate to find the present love of my life and companion, Dixie, Kasban's Dixie Moon, who finished her championship quickly with Harry Bennett. Dixie and I enjoy a beautiful life in Ft. Myers, Fla. She loves to travel with me to visit friends and play with their Afghan Hounds. Dixie is a wonderful example of a love so true and unconditional and it has been my good fortune to experience this kind of love from all the Afghan Hounds in my life, from my first encounter with the breed of my dreams."

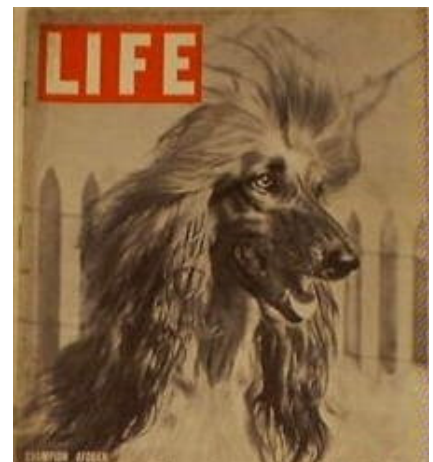


Mary and Ch. Kasban's Dixie Moon (Dixie)

As Mary pauses, with a countenance beaming with gratitude and reflection of a fulfilling life, she continued with a few additional comments. "Being asked to share in print my life with the Afghan Hound is very humbling. My accomplishments in the breed are few and my first Afghan Hound who 'put me on the map' was not bred by me; albeit as a teenager, I did choose to save up my money to buy him and raise him from a tiny puppy. I trained him and loved him dearly, handled him exclusively as a novice through his short show career to acclaimed success. I organized a small group of lovers of our breed and began the Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio. In 1956 I joined the AHCA and served faithfully for many years and had the honor of judging Sweepstakes at the National in the mid '80s. My husband also became active in the AHCA. Starting so young and living so long, I have had the privilege of meeting many of the well-known breeders and famous Afghan Hounds of the past and I have visited nearly all of the famous kennels and people revered today."

With that, Mary sits back contentedly, still amused by the tales she relived over the span of time. In the time I have known Mary Blacker, I have witnessed a genuine willingness to share with others her knowledge of the breed and her skilled competence in the ring as a Sweepstakes judge at numerous specialties. In her younger days, she traveled to dog shows with her unique collectibles that she sold as a vendor and to this day Mary's personal collection of fine Afghan Hound art and figurines is quite stunning. With her passion for our breed and her continued desire to make a difference, Mary has recently contributed a number of her collectibles to AHCA Rescue for sale at the 2015 National Specialty.

Mary's story of loving the Afghan Hound from the moment she saw a small headstudy of Rudiki of Prides Hill in the pages of a magazine, has enriched our hearts with memorable moments. Thus, reminding us all of how delightful it is to share our existence with this breed. How truly fortunate we are to live with and love the Afghan Hound. As fanciers, we can all agree that life is without a doubt better when we share it with our companions who carry a topknot and in the company of friends who share our passion. ✧



AKC Delegate Report

Connie Butherus



The quarterly meeting of the AKC Delegates was held June 7 and 8, 2015 at the Doubletree Hotel at Newark Airport. Currently three of the four quarterly meetings are held at this site. It is convenient for those Delegates who fly to the meetings and close enough for those who do not to have easy access. The June meeting historically has been the least attended of the four. This one was true to the tradition.

The series of meetings began with the Parent Club Committee of which I am a member. Major agenda items were:

Sixty-two Parent Clubs have designated a contact person to work with the AKC staff on the content of the Breed Pages on the new website, akc.org. The corrections are being done every day. The information and photos on these Breed Pages have been major concerns to many Parent Clubs;

The Parent Club of Excellence Project self-evaluation program continues to receive completed self-study reports. Parent Clubs are encouraged to participate as it provides a profile of the club's structure and function. The information about the program was sent out to all Parent Clubs by Larry Sorenson, the Sub-Committee Chair (lsoren@earthlink.net);

The number of Canine Good Citizen (CGC) titles issued continues to grow. As of 5-1-15, 31,800 titles have been awarded. All of the dogs receiving titles must be AKC registered. This has become an area of growth for the declining registrations problem;

The Parent Club Rescue Alliance has an active online list of 176 members which generates about 120 messages each month. Recent discussions have included insurance needs, the IRS tax status and dogs that bite. Information was sent to all Parent Clubs by Peter Pinez (ppinez@nycap.rr.com) The members of the list must be recommended by the individual Parent Club Boards of Directors;

By 9/15 the AKC hopes to have added Parent Clubs to the Outreach Program on the newly developed Marketplace site. A link from that site to the Parent Club website has been requested. More to follow on this;

Chris Walker, The Social Media Expert at the AKC, has resigned. You may recall he was the one responsible for the new AKC website, akc.org. At this point several of the projects and the new site are in limbo. As soon as his replacement (s) is/are named I will get the contact information to you;

Ninety-six Parent Clubs have submitted their recommended health testing/screening programs to the committee working on this project. The AHCA is one of the Clubs that responded;

The request for a listing of Breeders of Merit, BOM, for each Breed is pending. A survey of all of the 11,000 BOM is to be done, we were told; The newest, latest, revised and improved Judges Approval program has been scheduled to be voted on by the AKC Board at the June 9 meeting. (It was and is now available for those wishing to make application for approval.);

A new program Bred with HEART is in the launching phase for those wishing to participate. Currently there are 80 breeders who have made application for this designation. The breeders must certify completion of the recommended health screenings as specified by the Parent Club. AKC inspections will confirm this has been accomplished. There is a yearly, mandatory continuing education requirement. This initiative is designed to recognize and support breeders who perform the recommended health testing and meet the AKC Care and Conditions standards. This is in addition to the current Breeder of Merit designation. More to come on this as the program unfolds;

The pet disaster trailer project is doing well with 24 trailers having been delivered, 11 in production and 5 fully funded to follow; and

A new Sub-Committee has been formed which includes representatives from several of the Delegate Committees. Increasing the participation in AKC Performance events in both the Sporting and Hound breeds will be the focus. Step one involves assessing the Parent Club brochures which are sent out with the registrations. All Parent Clubs in these two groups will be contacted regarding the content of their brochure. A sampling of these brochures showed that the design and content varied from breed to breed, information was outdated, contacts unavailable and generally omitted the number of events and activities in which the individual breed could participate other than conformation. I have been designated as the Hound representative from the Parent Club Committee.

Prior to the Delegate meeting on the 8th the Delegate Forum was attended. This was an informative and excellent presentation by Susan Lilly, CEO of the Canine Health Foundation, CHF, and Samantha Wright, the Program Officer. The CHF is celebrating its 20th year. They have funded \$44 million in canine research with \$8 million currently out in grants representing 100 research projects. One of the projects cited was the Bloat research which was funded in the amount of \$500,000 from multiple funding sources (AHCA being one of the sources). Chief supporters of the CHF include Purina, Zoetis and the AKC. The Parent Clubs are asked to submit their chief health concerns to the CHF as the goal is to be Breeder-Donor driven in the funding of research. The Parent Club biannual conference is to be held August 7-9 in St. Louis. Each Parent Club Health liaison is entitled to a reduced registration fee of \$250.00. Each Parent Club will be sent information regarding this conference. It is of interest to note the CHF accomplishes its mission with a total of 6 employees. A very efficient organization.

After the Call to Order, the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions the Delegate meeting was off and running. The first item of business being the introduction and welcome of 9 newly seated Delegates.

The proposed amendments to the By-Laws were read, one to be voted on and the other to be voted on at the September meeting.

An amendment to Dog Show Rules regarding the 4-6 month puppy outreach program was read and garnered much discussion both at the actual meeting and at the Committee meetings held prior. The proposal being that once a puppy earns 15 qualifying points a Certificate of Merit, COM, would be issued. This is believed to be a way of encouraging the new owners to continue on in competition with the puppy. HOWEVER, the new wrinkle is.....one (1) Championship point would also be awarded with the COM. That is where the Parent Club Committee and others parted company with the staff/Board recommendation. This proposed amendment is to be voted on at the September meeting. I am told the Dog Show Rules Committee is also not in favor of this change. I will ask the AHCA Board to instruct me as to how to vote on this amendment. It is my understanding that staff has made other proposals regarding awarding of Championship points. Again, more to follow....stay tuned.

The proposed amendment regarding Member Clubs having exclusive rights to territory was divided. The housekeeping changes such as language passed easily. The section addressing the changes in territory exclusivity was sent back to the Dog Show Rules Committee for rewording. The Chair of the Dog Show Rules

AKC Delegate Report — Connie Butherus (continued...)

Committee requested those who recommend language changes to please submit their wording to the Committee before the September meeting.

The new Board Chair, Ron Menaker, reported that an economic impact study on the benefits dog shows have on a community has been conducted. The financial impact includes lodging, food, gas, venues, locally hired workers, etc. The revenue produced is significant and demonstrates the positive impact dog shows can have on local economies. A brochure will be made available for Clubs to use in their communities. Good idea! His full report is online at akc.org

The President, Dennis Sprung, paid tribute to Mike Liosis who has been with the AKC for 45 years. He started out as a part-time file clerk while still in college. Climbing the career ladder he became the Director of Club Relations and has held that position for as long as most of us can remember. Recently he has been assigned as Director of Compliance. A well deserved tribute.

The CFO, Joe Baffuto, gave a clear, understandable and complete financial report. His reports are a vast improvement over the previous ones we received. The decline in registrations seems to have leveled off. This being the core business of the AKC it is welcome news. The YTD picture was reviewed. Investments have yielded an increase of \$3 million thus far this year. An increase of \$738,000 in total revenue was reported with a decline of \$118,000 in expenses, \$136M reported in total assets and \$70M in total liabilities.

During the open forum several of the Delegates spoke to items of general interest.

First up was the reported success of the PeeWee classes being assessed for children ages 5 to 9. There are safety measures required so as to not place a small child or others at risk. The first event was deemed a total success.

Concern was raised regarding the Pyrenean Shepherd Club of America and its non-member status with the AKC. The requirements for becoming a member club were stated as they are recorded in the By Laws of the AKC. The question as to why this Parent Club was not accorded member status was posed. There are 35 other Parent Clubs who are not as yet member clubs as well.

Julian Prager who is with the USDA spoke to the concern regarding imported dogs, suppliers of pet shop puppies and the interstate transport of dogs from shelter to shelter.

There was concern voiced regarding the seemingly frequent changes in the Judges Application procedure and format by one Delegate and another voiced concern regarding the need for Clubs to now pay for Public Information handouts used by the clubs for community outreach.

The September meeting will again be held at the Doubletree Hotel at Newark Airport. It is scheduled for September 11 and 12, Friday and Saturday. This change was made to accommodate both a National and a religious holiday which were in conflict with the established dates.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Butherus
AHCA Delegate to the AKC

Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP) Summer, 2015

Helen Stein
PPCPP Liaison



The Afghan Hound Club of America has received a check for \$588.54, 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).

412 Pro Club Members are signed up to participate in the PPCPP on behalf of Afghan Hounds, and 32 of these people submitted weight circles in 2014.

Our income is down slightly from last year (\$604.73 in 2014) 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 191 National Parent Clubs participating in this program, and that in 2014 their submissions earned in excess of \$458,000 (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.

Our own **Duane Butherus** is Chairman of the Board of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. I regularly receive Purina weight circles from Connie and Duane to submit for credit for AHCA.

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

Helen Stein PPCPP Liaison

AHCA History and Archives Helen Stein



Though you won't hear it from him, Russ Hastings put quite a bit of effort into retrieving a large pedigree database that was maintained by the late Sharon Watson. This database, property of the AHCA, was used for Breeders Cup catalogs and for pedigree records. Hager Watson was kind enough to meet with Russ and give him the hard drive containing the pedigrees. We've tried for several years to obtain this information, and so a big THANK YOU is in order for Russ who spent time, effort and travel dollars to get the job done.

Thank you also to Barbara Dempsey Alderman, who has made an unusual donation to the AHCA Archives - a roll of Afghan Hound wallpaper -vintage 1970s? A photo appears below and you can see it in person at the National Specialty in Atlanta! Barbara sent several copies of *Our Afghans* from the '70s as well, and they will be on display at the show. Many AHCA members will remember Barbara from her days as an Afghan Hound breeder. Short bio below!

I have taken twenty more VHS tapes of National Specialties to be converted to DVD. They also have two reels of Super 8 film - video of dogs from the '70s - and will let me know whether these can be successfully converted to DVD. Many of these will be on display at the National in October.

Over the Winter I ordered additional scrapbooks from Gaylord Archival and have been assembling those in preparation for display at the National Specialty. Items include photos, telegrams, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia. Currently I am working on adding Majara memorabilia to the books.

I have updated the list "Suggested Reading" which appears in the booklet, *Introduction to the Afghan Hound*. This updated list will appear on the AHCA website and the AHCA Facebook page.



Then and Now

Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman

Barbara Dempsey Alderman, of Moon Township, Pennsylvania, bought her first dog, a pet Afghan Hound, in 1959. After attending a few shows, she was totally hooked on dogs. Mrs. Alderman bred a few litters and at one point had the youngest bitch to finish, at 9 months. As a breeder-exhibitor of Afghans, Mrs. Alderman says her most cherished moment was seeing her Ch. Benvikki's A-Bit of Harmony go Best in Show at the Midwest AHC specialty over a huge entry. She subsequently enjoyed a distinguished career as an AKC-licensed all-breed handler, and is now an AKC all-breed judge.

Then:



Barbara with Ch. Benvikki's A-Bit of Harmony (born 1967)

Now:



RESCUE

Martha Powell



My position as Rescue Chair has allowed me the privilege of knowing some of the kindest angels walking among us here on this earth. It has also put me in touch with the scum of the earth. As I write this report, I am waiting on a report from a vet in Texas, about an Afghan who may be dying. She was locked in an abandoned house with no food or water, and left to die. Someone found her and rescued her. I was contacted by the shelter in Port Isabel and agreed to take her. A wonderful foster has been trying to bring her back to health, but it may be too late to prove to her that some people in this world deserve to be called human.

Oklahoma Win: Thanks to the help of shelter workers, two non-Afghan rescuers, plus Amy Gibbs, Tanya Lance, Andre Gilbert, and Juan Vasquez, we rescued a tiny male from Oklahoma. Volunteers are the glue making Rescue work!

Success in Maryland: Major kudos to Dianne Wagman, Judy Brandenburg and Laurie Persky. We placed a young boy in an awesome home with an Affie who had lost his companion to cancer.

We have two bonded pairs in rescue now, Gulf Coast and Northwest areas. If you know anyone who can open their heart and home, please contact me.

Marilyn Danko and Joann Anderson are putting together another awesome Rescue Calendar. I am planning to bring them to Atlanta in October for National. They make great gifts ... hint, hint, hint.

Calling all artists! Please consider donating some of your work for our Rescue table and auction at National. We can only help the orphans if we have the funds. Barb Bornstein and Hope Leedom have already stepped up to help!

I am looking for volunteers to help me contact all of the shelters in this country (yes, I know it will take forever). There are so many things shelter workers and potential adopters need to know about Afghans. When I talk to the employees about the need for wide collars, tiny neck bones, snoods for meal time, more than monthly grooming and the cost, sensitivity to anesthesia that some vets may not know, six foot fences, etc..., their jaws drop and I hear "I had no idea." We have to educate these people, or the rescue numbers will never go down.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Powell
Chair

Do You Know These People?



(See Page 23 for the answers.)

AWARDS REPORT

Barb Hastings



Please remember to send your Club's request for awards in a timely fashion. The awards are mailed via Priority Mail, but can still take as long as 5 days to arrive. We offer medallions for Best of Winners, Parade of Rescue and for Best Junior Handler. Remember, there must be competition in order for the Junior to receive the award, so please do not give out the certificate for the award unless there is competition in Juniors.

Barb

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Anna Stromberg



Summer is in full swing and we have had a few juniors actively showing Afghan Hounds.

One of our young Afghan owners, Mattison Taylor, handled her dog Lorde to a Specialty Best in Show. Bravo, Mattie!

For the National we have secured Mr. Junior Warrior himself, Michael Canalizo, to enlighten our up-and-coming stars.

Looking forward to seeing you all in October!

Anna

MENTOR PROGRAM

Chris Pinkston



Question: When is it best to be honest?

Answer: All of the time.

Question: When is it best to "pass" on a home or a potential buyer?

Answer: Every time it does not feel right.

We want to be accommodating and engaging when an inquiry is made for our beautiful breed. But it is our duty as breeders, owners and so-called mentors to be capable of politely advising that the Afghan Hound may not be the appropriate dog for a person or family interested in acquiring one.

Some of the contacts we have all had have come from parties who would be better suited for a different breed. The dogs in Rescue and the dogs that have been returned to breeders have, for the most part, not been the fault per se of the dog himself. More likely it was the home or the family who was unsuited for an Afghan or maybe any other breed.

Besides helping in a Match.com effort to unite the Interested with the Available, there is also the component of explaining with absolute clarity the upsides and downsides to owning an Afghan. There is a good bit of learning which the newcomer to the breed encounters even when it is a "good fit."

This is the mentoring provided by the responsible breeder and the local clubs.

But, initially, it begins by making decisions where our dogs are concerned. They cannot make the choices for themselves. As an advocate for both the breed and the people who consider it, you must sometimes be honest and advise that an Afghan Hound is not the breed for you.

Chris

Canine Health Report

**Eileen
Laudermilch**



The first quarter report for 2015 is as follows.

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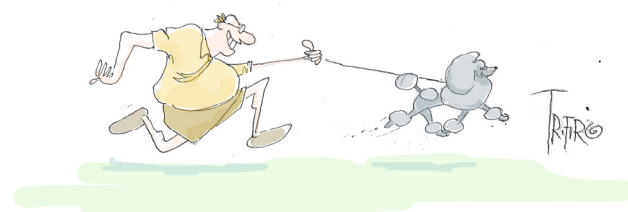
8 cardiac all normal

10 thyroid 9 normal and 1 equivocal

20 hips; of these good 7, fair 1, excellent 10 and moderate dysplasia 1

There was also one DNA data base. So glad to see this. The Afghan Hound does not have a blood data base. If when any of you get blood drawn for testing, please consider an additional tube for the DNA data base. I am so thrilled to see that someone did this.

You might be in the 'Dog Fancy' if



You don't get excited when a friend says she's bringing a 'stripper' to your house.
You know another use for matches other than starting a fire.
Your dog's top knot has ever been ruined by the ceiling fan.
Your parrot knows the phrase, "OMG, he just shit on my rug".
In tough situations you ask yourself, "What would Jimmy Moses do?".
On your job application under 'sex' you wrote 'bitch'.
You consider a freshly washed dog as 'potpourri'.
You're pretty sure the people on the 'Jerry Springer Show', were at last Saturday's dog show.
Your house doesn't have AC but your kennel does.
You think "taking out the trash" means taking your competition out to dinner after the show.
You've ever spent more on last month's ad than your sister's wedding present.
You know at least three different ways to get your dog to poop.
Someone in your family has ever said, "Come here and look at her poop before I pick it up".
The sound of dogs barking and generators humming makes your heart race.
If 'safe sex' involves a muzzle.

Do You Know These People? Answers

This is a Group One win picture from the Elmira Kennel Club show held Aug. 1967. Left to right:

Judge: Albert E. Van Court

Handler: Lois R. Boardman

Show Chairperson: Susan H. Hamlin

Dog: Ch. Akaba's Blue Devil

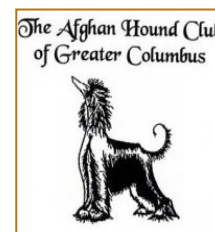


In the Company of Kings



“an International celebration of the Afghan Hound”

2016 Afghan Hound
World Congress



WHAT: Afghan Hound World Congress, AHCA Breeders' Cup, Regional Specialties & more!

WHEN: March 30 – April 2, 2016

WHERE: Eukanuba Hall at the Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio, USA

- Reservations accepted beginning **June 2, 2015**. Phone: +1-800-654-7036.
- **Use code **AHC** for the group rate.** (\$115/night, \$35 1-time pet fee)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (Other events to be added as planning progresses):

- Wednesday, March 30-Thursdays, March 31: Afghan Hound World Congress
- (Agenda TBD)
- Thursday, March 31 (PM): Judges Education: *A Study of the Afghan Hound & International Standards*.
- Thursday, March 31 (Eve): *In the Company of Kings* Reception
- Friday, April 01 (AM): AHCA 2016 Breeders' Cup
- Friday, April 01 (PM): AHCSWO Regional Specialty Show
- Friday, April 01 (Eve): AHCA 2016 Breeders' Cup Annual Banquet
- Saturday, April 02 (AM): MAHC Regional Specialty Show
- Saturday, April 02 (PM): AHCGC Regional Specialty Show

EVENT CHAIRMEN:

***In the Company of Kings* Event Coordinator:** Jason Taylor

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Barn Hunting with Afghan Hounds

By Cathy Kirchmeyer, Ph.D.

The newest sport for dogs is Barn Hunting. Trials are held by clubs affiliated with the Barn Hunt Association and any dog can participate. Earned titles are recognized by the AKC and can be affixed to a dog's registered name. If you enjoy having fun with your Afghan Hound, try barn hunting. I did and my young bitch Suzette (Popovs Purrfection at Cayblu RA JC AX AXJ

RATO) became the first Afghan to earn Barn Hunt titles.



Afghan Suzette with First Place and New Title ribbons in the Open class.

In this article, I will explain the fundamentals of Barn Hunting and the challenges of competing with an Afghan. If there is a center providing Barn Hunting practice located near you, definitely take advantage of that. However, be cautious because many dog training approaches can be demotivating for Afghans who hate repetitious exercises and often are not food or toy driven.

To earn a qualifying score in Barn Hunting, the dog must locate rat(s) hidden among straw bales, and demonstrate search behavior in a barn or barn-like setting. Rats are protected in ventilated plastic tubes and treated humanely. Empty tubes and tubes containing rat litter are hidden among the bales as well and the dog must not confuse them with those containing actual rats. At some point during his test, the dog must jump on top of bales and navigate an 18-inch tunnel through the bales. In the Novice class, only one rat is hidden. The number of hidden rats, the complexity of the setting, and standard test time increase with class level. For a full description of tests and rules go to the barnhunt.com website.

Once the dog is released in the secured test area, the handler can speak to him but not touch him or the straw bales. It is up to the handler to tell the judge when the dog has located a rat. This may be the greatest challenge for you in Barn Hunting with Afghans. You must be astute at reading your dog's body language. Afghans typically hunt moving prey and may not bark or dig frantically to signal a stationary rat. For example, when Afghan Suzette locates a rat, she becomes very still. I look for a fixed stare and a slight quivering of her ringed tail to signal a rat. If she does act, she leaps in the air and pushes with her front feet near the tube seemingly to make the rat bolt. One judge told me that she had never seen that maneuver before.

Some handlers train their dogs to sit or place a paw near the tube to signal rat, signals

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common in other search exercises. This approach assumes hunting is a team effort with handler and dog working closely together. My Afghans rarely want to take direction from me, or value a reward from me, when encountering varmints in the field or in Barn Hunting. In these instances their hound instincts rule and chase and capture are the valued rewards. Do not be surprised if your Afghan becomes inattentive to you (more than usual!) when he senses rat. Afghan Suzette who competes at the highest levels in AKC Agility and Rally trials largely ignores me during the Barn Hunting test.

Assuming that your Afghan will ignore you once released in the test area, there are important steps for you to take before competing. First, familiarize him with the obstacles he will encounter. Buy 6 bales of straw and set them up outside or in the corner of a garage. Fashion a tunnel by stacking two bales across the others. Encourage your Afghan to jump on them and crawl underneath, using a treat hidden in the straw as a reward. For those Afghans not motivated by food, make the straw bales a play situation with you or for two dogs. One dog often encourages another to take risks. I have found Afghans to be natural clowns and willingly engage in silly games with me. By establishing jumping and crawling among the bales as part of your Afghan's play repertoire, you build his confidence to tackle similar obstacles during a trial.



The plastic tube where rats are placed. This one is empty and Afghan Renee correctly does not signal rat.

Second, encourage your Afghan to use his nose. Of course his nose already works perfectly fine, but you want him to learn that using it when you ask results in a reward. Hide a treat or his favorite toy in the house or outside, and then direct his attention to the hiding spot with a hand gesture and a phrase such as “What’s that?”. It is the use of an alerting tone that is important and not the actual words. I apply the same approach in the field to draw

my Afghans' attention to rodent tunnels or anything else that may interest them. Being tall and highly dependent on visual stimuli, some Afghans may need a little encouragement to check out varmint hiding places in the ground.

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In the barn hunting test, even though your Afghan prefers to work independently, you will be able to direct his search behavior to some extent with the same pointing motion and alerting phrase.

Once the dog correctly signals rat, either the handler or a ring attendant gently removes the tube with the rat from the hiding spot and passes it to another attendant outside the secured area. Afterward the dog must continue to search for the remaining rat(s), and demonstrate the mandatory climb and tunnel behavior if he has not already done so. Calmly accepting the re-



Afghan Renee emerging from the mandatory 18-inch tunnel.

moval of the rat has proven to be the main obstacle to qualifying for my Afghans. Remember that for hounds chase and capture are the valued rewards in hunting. Thus, the removal of the rat can be potentially demotivating, and certainly upsetting, to them. I employ my alerting tone and pointing motion rigorously to quickly draw my Afghan's attention away from the direction of the removed rat and back to the bales to complete the test within the specified time. Afghan Suzette currently competes in the Senior class and keeping her engaged in search be-

havior with the removal of multiple rats remains a big challenge.

I hope this article has inspired you to try barn hunting with your Afghan. Many of you already know the joy and excitement of walking your Afghan onto the lure coursing field and seeing him transform into a keen hunter. A similar experience can be had in Barn Hunting. It provides an opportunity not only for you to have fun with your Afghan, but as well allows him the chance to exercise his superb hunting skills. Happy hunting!

About the Author:

Cathy Kirchmeyer is a retired university professor with a lifelong love for Afghan Hounds and their natural intelligence. Her dogs have competed in agility, rally, obedience, lure coursing, racing, and most recently barn hunting.



Afghan Suzette searching among the bales with her rear on the upper bale and her nose buried in the straw below.

“Getting to Know You: Spotlight on our New Breeder-Judges”

By Allan Reznik

Welcome to a new column in *Topknot News*. In each issue, we'll feature a Q&A with a new AKC breeder-judge. For our first interview, let's get acquainted with...

LEX ROBERTSON, XANDALI AFGHAN HOUNDS, PITTSBURGH



Q. Did you grow up in a doggy household?

A. Not really. My mother was a dog lover. My father liked dogs but he was allergic to them, so he started getting weekly shots once I started praying for a dog, shortly after I turned five. I was gifted a sweet little Pug for my sixth birthday. He arrived in a shoe box wrapped in birthday paper with a big hole in the top loosely covered by an even larger bow. This was after I got a dog bed, dog dishes, dog brush; you get the picture. My first words were, “Did you rent him or is he mine?” I have never been without a dog since.

Q. When did you see your first Afghan Hound? Was it love at first sight and did you know this was the breed you wanted to devote your life to?

A. I saw my first Afghan Hound pictured in my *Little Golden Book of Dogs* which was my bible as a young kid. A real one jumped out of the pages of my book when I was about five, appearing across the alley in a neighbor's backyard. They had a

friend visiting who had brought the dog along, which happened to be this glorious red brindle creature. Of course I knew immediately this was an Afghan Hound, which is what I exclaimed as I ran across the alley, to hopefully touch what up until then had been a mythical creature for me. It was the most glorious experience of my life up until that point.

Q. Where did you get your first Afghan Hound?

A. My first Afghan Hound was a black bitch from a litter that Harriet Stock (Stockmont) had bred. This would have been in the late 1970s. She had just judged the Pittsburgh Specialty match and had given Best to the first Afghan Hound I handled, Ambrosia Top Job, who was owned by friends of mine. She fell head over heels in love with him, breeding to him at her first opportunity. I was fortunate to get the stud fee puppy, as my friends were phasing out of Afghan Hounds at that time.

Q. What are the defining characteristics of the breed for you?

A. Correct attitude, balance, and all the intrinsic qualities that make an Afghan Hound an Afghan Hound.

Q. What qualities do you worry we might be losing in the breed?

A. Bowed rears, big hip bones, big feet, correct standard size, good shoulders, overall balance and the attitude of a King.

Q. Name two or three dogs and two or three bitches that were most influential in your breeding program?

A. Dogs: Ch. Boannes Heart N Soul – “Louie.” Ch. Sebring Soloflex – “Cody.” Bitches: Scarabet Sebring Salusa – “Annie” and her daughter Xandali Lucky Stripe – “Tigger” and her daughter Ch. Xandali Lucky Strike – “Winnie.”

Q. Who do you consider the greatest Afghan Hound you ever saw?

A. How can there be just one? “Pepsi,” Ch. Kabik's The Challenger: I'll never forget the night he went Best at the Garden. “TR,” Ch. Triumph of Grandeur: When I first saw him at the Delaware Specialty as a youngster he caused quite a stir! “Margaux,” Ch. Vendikhar Margaux: She was the ultimate bitch. I could go on and on.

Q. Who were your mentors in the breed and in the sport?

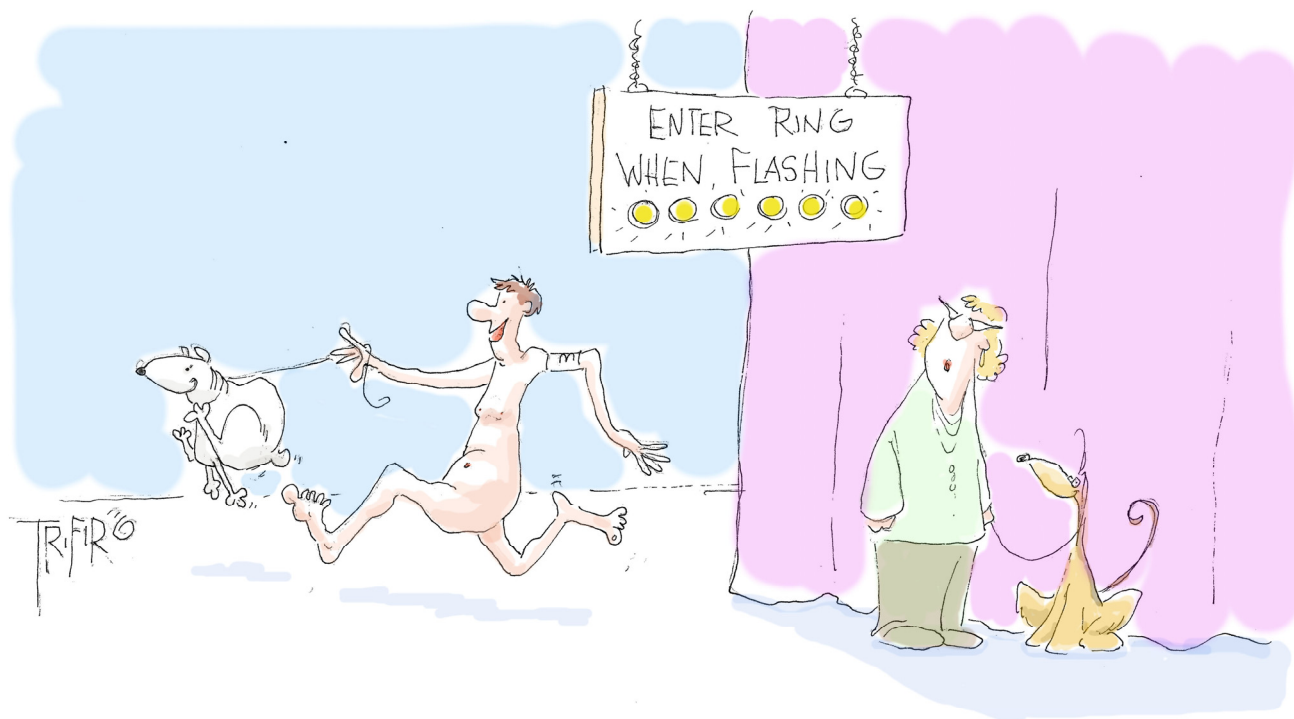
A. “Mother” Sandy Motz (Applause) and she was to all the rest of my many, many peers. We stayed until Best in Show then. We talked dogs all the time to anyone who would listen and we watched the great handlers we someday wanted to be. We memorized pedigrees, imagine that? I think, basically, we brought ourselves up, for the most part.

Q. Would you ever withhold awards?

A. I hope if it was necessary, I would.

Q. What advice would you give an exhibitor showing to you for the first time?

A. Don't fuss so much. Let your dog stand on his own. I much prefer the free stack over the manipulated look so many people promote today.



Thank you Michele Trifiro!



Regional Specialty Shows

USA Afghan Hound Specialty Shows 2014

Compiled by Murray Anderson 'Tazi Tourist', NZ, from AKC results.

DATE	CLUB (Show location)	ENT	JUDGE	BOB	BOS
Jan 17	AHC of Gt Portland (OR)	10	James Dalton	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	Agha Djari's Edge Of Glory (imp Ger)
Feb 08	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	61	Leigh Hearn (Aus)	GCh Criston Enchanted (B)	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir
Feb 08	Colonial AHC (CT)	60	Carol Smith	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	GCh Criston Enchanted
Feb 09	AHA of Long Island (CT)	49	Vlastislav Vojtek (Slk)	GCh Criston Enchanted (B)	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir
Mar 01	Tidewater AHC (VA)	37	Liz Millward (UK)	GCh Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo (D)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger)
Mar 02	Tidewater AHC (VA)	35	Iren Naartis (Est)	GCh Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo (D)	Meshome Regimes Rising Desire
Mar 15	Potomac AHC (PA) DS	47	Peter Machen (Can)	GCh Komar's Wild Violette Skye (B)	GCh Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo
Mar 28	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ)	27	Chris Kaiser	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger)
Mar 29	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	25	Edith Hanson	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	GCh Herr Emma
Mar 30	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	24	Joanne Weatherly	GCh Jorogz' Domino Xana (B)	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet
Mar 29	Richmond AHC (VA)	35	Robert (Bob) Hutton	GCh Criston Enchanted (B)	GCh Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo
Mar 30	Richmond AHC (VA)	37	Garry Newton	GCh Criston Enchanted (B)	GCh Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo
Apr 11	AHC of California (CA)	33	Colin Hamilton (Aus)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Shenandoah Liebestraum
Apr 11	AHC of California (CA)	35	Helen Haas	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Cavu Travel'R N Time
Apr 26	AHC of Dallas (TX)	26	Randy Tincher	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Xzotika's Smooth Kriminal
Apr 26	AHC of Dallas (TX)	26	Patrick Guilfoyle	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Komar's Flash'N Metal
May 02	AHC of Nthn New Jersey (NJ)	73	Nancy Self	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	GCh Criston Enchanted
May 24	Tara AHC (GA)	30	Chris Kaiser	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Jolie Paparazzi
May 25	Tara AHC (GA)	28	Gill Ullom	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Jolie Orion
May 31	AHC of St Louis (MO)	53	Richard Souza	Regimes Fashionista Astarti (B)	GCh Jolie Orion
Jun 06	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL)	22	Nancy Edgington	GCh Wynsyr The Wingman T'Zion (D)	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Jun 06	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL)	23	Peggie Nesbitt	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam (B)	GCh Jovan Acceleration
Jun 07	Monterey Bay AHC (CA) DS	22	Sandy Weinraub	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet
Jun 13	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	44	Mike Gadsby (UK)	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	Paladin's Baby Love
Jun 14	AHA of Long Island (CT)	48	Clair van den Bergh (SA)	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	Glitter N' Glamour A Touch Of Freedom
Jun 15	Colonial AHC (CT)	35	James Dalton	Ch Charteroak Blu Star (D)	GCh Regimes Don't Be Jealous Of My Boogie Jabir
Aug 01	Evergreen AHC (WA)	21	Betsy Hufnagel	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Wynsyr Tuff Enuff
Aug 02	Evergreen AHC (WA) DS	23	Rachel Irwin	GCh Allure's Who Wouldn't Wanna Be Me SC (B)	Ch Kaimar's The Truth Will Set You Free
Aug 08	Midwest AHC (OH)	56	Edith Hanson	Wynsyr Triplicity Chaka Zulu (D)	Ch Tajj Even Flow
Aug 09	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH)	58	Lynn Mercer	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir
Aug 10	AHC of S'W Ohio (OH)	51	Hank Nave	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger)
Aug 22	Gt Twin Cities AHC (MN)	33	Dr Jerry Klein	GCh Tells Matrix Reloaded (imp Swe) (D)	GCh Rustic Dark Mirage Spirit Ridge
Aug 29	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	22	Dr Duane Butherus	GCh Jolie Orion (D)	GCh Rustic Dark Mirage Spirit Ridge
Aug 29	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	23	Lucy Orlowski	Ch Sebring Elan Monkey Business (D)	GCh Rustic Dark Mirage Spirit Ridge
Sep 04	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	25	Sandy Weinraub	GCh Alphaville's Shylo Here I Come (imp Swe) (D)	Shylo Maybelline
Sep 05	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	22	Gill Ullom	GCh Kuhl Breeze Designer Sock Monkey (D)	GCh Shylo Moonraker
Sep 26	Potomac AHC (VA)	32	Rachel Irwin	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam (B)	GCh Brilliant Night Jp Dear Zeus (imp Jpn)
Sep 27	Finger Lakes AHC (NY) DS	18	Roger Hartinger	GCh Criston Enchanted (B)	Ch Seistan Polo The Gypsy (Can)
Sep 27	Carolina AHC (NC)	39	Reggie Nesbitt	Sharja Stratosphere (B)	Regle Artist Of Life
Sep 28	Carolina AHC (NC)	37	Tom Cozzoni	GCh Elmo's Dreamboy (D)	GCh Silhouette's Starlet
Oct 05	Lehigh Valley AHA (NJ)	38	Scott Pfeil	GCh Exlysta Ciel Noir (D)	GCh Criston Enchanted
Oct 18	Nthn California AHC (CA)	30	Betty Richards	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Cavu Travel'R N Time
Oct 21	AHCA National (Belton, TX)	92	D Frei (D, I-S), J Sheppard (B)	Swe/Nw/Am GCh Tells Matrix Reloaded (imp Swe) (D)	GCh Criston Enchanted
Oct 25	AHC of Austin (TX)	36	Richard Souza	GCh Jolie Orion (D)	Ch Jolie Palindrome
Oct 25	AHC of Gt Portland (WA)	8	Joanne Weatherly	GCh DC Perfection Cheria Electric Ice SC (D)	GCh Kalani Kaikamahine Me Kaleo
Nov 07	Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida (FL)	25	Abbe Shaw	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Regimes Thriller of Elmo
Nov 14	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ) DS	18	JoAnne Buehler	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Hassan's Hunka Burning Love
Nov 16	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH)	31	Reggie Nesbitt	Ch Blu Hill's Suit And Tie (D)	Ch Jolie Palindrome
Nov 22	AHC of Omaha (IA)	31	Debbie Petersen	GCh Tells Matrix Reloaded (imp Swe) (D)	Sunlit's Ice Queen
Nov 23	AHC of Omaha (IA)	25	Eugene Blake	GCh Tells Matrix Reloaded (imp Swe) (D)	Wynsyr One Mo Night In Zion
Dec 12	Suncoast AHC of Florida (FL)	53	James Dalton	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	GCh Jakar An Affair Most Wicked

51 Specialty Shows / 32 Clubs, average entry 35. DS - designated specialty. GCh - American Grand Champion. N.B. AKC show results omit foreign Champion titles.

GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura imp Ger (12 BIS, 3 BOS), GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (7 BIS, 3 BOS), GCh Criston Enchanted (5 BIS, 4 BOS), GCh Tells Matrix Reloaded imp Swe (4 BIS), GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (3 BIS, 2 BOS), GCh Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo (2 BIS, 3 BOS), GCh Jolie Orion (2 BIS, 2 BOS), GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam (2 BIS, 1 BOS).

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Jan 19	AHC of Gt Portland (OR)	24	Dr Gareth Morgan-Jones	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	GCh Stormhill's Sweet Dreams of Raffica
Feb 10	AHA of Long Island (NJ)	30	Hal Biermann	Ch Scaramouche Show Must Go On (D)	GCh Al-Nacira Bint Roula von Haussman (imp Chl) (Swe)
Feb 16	Suncoast AHC of Florida (FL)	22	Charles Olvis	GCh Boreales Llacue's One In A Million (B)	Sirae' In A Flash
Mar 02	Tidewater AHC (VA)	49	Reggie Nesbitt	Ch Jolie Orion (D)	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Mar 03	Tidewater AHC (VA)	46	Gill Ullom	Ch Jolie Orion (D)	GCh Jakar An Affair Most Wicked
Mar 15	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ)	27	Robert Godfrey	Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Maya's Mockingbird
Mar 16	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	31	Dr Duane Butherus	GCh Sanre' Mystic Soul of Jamrocha (D)	Ch Jamocha Sanre' A Little Mystique
Mar 17	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	28	Russel Fletcher (Can)	GCh Maya's Mockingbird (D)	Ch Boanne's Hearts Are Wild of York
Mar 17	Potomac AHC (PA) DS	40	Deirdrie Petrie	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	Ch Xandali Taza Au Contraire
Mar 30	Richmond AHC (VA)	39	June Leitch (UK)	Ch Jolie Orion (D)	GCh Criston Enchanted
Mar 31	Richmond AHC (VA)	34	Chris Kaiser	Ch Jolie Orion (D)	Ch Xandali Taza Au Contraire
Apr 12	AHC of California (CA)	28	Stephen Fisher	Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura (imp Ger) (D)	Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger)
Apr 27	AHC of Dallas (TX) am	29	James Dalton	Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura (imp Ger) (D)	Ch Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger)
Apr 27	AHC of Dallas (TX) pm	24	Tom Cozzoni	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	Ch Xandali Taza Au Contraire
May 03	AHC of Nthn New Jersey (NJ)	55	Eugene Blake	GCh Tells Matrix Reloaded (imp Swe) (D)	GCh Komar's Wild Violette Skye
May 25	Tara AHC (GA)	34	Lucy Orlowski	Ch Jolie Orion (D)	Kasban Envy Me
May 26	Tara AHC (GA)	37	Debbie Petersen	GCh Jolie Paparazzi (D)	Ch Llacue's Aloof Red Diamond
Jun 01	AHC of St Louis (MO)	28	Claire (Kitty) Steidel	GCh Jolie Pagliaccio (D)	GCh Ingyzamo's Love Iz In The Air
Jun 01	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	62	JoAnne Buehler	GCh Criston Enchanted (B)	Ch Boanne's Thunderation
Jun 02	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	55	Dave Frei	Ch Boanne's Thunderation (D)	GCh Criston Enchanted
Jun 07	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL) am	22	Dr Barry Deitch	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Jun 07	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL) pm	19	Rachel Irwin	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam (B)	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper
Jun 08	Monterey Bay AHC (CA) DS	20	Betty Stites	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	Ch Xandali Sacre Bleu
Jun 14	AHA of Long Island (CT)	55	Olaf Knauber (Ger)	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	Regimes Don't Be Jealous Of My Boogie Jabir
Jun 15	Colonial AHC (CT)	56	Richard Souza	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	Ch Charteroak Starfire
Jun 16	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	45	David Cochrane	Ch Elmo's Dreamboy (D)	Paladin's Baby Love
Jun 22	Finger Lakes AHC (NY)	23	Dr Edna Martin	Ch Elmo's Dreamboy (D)	Furbari Moon Masquerade SC (imp Aus)
Aug 02	Evergreen AHC (WA)	27	Jayne Edwards (UK)	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	Ch Tru'Gait's Simply Bliss at Raffica
Aug 09	Midwest AHC (OH)	62	Ramon Podesta (Chl)	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Aug 10	AHC of S/W Ohio (OH)	56	Gene Vaccaro	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	GCh Wynsyr China Doll
Aug 11	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH)	53	James Dalton	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	GCh Wynsyr China Doll
Aug 23	Gt Twin Cities AHC (MN)	33	Russell McFadden	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	Sharrah's Kristah
Sep 05	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	19	James Dalton	GCh Alphaville's Shylo Here I Come (imp Swe) (D)	Ch Xandali Sacre Bleu
Sep 06	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	17	Ken Tippie	GCh Alphaville's Shylo Here I Come (imp Swe) (D)	Ch Xandali Sacre Bleu
Sep 27	AHCA National (Portland,OR)	144	L Canalizo (B,IS), D Denis (Fra) (D)	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	Silhouette's Starlet
Sep 29	AHC of Gt Portland (OR)	81	D Denis (Fra) (B,IS), V Hansen (Can) (D)	Ch Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo (D)	GCh Criston Enchanted
Sep 29	Evergreen AHC (OR)	81	Claire Millward (UK)	GCh Criston Enchanted (B)	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper
Oct 06	Lehigh Valley AHA (NJ)	48	Dr Raymond Kelly Jr	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	Ch Nopera's Lexus
Oct 19	Nthn California AHC (CA) DS	16	Juan Miranda (Mex)	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	Thaon's Sophisticate
Oct 19	Carolina AHC (NC)	40	Mickey Koss	GCh Tells Caught Ya Looking (imp Swe) (D)	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Oct 20	Carolina AHC (NC)	37	Jane Sheppard	Ch Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Jolie Paparazzi
Oct 20	AHC of Austin (TX)	29	Kalen Dumke	GCh Elmo's Martian Chronicles (D)	Ch Gabriel's Glitz-N-Glory
Nov 08	Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida (FL)	45	Tom Kirstein	GCh Tells Matrix Reloaded (imp Swe) (D)	Ch Silhouette's Starlet
Nov 15	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ) DS	21	Gill Ullom	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	Ch Jorogz' Domino Xana
Nov 16	AHC of Omaha (NE)	16	Patrick Byrne	Foxrun Wynsyr Rumor Has It (D)	Wynsyr One Mo Might In Zion
Nov 17	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH)	39	Stephen Fisher	Ch Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Jolie Orion
Dec 13	Suncoast AHC of Florida (FL)	38	Bob Stein	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	Ch Silhouette's Starlet

47 Specialty shows / 31 Clubs, average entry 40.

GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (7BIS, 2BOS), GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (6BIS), GCh Jolie Orion (5BIS, 1 BOS), GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (4BIS),
Ch Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura (imp Ger) (3BIS, 2BOS), GCh Criston Enchanted (2BIS, 3BOS), GCh Tells Matrix Reloaded (imp Swe) (2BIS),
Ch Elmo's Dreamboy (2BIS), Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura (imp Ger) (2BIS), GCh Alphaville's Shylo Here I Come (imp Swe) (2BIS).

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DATE	CLUB (Show location)	ENT	JUDGE	BOB	BOS
Jan 21	AHC of Gt Portland (OR)	21	Patrick Byrne	GCh Carousel Cheri-A Lagerfeld (D)	GCh Kween Kleopatra of Shining Mtn
Feb 11	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	42	Patrick Byrne	GCh Xandali Dream Maker (D)	GCh Willowmoor Play With Imagination
Feb 12	AHA of Long Island (NJ)	35	Susan Hamlin	GCh Mijketh Sikanni of Procyon (Can) (D)	Ch Charteroak Tupelo
Feb 18	Suncoast AHC of Florida (FL)	21	Roberta Campbell	Ch Silhouette's Starlight Express (D)	GCh Boreales Llacue's One In A Million
Mar 02	AHC of Gt Milwaukee (WI)	15	Nancy Edgington	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	Skyview Desert Rose of Kassan
Mar 10	Tidewater AHC (VA)	31	Al Weinraub	GCh Tells Elan Sebring The Womanizer (imp Swe) (D)	Mahali Capri
Mar 11	Tidewater AHC (VA)	24	Sandy Weinraub	GCh Exlysta Reflects The Sky (D)	Regimes Ami Amor
Mar 16	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ)	54	Rachel Irwin	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	Ch Allure's Who Wouldn't Wanna Be Me JC
Mar 17	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	68	Lucy Orlowski	GCh Thawn's Mowgli (D)	GCh Sura Lies And Alibis
Mar 18	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	50	Richard Souza	Ch Polo's Air Force One (imp USA) (Can) (D)	Jakar Expert Advice
Mar 17	Potomac AHC (PA) DS	32	Juan Miranda (Mex)	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam (B)	GCh Maya's Northern Lights
Mar 30	Carolina AHC (VA)	36	Richard Albee	GCh Thawn's Mowgli (D)	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Mar 31	Richmond AHC (VA)	37	Nancy Bodine	GCh Thawn's Mowgli (D)	GCh Komar's Wild Violette Skye
Apr 01	Richmond AHC (VA)	40	Nancy Edgington	GCh Xenos Jimlet (imp Itl) (B)	GCh Thawn's Mowgli
Apr 13	AHC of California (CA)	37	Pauline Hewitt (Aus)	[Grazioso JP Layla (Jpn) (B)] disqualified*	GCh Polo's The Aviator (Can)
Apr 21	AHC of SAW Ohio (OH) am	30	Avril Lancashire (UK)	GCh Exlysta Reflects The Sky (D)	GCh Wynsyr China Doll
Apr 21	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH) pm	31	Carol Reisman	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam (B)	GCh Exlysta Reflects The Sky
Apr 28	AHC of Dallas (TX)	27	Robert Godfrey	GCh Alphaville's Special Edition Wynsyr (imp Swe) (D)	Ch Andros Glitter In The Air
Apr 29	AHC of Dallas (TX)	29	Amy Sorbie	GCh Exlysta Reflects The Sky (D)	Ch Allure's Who Wouldn't Wanna Be Me JC
May 04	AHC of Nthn New Jersey (NJ)	49	Darko Petreski (Cro)	GCh Mijketh Sikanni of Procyon (Can) (D)	GCh Xenos Jimlet (imp Itl)
Jun 02	AHC of St Louis (MO)	42	Lou Guerrero	Ch Jovan Acceleration (D)	Ch Jovan Zinger
Jun 08	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL) am	23	David Cochrane	GCh Alphaville's Special Edition Wynsyr (imp Swe) (D)	Wynsyr's Sunrise On The Savanna
Jun 08	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL) pm	22	Hobart Brown	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	Agha Djari's Don't Tell Me (Ger)
Jun 09	Monterey Bay AHC (CA) DS	32	Stephen Wheeler (Aus/Swe)	GCh Thawn's Mowgli (D)	GCh Sura Lies And Alibis
Jun 15	Colonial AHC (CT)	39	Chris Kaiser	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	GCh Komar's Wild Violette Skye
Jun 16	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	44	George Giles (UK)	GCh Exlysta Reflects The Sky (D)	GCh Komar's Wild Violette Skye
Jun 17	AHA of Long Island (CT)	39	Jackie Harrington	GCh Exlysta Reflects The Sky (D)	GCh Komar's Wild Violette Skye
Jul 06	AHC of Gt Portland (WA)	18	Peter Machen (Can)	Ch Polo's Air Force One (imp USA) (Can) (D)	Ch Stormhill's Glimpse Of Heaven
Jul 06	Finger Lakes AHC (NY)	32	Rachel Irwin	GCh Xenos Gimlet (imp Itl) (B)	GCh Karmy Heir To Poseidon of Spice Hill
Aug 03	Evergreen AHC (WA)	51	Gill Ullom	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	GCh Stormhill's Sweet Dreams of Raffica
Aug 04	Evergreen AHC (WA) DS	47	John Roger Morton	GCh Stormhill's Sweet Dreams of Raffica (B)	GCh Polo's The Aviator (Can)
Aug 10	Midwest AHC (OH)	49	Sandy Frei	GCh Jakar An Affair Most Wicked (B)	GCh Exlysta Reflects The Sky
Aug 18	AHC of Memphis (MS) DS	4	Pamela Arwood	Ch Windfall's Mahali Bandolero (D)	GCh Majic Jakar Night And Day
Aug 24	Gt Twin Cities AHC (MN)	39	Dr Jose Luis Payro (Mex)	GCh Thawn's Mowgli (D)	Ch Kryslaur Amerikas Blue Angel JC
Sep 01	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	27	Robert Godfrey	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Sep 02	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	25	Lynn Mercer	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Sep 06	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	30	Hank Nave	GCh Alphaville's Shylo Here I Come (imp Swe) (D)	Ch Andros Glitter In The Air
Sep 07	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	34	Honi Reisman	GCh Thawn's Mowgli (D)	Agha Djari's Zandalee (imp Ger)
Oct 07	Lehigh Valley AHA (NJ)	41	Linda Bishop-Saunders (UK)	Ch Scaramouche Show Must Go On (D)	Ch Pahlavi Itz On !! at Manuel Galopin
Oct 20	Nthn California AHC (CA)	26	Chris Kaiser	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	Ch Thawn's Shakira
Oct 20	AHC of Austin (TX)	30	Rita Figg	Ch Rafa On Eagle Wings (D)	Ch Komar's Strik'N Sylver
Oct 28	AHCA National (Atlanta, GA)	106	H Stein (B,IS), B Hufnagel (D)	GCh Thawn's Mowgli (D)	GCh Jakar An Affair Most Wicked
Nov 01	Tara AHC (GA)	51	Janis Reital	GCh Jakar An Affair Most Wicked (B)	Ch Beaujon Keltic Colors
Nov 02	Carolina AHC (GA)	41	Ken Tippie	Ch Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	Regimes Ami Amor
Nov 09	Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida (FL)	22	JoAnne Buehler	GCh Criston Enchanted (B)	GCh Elmo's Martian Chronicles
Nov 16	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ) DS	23	Nancy Edgington	GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (D)	Ch Trilogy's Daylight Mystique by Jarmocha Sanre
Nov 17	AHC of Omaha (NE)	30	Robert Godfrey	GCh Thawn's Mowgli (D)	Elf's White Dove
Nov 18	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH) DS	20	Debbie Petersen	Jolie Orion (D)	Agha Djari's Don't Tell Me (Ger)
Nov 30	Colonial AHC (MA)	26	Russ Hastings	Ch Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	GCh Mazzshalna's Outlaw Torn Taji

49 Specialty shows / 34 Clubs, average entry 35. *BOB subsequently disqualified, re paperwork required for foreign dog to be shown in USA.

GCh Thawn's Mowgli (8BIS, 1BOS), GCh Mahali Arriva Sandpiper (7BIS), GCh Exlysta Reflects The Sky (5BIS, 2BOS), GCh Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam (2BIS, 3BOS), GCh Jakar An Affair Most Wicked (2BIS, 1BOS), GCh Xenos Jimlet (imp Itl) (2BIS, 1BOS), GCh Mijketh Sikanni of Procyon (Can) (2BIS), GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (2BIS), Ch Polo's Air Force One (imp USA) (Can) (2BIS), GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (2BIS), GCh Alphaville's Special Edition Wynsyr (imp Swe) (2BIS).

Regional Specialty Shows (continued...)

USA Afghan Hound Specialty Shows 2011

Compiled by Murray Anderson "Tazi Tourist", NZ, from AKC results.

DATE	CLUB (Show location)	ENT	JUDGE	BOB	BOS
Jan 21	AHC of Gt Portland (OR)	26	Patricia Gilbert	Ch Raffica's Valymir Sweet Victory (D)	GCh Perfection Cheri-A Sirius Ice JC
Feb 12	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	65	Jaime Ganoza (Per)	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	Ch Delouelle Maya Polo Damsel Elen (Can)
Feb 13	AHA of Long Island (CT)	34	Gene Vaccaro	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Silhouette's Shame Shame Shame JC
Feb 19	Suncoast AHC of Florida (FL)	34	Carol Duffy	GCh Wynsyr China Doll (B)	Liacue's Aloof High Definition
Mar 04	AHC of Gt Milwaukee (WI)	25	Le Hedstrom	Ch Ledgehill Man Of My Dreams JC (D)	GCh Wynsyr Taking Chances
Mar 12	Tidewater AHC (VA)	92	Bob Stein	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Al-Nacra Bint Roula von Haussman (imp Chl) (Swe)
Mar 13	Tidewater AHC (VA)	74	Betty Stites	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Al-Nacra Bint Roula von Haussman (imp Chl) (Swe)
Mar 18	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ)	46	Pamela Bruce	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	GCh Kasban Sura Spring Fling
Mar 19	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	45	Diane Burvee	Ch Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	GCh Wynsyr China Doll
Mar 20	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	43	Patricia Franklin	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ch Swiftwind Midnight Moon Shadow (Can)
Mar 19	Potomac AHC (PA)	44	Mickey Koss	GCh Whatever Lola Wants of Meadow Valley (B)	Ch Maya's Mockingbird
Apr 02	Richmond AHC (VA)	38	Paul Gindlesperger	Ch Gazon Needless To Say (D)	Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Apr 03	Richmond AHC (VA)	39	Dr Raymond (Ray) Kelly	Ch Ledgehill Man Of My Dreams JC (D)	GCh High Kaliber's First Light SC
Apr 15	AHC of California (CA)	46	Keith Thornton (UK)	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	Ch Jakar Pamir Shekinah Touch Of Strength
Apr 30	AHC of Dallas (TX)	21	Scott Pfeil	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	Golddragon Balelatina Hot Art (imp Spn)
May 01	AHC of Dallas (TX)	20	Lynn Mercer	GCh Nightwind O'Porquoi Pas (imp Ger) (D)	Golddragon Balelatina Hot Art (imp Spn)
May 06	AHC of Nthn New Jersey (NJ)	53	Ramon Podesta (Chl)	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	GCh Wynsyr Taking Chances
Jun 04	AHC of St Louis (MO)	34	Eugene Blake	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Ingzamo's Love Can Move Mountains
Jun 10	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL)	55	Sandy Frei	Ch Tells Elan Sebring The Womanizer (imp Swe) (D)	GCh Wynsyr Taking Chances
Jun 11	Monterey Bay AHC (CA) DS	28	Edith Hanson	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	Thaon's Colette
Jun 17	Nutmeg AHC (NY)	62	Stephen Fisher	Ch Beachbrook's Cartier Diamond (B)	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark
Jun 18	AHA of Long Island (NY)	66	Dr Francisco Chapa (Mex)	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	GCh Jabir Southern Nights SC
Jun 19	Colonial AHC (NY)	56	Tom Cozzoni	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	Ch Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Jul 08	AHC of Gt Portland (WA)	20	Denise Ross	GCh Stormhill's Sweet Dreams of Raffica (B)	DC Perfection Cheria Electric Ice SC
Jul 08	Finger Lakes AHC (NY)	22	Lorraine Gyenge	GCh Rustic Title Paige of Spirit Ridge (B)	Ch Pahlavi-Zen Ain't Nothin' Like Th' Real Thing
Jul 15	AHC of Omaha (NE)	17	Douglas (Doug) Johnson	Ch Ingzamo's Love Iz In The Air (B)	Ch Chichic's Just Watch Me
Aug 05	Evergreen AHC (WA)	31	Betty Stites	GCh Raffica's Valymir Sweet Victory (D)	Ch Dzum The Divine Miss M (imp Aus)
Aug 06	Evergreen AHC (WA)	32	Liz Millward (UK)	GCh Lafara's King Of Hearts O'Kalani JC (D)	GCh Stormhill's Sweet Dreams of Raffica
Aug 13	Midwest AHC (OH)	45	Roberta (Bobbi) Keller	Ch Agha Djari's Zen at Winterbourne (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Mahali Ensign
Aug 20	AHC of Memphis (MS) DS	11	Joan Goldstein	GCh Suncrest Sharp Dressed Man (D)	GCh Landwehr Wildfire
Aug 21	AHC of Memphis (MS) DS	10	Lorraine Boutwell	GCh Landwehr Wildfire (B)	GCh Suncrest Sharp Dressed Man
Aug 26	Gt Twin Cities AHC (MN)	28	Garry Newton	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	GCh Wynsyr Taking Chances
Sep 03	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	38	Stephen Fisher	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	Ch Agha Djari's Zen at Winterbourne (imp Ger)
Sep 04	Gt Detroit AHC (MI)	37	Gill Ullom	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (D)	GCh Wynsyr China Doll
Sep 08	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	42	John Roger Morton	GCh Kasban Sura Spring Fling (B)	Ch Alphaville's Shylo Here I Come (imp Swe)
Sep 09	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	40	Amy Sorbie	GCh Alphaville's Special Edition Wynsyr (imp Swe) (D)	GCh Kasban Sura Spring Fling
Sep 27	AHCA National (Wilmington, OH)	204	K Delaney (B,IS), D Petersen (D)	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	GCh Stormhill's Sweet Dreams of Raffica
Sep 30	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH)	101	Brett Hamilton (Aus)	Ch Al-Nacra Bint Roula von Haussman (imp Chl) (Swe) (B)	GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark
Oct 01	AHC of S/W Ohio (OH)	84	Shelley Hennessey	Ch Wingsong Hollywood Park (D)	Ch Marquis Akina Shade of Siroon
Oct 09	Lehigh Valley AHA (NJ)	33	Jane Sheppard	Ch Mahali Warwick In Plain Sight (D)	GCh Mazshaina's Outlaw Torn Taji
Oct 15	Tara AHC (GA)	35	Dave Frei	GCh Liacue's Aloof Albaniz (D)	Ch Mozart's Liacue's Magic Flute
Oct 16	Tara AHC (GA)	35	Dr Barry Deitch	Sharja Share The Wealth (D)	Liacue's Aloof Princess of Jorogz'
Oct 22	Nthn California AHC (CA)	39	Scott Pfeil	GCh Abaca Shacone Native Spirit (D)	Ch Cavu Wild N Naughty Nites
Oct 22	AHC of Austin (TX)	30	Hank Nave	GCh Nightwind O'Porquoi Pas (imp Ger) (D)	Ch Gabriel's Dare To Dare
Oct 22	Carolina AHC (NC)	61	Karen Dumke	Ch Regle Living Jewel (B)	GCh Alphaville's Special Edition Wynsyr (imp Swe)
Oct 23	Carolina AHC (NC)	53	Dr Gareth Morgan-Jones	Ch Jolie Paparazzi (D)	Ch Zen-Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Nov 11	Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida (FL)	31	Stephen Fisher	Kasban Affirmed of Candida (D)	Jakar Advice For The Modern Girl
Nov 18	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ) DS	31	Carol Reisman	Ch Sanre' Mystic Soul of Jarnocha (D)	GCh Countrywinds Courtesan
Nov 20	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH) DS	20	Eugene Blake	GCh Thaon's Mowgli (D)	GCh Hosanna Love Unfailing
Dec 02	Colonial AHC (MA)	30	Scott Pfeil	Ch Charteroak Starfire (B)	GCh Maya's Northern Lights

50 Specialty Shows / 34 Clubs, average entry 44.

GCh Thaon's Mowgli (1 BIS), GCh Mahali Arriva Meadowlark (8 BIS, 2 BOS), Ch Ledgehill Man Of My Dreams (2 BIS), Ch Raffica's Valymir Sweet Victory (2 BIS), GCh Nightwind O'Porquoi Pas (imp Ger) (2 BIS).

Regional Club Specialty Show Dates

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Potomac Afghan Hound Club Broad Run, VA Judge: Chris Kaiser September 25, 2015	Suncoast Afghan Hound Club Orlando, FL Judge: Dr. Berry Dietch Sweeps: Jennifer Taylor December 11, 2015
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Northern California Afghan Hound Club Pleasanton, CA Judge: Edith T. Hanson Sweeps: Les Lindrop October 17, 2015	Afghan Hound Club of America Breeders Cup Wilmington, OH April 1, 2016 AM
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Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland Ridgefield, WA Judge: Patricia A. Ulloa Sweeps: Karen Cooper October 24, 2015	Afghan Hound Club of Austin Parker, TX Judge: Lucy Orłowski Sweeps: Elizabeth Arthur May 1, 2016
Afghan Hound Club of Omaha Council Bluffs, Iowa Judge: Monica Stoner Sweeps: Jean Niedermeyer-Gillespie November 21, 2015	Richmond Afghan Hound Club Richmond, VA Judge: Patrick Byrne No Sweeps Offered June 25, 2016
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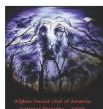
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