



THE AHCA MISSION:

To preserve and protect the breeding of pure-bred Afghan Hounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

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The Objectives of THE AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA INCORPORATED

- 1. To preserve and protect the breeding of pure-bred Afghan Hounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.**
- 2. To encourage the organization of independent local Afghan Hound Specialty Clubs in those areas where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed.**
- 3. To urge members and breeders to be guided by the standard of the breed as approved by the**

American Kennel Club and to accept it as the only standard of excellence by which the Afghan Hound is to be judged.

4. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Afghan Hound and to encourage sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows.

5. To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I attended the Breeder's Cup in Phoenix in March. The venue that Eileen Lauder Milch and her team found was not only beautiful, but very practical for holding the Breeder's cup. Additionally, the event made a profit of over \$600! The trophies were gorgeous, and showed the hours donated by a skilled artist.

The plans for the National Specialty in Lancaster are going well. The venue is as good as any we've ever had, and Tony Saia and his committee have done an enormous amount of planning and work to make it an event not to be missed. The area for the indoor ring, grooming area, and vendors' area is huge. We will all enjoy so much being together in one roomy area. The space for the top 20 is an amphitheater dining area that will showcase the dogs spectacularly and also will provide an elegant venue for spectators. This will be a memorable National for all.

Ed and Pat Gilbert have taken on the job of issuing Topknot News, with the option of receiving it electronically. The big advantage of this development is to allow a larger, more comprehensive TN issue without the financial squeeze of mailing costs. This is the second issue under this arrangement, and we want every member to realize that the default is to get a hard copy of TN, but you will get it quicker via email, and recommend that all who can receive it use that method.

We have long needed to upgrade our website, making it easier to find information, both for the experienced Afghan Hound person, who knows what the club offers, and will search it out and for the newcomer who visits the site for the first time and needs efficient means to find events, activities, etc. Sandy Frei worked with a professional web designer in another breed to develop a list of what we need in our website and Perry Rooks, a member who most recently joined the club has designed a new, user-friendly website which will be up and running soon.

Please contact me if you have suggestions, ideas or issues that should be addressed by the Afghan Hound Club. Several or you have done this, and be certain that I am working hard on the issues you have raised.

I and the Board of Directors thank all of you who accomplish so much for the club. What successes the organization has are due to the community of members who believe so strongly in making the club work, and volunteer their time and energy for all of us.
Duane Butherus

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THE AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA 70th ANNUAL SPECIALTY SHOW

The Afghan Hound Club of America proudly presents the 70th Annual Specialty Show on Sunday, September 17, 2006 through Thursday, September 21, 2006 at the

Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center
2300 Lincoln Highway East (Route30)
Lancaster, PA 17602
[e-mail: info@lancasterhost.com](mailto:info@lancasterhost.com)

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

The 2006 National Autumn Fantasy is right on track. We have a wonderful set of events planned starting with Coursing and the Top Twenty on Sunday, September 17; concluding with Best of Breed judging on Thursday September 20, 2006. The Premium List went out in mid July to over 700 addresses and it very comprehensive. The Premium List along with all the other information is available on our website:
<http://www.AHCA2006NationalSpecialty.com>

We have three evening meal events planned: The Breed Education on Monday, Poolside BBQ Buffet before the Art Auction on Wednesday and the Annual Award Banquet on Thursday. (Tuesday evening at the Vendor Party) All three evenings can be reserved with Christine Pinkston via phone 757-426-2018 or E-mail to Criston@aol.comBUT all reservations MUST be accompanied by payment or they will not be held.

Trophy Donations can still be sent to JoAnne Buehler, One Turkey Foot Court, Darnestown, MD 20878 (tazihound@his.com). Rescue has three different fund raising events going on. Contact Barb Hasting at hrh2@penn.com for more information. We look forward to seeing you in September in Lancaster PA.

**Tony Saia & JoAnne Buehler
for the entire show committee 2006**

Hotel & Reservations: Hotel information can be accessed at: www.lancasterhost.com Call 1-800-233-0121 to make reservations. A special \$90.00 plus tax per day room rate has been arranged for us. Please be

sure to mention the AHCA event when making reservations.

Judges

The judges for 2006 are:

Betty Richards	Dogs and InterSEX
Romayne Strilka-Switch	Bitches
Barbara Cassidy	Sweepstakes

Show Superintendent

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Closing date is WEDNESDAY August 30, 2006 FOR ALL EVENTS

The AHCA National Specialty will be followed by these specialties at the same location:

Friday Sept 22nd: The Potomac Afghan Hound Club
Saturday Sept 23rd: The Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Club

For additional information, please contact Show Chairman:

Tony Saia email: beachbrook@prodigy.net

Co-Chair:

JoAnne Buehler e-mail: tazihound@his.com

Check the great bargains of surplus past National Inventory at the end of the Newsletter.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AKC DELEGATES REPORT – Connie Butherus

June 12 and 13, 2006

The June Quarterly Delegates meeting is one held out of New York City. Thus on June 12 and 13 over 300 delegates made their respective ways to Raleigh, NC, the southern home of the AKC

We began our process at the Caucus on June 12.

Generally this meeting offers the Delegates an unstructured forum in which to discuss, question, debate and voice concern(s). This session was consistent with the past practice.

Item presented were:

Removal of breeds from judges after 3 negative assessments by 3 different AKC Field Representatives (for any given Field Rep to be an expert in 144 breeds would be quite a challenge). It was suggested that Parent Clubs offer mentors for this purpose and have a plan in place to facilitate the process. All of this led to a discussion of the role of the AKC Reps, Judges, Staff, Exhibitors and mentors.

- The proposed amendment (Sept vote) regarding conflict of interest of

individuals seated in the delegate body. The entire conflict of interest policy has been enacted by the Board, not the Delegates. This has been a point of concern to some of the individuals (the Delegates vote on rules not policy and this document was deemed by the Board to be a policy, not a rule). Some aspects of our sport find the impact regarding AKC judges participating in non-AKC events too limiting, especially in the areas of obedience and performance events. The focus of the policy was believed to be conformation, but may well present difficulties in other areas

- The protection of exclusive territory rights of member clubs always generates much discussion leading to a recounting of problems encountered during cluster events, loss of show sites, difficulty in congested urban areas, etc, etc.
- Member clubs that continue to discriminate in their membership, e.g., all male, all female was next up. It was stated ten clubs continue to engage in such practices – some of which are rather well known.
- The role (or absence of same) in fighting Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) at the local level and/or in court was raised. This issue was again addressed at the Parent Club committee meeting (following). Specific instances were cited.

The Parent Club Committee addressed a very full agenda. As usual this committee meeting was very well attended by Delegates and AKC staff. The agenda included the following:

The determination of a major entry was discussed by Jim Crowley (AKC Executive Secretary) and Robin Stansell (VP of Show Events). The AKC uses a 3-year average (entries per region), excludes any National Specialty event(s) and strives to maintain an 18-20% complement of majors. This has been a problem for some breeds (small registration numbers) with regional clubs holding events with clusters. This tends to inflate the entry and thus the requirements for a major in the region. Several solutions to this problem were offered.

- The National Show Site Directory still needs Parent Clubs to enter their information.
- All clubs were encouraged to have a legislative liaison. Walt Bebout is the new Director of AKC Legislation.
- Online Breeders program still needs Parent Clubs to send their membership lists

to enable them to monitor the participants. Dave Roberts (Raleigh offices) is the contact person.

- The New Titles Report which is sent to each Parent Club can be used as a recruiting project for new members to clubs – a la the “Graying of the Sport” – and the need for new blood.
- Mari Beth ONeill (VP Special Services) presented the Breed Standard Revision Procedures. It was suggested that her presentation be put into a written policy so that everyone understands the game – before entering into this maze.
- The policy of requiring only one of the owners in a stud dog to sign the litter registration form while all owners of the dam must sign was presented to determine the scope of the problem. Parent Clubs will be requested to respond via their Delegates. Further discussion will be scheduled regarding the concern.
- Judges selected to judge the AKC Invitational is up to the 2009 show at this time. Parent Clubs are to submit their approved list to Kuno Spies (AKC/NY)
- AKC role/involvement in fighting BSL was questioned. Michael Swick, VP/AKC General Counsel, indicated that AKC cannot go to every municipality to defend every case. It was noted by several delegates that the AKC can offer other forms of support. e.g., funding, advice, file amicus briefs, etc.

On Tuesday morning, the Delegate Forum was a presentation of AKC programs and services to Delegates and Clubs. Lisa Peterson (AKC Staff NYC) outlined an array of offerings, all of which can be accessible via akc.org. The offerings range from Specialty Site Locator for Parent Clubs to on-line registration for breeders. The entire presentation also will be made available online (PowerPoint). Great idea for club programs.

The actual meeting agenda was lengthy. The usual reports were read. Some points of interest were:

- A new Archivist has been hired – Norma Blake.
- An Endowment Reserve Fund (\$1,000,000 goal) has been established
- The online AKC store continues to generate funds and new offerings
- The financial picture is beyond bright – it glows! Jim Stevens (AKC/CFO) continues to work his magic in spite of declining registration and 23 other dog registrations in competition with the AKC.
- Registration income has declined 40% in the past 13 years and has been steady since 1992. The core business (registrations, events, subscriptions) continues to lose money while the non-core

businesses (credit card, insurance, licensed items) post gains. For example, each entry costs \$5.75 – not even close to the event fee charged.

- Marcy Zigler has been appointed as the AKC/CAR Disaster Response Coordinator.

The Delegates were to vote on two proposed amendments. The issue generating the most controversy was to eliminate the restriction on the professional judges serving as delegates (a professional judge being defined as a judge who charges a fee in addition to expenses for judging). As a significant number of Delegates are judges and many Delegates had been instructed by their clubs as to how to vote, this promised to generate extensive debate. Quite the opposite occurred. After a rather brief and polite discussion the question was called and a vote – by actual count- was taken. It failed. Not only did it not garner the required 2/3 affirmative required, it did not receive a mere majority. The results were 136 ayes and 159 nays.

The proposed amendment to eliminate the Nominating Committee (any delegate can run for the board by petition) was deemed by the Bylaws Committee to no longer be necessary. This amendment was sent back to the Bylaws Committee for rewording into three separate issues, the Nominating Committee, the number of signatures required for the petition and the time frames so that all candidates would be known by the fourth quarterly meeting and well before the annual March meeting at which the ballots are cast.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11 and 12 in the NYC area.

As always, I will promote the best interests of the AHCA and vote as instructed by our Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Butherus

AKC Delegate for the AHCA

BREEDERS CUP – Sharon Watson & Wynne Kalish

The Nineteenth Annual Breeders Cup is April 27, 2007 in Fort Worth TX.

CANINE HEALTH – Sandy Frei & Edna “Midge” Martin

The Canine Health Committee is working hard to have health related items at the Nationals...watch for upcoming events!

CANINE HEALTH OUTREACH - Eileen Laudermilch

Eileen will be conducting a **DNA clinic at the National**, times open. She will be making it as convenient as possible by coming into the grooming areas. The AKC is offering this to the national specialty at a reduced rate. For further information, contact me at Herrhounds1@cox.net. Thanks, Eileen

JUDGES' EDUCATION - Harry Bennett

On June 29 I conducted a breed seminar for the Judges Group in Oklahoma City. It was very well received by the attendees. A few of these people were already approved to judge Afghan Hounds and still chose to sit in.

Although I knew few people in the area that might be participating, I found Rudy Ayala and David Cochrane who were both more than willing to bring a dog upstairs for demonstration of approach and examination.

The attending student judges were:

Robert Place, Gary Cline, Judy Cline, Clyde Morris, Barbara Morris, Alyce Gilmore, Margery Cook, Luane Williams, David Hiltz, Michael D Buckley, Carol White Moser, Sullie Greendale Pavesa, Steven D Gladstone, Anne Katona, Janelle Holmes, and Del Richardson.

I have already received several reservations for the attendance of the Judges Education at our National. I am always glad that people do take THIS opportunity as it is irreplaceable in their quest to judge.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – Stir Greer

Misc. State & Local:

NY State Legislature went into recess. The Dock/Crop Bill was in committee, and no further action had been taken. Basically, it's dead. But, a same-intent bill can of course be introduced when the legislature reconvenes for 2007-2008.

San Antonio is facing a 5-year Strategic Plan (introduced last month at the Council meeting) that includes Mandatory Spay Neuter (MSN), Breeder Permits, and a bill of rights for animals.

Sacramento County, CA considering \$150 intact animal fee.

Riverside County, CA trying to enact a MSN law.

Albuquerque, NM: HEART passed. It is possible to overturn this extreme AR law under the City Charter, via petition, and force it to a public referendum. This law is just plain scary.

National:

PAWS (S1139/H2669): Still in committee. A discussion draft has a few changes, but still contains the same numbers per year (to be exempt from the effects of this bill), and still provides for third-party inspections. PAWS has lost the support of the AR groups.

PETS Act (S2548): Introduction of the "Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006", amends the federal Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require provisions for rescue, care, shelter and essential needs of pets and service animals and their

families in emergency and disaster relief, and to require that such provisions be included in federal, state and local emergency and disaster preparedness plans.

If you have not contacted your elected officials (Senators and Representatives) in order to convey your support or opposition, now would be a GREAT time to do so, especially regarding PAWS! Fanciers in affected counties in NY, TX, NM, and CA are urged to contact appropriate authorities.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Sandy Weinraub

Sent out 3 membership applications thus far and are waiting for them to be returned to me for their First reading.

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Anniversary! AHCA Members Don and Georjean Jensen of Pamir Afghan Hounds are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 11, 2006. Yes, they have been together that many years and have bred and had Afghan Hounds almost as many years too! We wish them another 50 years together.

The Co-editors would like to list all members that have been members for 40 + years. All AHCA records were lost in 1974 when the past club Secretary refused to turn over the records to the new Secretary, Karen Armistead. Here are some names that are possibly 40+ members: Grace Beyer, Mary Blacker, Joan Brearly, Sally Frank, Edward M. Gilbert Jr., Georgie Guthrie, Norm Kattelman, Ned Kauffman, Midge Martin, Glenn Mueller, Wally Pede, Betty Richards, Mary Sheldon, Bob Stein, Pat Stephenson, Selma Tenenbaum, Margo Waskow.

Other likely 40+ people: Scott Parsons & Hobie Brown, Pat Cruz, Carol Esterkin, Sandy Frei, Sue Hamlin, Edith Hanson, Don & Georjean Jensen, Bill Maseth, Sylvia Reitman, Dennis Sprung, Louis & Peggy Swayze, Lila Wadsworth, and Sharon Watson.

If you have any information that confirms any (listed or not) 40+ members of AHCA please provide it to the Co-editors.

THANK YOU TO SHARON WATSON by Lynn Schanzle

With a change in Editors of Topknot News, it is fitting that time and space be given to thank Sharon for her dedication to that position for the last 8 years. And at the same time we acknowledge her as one of AHCA's most dedicated, hardest working, and most loyal member while getting to know a bit more about her personally.

The job of producing our newsletter involves tremendous man hours starting with getting reports from the officers and various committee chairs. Sometimes their reports appear very slowly and it often takes a diligent diplomat to get them "in house" for the Topknot deadline. Then comes the layout and design to make it fit and be interesting. Printing, assembling, stuffing, addressing and mailing are all labor intensive. Each issue conservatively takes 60 to 80 hours to produce.

Sharon did all of this and, being a stickler for detail, our Topknot News was very well done under her watch.

But Sharon has contributed much more to AHCA. She has been the Breeders' Cup Secretary for years...from 1989 to 2006. The early years by herself and later with assistance from Wynn Kalish. The Breeders' Cup is a potential quagmire of detail if the person in charge doesn't keep it all straight and accurate. It is beyond belief meeting deadlines and having "stuff" out to all the right people for votes and final entries. The whole event could sometime disappear into the quicksand of minutia if detail loving people were not at the helm. Fortunately we have these people and Sharon will continue as Secy of the Breeders' Cup taking care of the entries and the pedigrees. That all makes for a huge job.

Another job Sharon did was AHCA Recording Secretary in the early 90's. As an officer and Board Member, her attention to detail and preciseness served our club well. She kept well informed of the rules the club has to operate under as set forth in Policies and Procedures. She knew them...then and now. She frequently reminded a fellow officer or chairperson of what their responsibilities WERE and ALSO what their responsibilities WERE NOT.

Sharon has some unusual interests...like crossword puzzles, astrological signs, the cello, pedigrees, and statistics. Her mind is razor sharp, filled with information and always clicking. She is a warehouse of details. She probably knows your statistics better than you do and can recall the information before you can get the first "uh" out. Example..."Sharon, what was the name of the blue dog that ___ showed in the 90's?" Zing...here comes your answer along with the dog's sire, dam, and offspring.

She kept lots of statistics for her own curiosity starting in 1963. Along with Ed Gilbert she provided statistics for the Red Book and now provides data for the AHCA annual awards.

She has data on all Specialty winners...Regional and National plus all titles-conformation, obedience, agility and rally. She also tracks breeder records and top producers. All this has been going on for many, many years...probably starting in the 60's when Sharon was still a child.

One explanation might be location. Sharon and her husband Hager, have always lived around Jamestown, N.Y. an area that should be inhabited only in the summer. Snow starts in late Oct. and doesn't leave until May...so a woman does what a woman has to do. These statistics were Sharon's answer to cabin fever and the price paid for being just darn inquisitive. One would have thought that grading papers and preparing lesson plans was enough but apparently not. (As with so many others in the sport Sharon and Hager were school teachers.)

Multi-tasking was probably invented by Sharon. Not that she had the label for it but she always was doing 3 or 4 things. You might have seen or even owned a sweater knitted by her. She even did some of the ones with Afghan yarn for AHCA rescue auctions. She always was knitting for Hager or her friends and took commissions from those who admired her work. We teased her about being our Madam Defarge.

All this activity came as a result of Sharon and Hager seeing a very unique dog...the Afghan Hound and falling in love with it. And as with so many of us, their love of the breed is still there. In 1963 they got their first Afghan Hound (a red brindle girl) who became Ch. Holly Hill Witch Hazel and they became friendly with members of the Ohio Afghan Mafia. Later they got Witch Hazel's brindle brother Ch. Holly Hill's Black Magic. Black Magic was very successful in the show ring and as a sire had 22 champions from 16 litters. In the 90's they had a lovely cream dog "Max" who sired 14 champions from just 4 litters. Sharon and Hager personally finished 38 champions; some with their own Salem prefix, many with prefixes of co-owners. Hager currently enjoys his IG's. He finds the grooming time just great. (Actually Sharon was the main groomer and Hager was the main cook...a fortunate division of labor.)

It seems nice to review all of the accomplishments and contributions of Sharon. There has been so much she has done for AHCA and done because the task interested her and because she took on the challenge to do a good job. Her consistent efforts over 20+ years probably exceeds anyone else's. The dedication and quality of her work have been instrumental in the success of Topknot News and the Breeders' Cup. These 2 things alone are huge in the framework of our club. Can you imagine AHCA without a Topknot News or without a Breeders' Cup?

So we say "Thank you, Sharon". Your efforts have greatly enhanced our parent club. You have consistently given to the AHCA full measure. That is loyalty! You are a Pillar!

TOPKNOT NEWS – BOUNCED E-MAILS

We have had several E-mails for the Topknot Newsletter bounce. Maybe you can help with sending the current and correct addresses to topknotnewseditors@sbcglobal.net

We will forward the information to Sandy Nelson. Help the AHCA save postage, reproduction and mailing costs. The following are not valid E-mail addresses.

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Thanks for you help.

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Membership Directory Address correction: **Barbara & Kevin Cassidy's correct address is 1070 Burnett Road, Chicopee, MA 01020-4630.** Email and telephone numbers are correct in directory.

Mrs. William Waskow, 334 W. Doty St., Madison, WI 53703-3107. Copy of TopKnot News was returned by Post Office – as “unable to forward.”

GIVING BACK REPORT, MENTOR PROGRAM - Bobbi Keller

We now have 63 members with Neil & Brenda Brody and Gary & Cynthia Byington recently joining, and we have lost Paula Keller as she has moved to England. I had 39 reports with 17 actually having reported contacts. It does seem slow, but our breed isn't exactly on the top of the "most desired" list right now. All we can do is to be there for the newcomers if and when they call. All for now, Bobbi Keller, Chair

NATIONAL EVENTS LIAISON– Abbe Shaw AHCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROPOSALS FOR 2008 and 2009

Contact Abbe Shaw, ABACA101@aol.com, for submitting AHCA National Specialty proposals. The Guidelines for submitting an AHCA National Specialty proposal are contained in The AHCA Policies & Procedures Document.

Abbe has a few show sites that are seeking National Specialties. Abbe will share this information with interested parties.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY - 2006 - Tony Saia & JoAnne Buehler

See report at beginning of Newsletter.

OBEDIENCE – Debbie Petersen – afghan1@aol.com (New Chair)

REGIONAL CLUBS - Harry Bennett

All existing Specialty holding Regional Clubs are functioning as can be expected. Please note that some of the traditional dates for Regional Specialties are changed to suit the individual situations of those clubs.

Some Clubs are holding back to back Specialty shows with success. Upcoming later this year, Colonial AHC (MA) will hold its second '06 biannual show on December 1st with the Worcester KC show.

Looking forward to next year, Tara AHC (GA) will hold a Specialty show in April and then in September. The Suncoast AHC (FL) is now approved to hold its first Specialty show in 2007.

The recently formed Carolina Afghan Hound Club is moving forward to serve its area. This club has strong capabilities to look forward to.

I have received no current news from the Vegas Valley AHC (NV) and Stones River AHC (TN).

UPCOMING AFGHAN HOUND REGIONAL SPECIALTIES for 2006 & 2007

Ed and Pat Gilbert

August 5, 2006 Evergreen AHC
Ms. M. L. Mercer: Breed, Junior Showmanship
Debbie Webb: Puppy Sweeps & Veteran
Sweeps
August 19, 2006 AHC of Memphis
Russell McFadden: Breed
Dorothy Edge: Sweeps
August 25, 2006 Greater Twin Cities AHC, Inc.
Mrs. H. W. Stein: Breed, Junior Showmanship
Sandy Nelson: Puppy Sweeps
August 25, 2006 Midwest AHC
Sandy Weinraub: Breed
Leslie Stoffels: Sweeps
September 1, 2006 Greater Detroit AHC
June Boone: Breed and Junior Showmanship
James Dalton: Sweeps
September 8, 2006 AHC of Greater Denver, Inc.

David R. Cochrane: Breed
 Jean Pero: Junior Showmanship
 Joanne Weatherly: Puppy Sweeps & Veteran
 Sweeps
 September 22, 2006 Potomac AHC
 Steve Kelly: Dogs
 Janis Reital: Bitches & Intersex
 September 23, 2006 Lehigh Valley AHC
 Roberto Velez-Pico: Regular Classes
 Stephen Fisher: Breed
 Honi Reisman: Sweeps
 October 2006 Northern California AHC – Pending
 November 2006 AHC of Omaha - Pending
 November 10, 2006 AHC of Greater Houston
 Terry Wilcox (Australia): Breed
 Tim Robbins: Junior Showmanship & Sweeps
 November 17, 2006 Southern Arizona AH Association
 Debbie Peterson: Breed
 Billie Wilson: Sweeps
 December 1, 2006 Colonial AHC
 Judges to be announced
 2007 Suncoast AHC – Date Pending
 February 2007 AH Association of Long Island - Pending
 February 10, 2007 Nutmeg AHC
 Reginald Nesbitt: Breed
 Julie Roche: Sweeps
 March 24, 2007 AHC of Greater Phoenix
 Rosemarie Crandahl: Breed
 Lori Nelson: Sweeps
 March 2007 Richmond AHC – Pending
 March 2007 Tidewater AHC - Pending
 April 15, 2007 Tara Afghan Hound Club
 Judges to be announced
 April 27, 2007 Nineteenth Annual Breeders' Cup
 Fort Worth, TX
 Judges to be announced
 April 28, 2007 AHC of Dallas
 Mrs. Lee Gindlesperger: Breed and Junior
 Showmanship
 Harry Bennett: Puppy and Veteran Sweeps
 April 29, 2007 AHC of Dallas
 Le Hedstrom: Breed and Junior Showmanship
 Dann Maly: Puppy and Veteran Sweeps
 April 2007 AHC of Greater Columbus - Pending
 May 2007 AHC of California – Pending
 May 2007 AHC of Northern New Jersey – Pending
 May 2007 AHC of Southwestern Ohio – Pending
 June 2007 AHC of Greater Chicago – Pending
 June 2007 Colonial AHC – Pending
 June 2007 AHC of St. Louis - Pending
 July 2007 Greater Pittsburg AHC - Pending
 July 2007 Sand 'N' Sea AHC of Florida - Pending
 July 2007 Finger Lakes AHC - Pending
 July 2007 AHC of Greater Portland - Pending
 July 2007 Monterey Bay AHC - Pending
 July 2007 AHC of Greater Milwaukee – Pending
 September 2007 Tara AHC - Pending
 October 20, 2007 Northern California AHC – Panel
 Pending

AHCA RESCUE REPORT - Russ & Barb Hastings

The first quarter started out with 9 Afghan Hounds in the system at the beginning of January. 23 were taken in with 18 being placed. There was one returned because the new owners were moving and no dogs were euthanized. This was very slow for this time frame....unfortunately it has not remained so, again with California getting more than their share of dogs turned in. These numbers will be reflected in the next Topknot News.

We have a new Special Needs Dog....he is "Peanut" and again comes to us from California. Peanut is a two year old cream male. His hip has been dislocated and left for a long period of time....he will need surgery to either replace the hip or hopefully put it back in the socket if possible. This dog will be shipped to us later in July and we will deal with the surgery and rehab. Please visit our Web Site to see a picture of him and see where donations to his cause can be sent. The web address is www.afghanhound.net.

The National will soon be upon us! Sounds like it will be a wonderful time with something for every one. Please visit the Rescue Tables where we will be holding our Chinese Auction and selling our wares. We also will be holding a Raffle for the Quilt Alice Hastings has made. Remember, 100% of the monies raised at the Rescue Tables goes to Rescue and is tax deductible. If you have any items that you would like to donate to our Chinese Auction, please contact me at helpafs@earthlink.net and I will be glad to discuss shipping or pick up.

We are also having an auction of Baskets made up by the many different Regional Clubs. We are asking any Regional Club to make up a basket of items that are unique to their area. This has been done by other Breed Clubs and is a lot of fun and provides some very unique items. Again, you can contact me for any information.

We also hope that every one supports the Art Auction to be held by the PC. It is our understanding that a portion, not yet decided on, of the money raised will also go to Rescue. That portion will be tax deductible.

WEB PAGE DESIGN – Perry Rooks

I have received a confirmation from Duane that the Board has accepted the new PC Web Site Design. Duane also mentioned that a Web Site Committee will be formed to work along with myself, Sandy Frei, and Chris Kaiser. The Template and Design of the New Web Site is completed as well as the Home Page. Along with that I have also completed the "Afghan Hound Standard" page. I will be working with Sandy and Chris to start moving forward again on this project. I have put the site on my server, for now, so the Board, members, etc. can see the progression of the site as it comes into play. The URL is

<http://www.exlysta.com/AHCA/index.htm>

Any Regional Clubs that would like to be listed on the Regional Club's Web Page needs to E-Mail Perry their link to their Regional Club's Web Site.

chakra@cableone.net

Also, Cyberspace HQ has donated to the AHCA a license for their AddWebb 8 Delux software. This is a \$70.00 value. This program will allow us to submit the AHCA Web Site to Search Engines all over the world.

Thank you Cyberspace for your generous donation!

Regards, Perry Rooks

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Any input for Topknot News should be sent to Topknot News E-mail address -

topknotnewseditors@sbcglobal.net

PAST NATIONAL INVENTORY SALE ITEMS

Contact Sue Busby for any of these sale items. Contact Sue at:
barakiafs@peoplepc.com

2003 NATIONAL – RIDE THE WAVE

YELLOW T- SHIRTS	\$5.00
XL, 2X, 3X	
BLUE T- SHIRTS	\$5.00
2X, 3X	
DIPORT V-NECK PULLOVERS	\$10.00
CHESTNUT XL, 2X, 3X	
FLEECE ¾ ZIP PULLOVER	\$15.00
BEIGE 3X	



2004 NATIONAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

CRIMSON T-SHIRTS	\$5.00
3X	
GREEN T-SHIRTS	\$5.00
3X	
SWEATSHIRTS VIOLET	\$15.00
M, XL, L	



2005 NATIONAL CALIFORNIA GOLD

AFGHAN THROWS...WAS \$50.00	\$35.00
T-SHIRTS.....WAS \$15.00	\$8.00
BLACK OR GOLD + \$3.00	
SWEATSHIRT.....WAS \$30.00.....	\$15.00
	SANDLEWOOD/BLACK
BOMBER SWEATSHIRT....WAS \$30.00.....	\$15.00
	BLUE JEAN
CANTON FLEECE SHIRTS...WAS \$40.00.....	\$25.00
	BLACK & SAFARI(beige)
ULTRA CLUB FLEECE LONG SLEEVE....	\$30.00
CHARCOAL WAS \$45.00	
ULTRA CLUB FLEECE VEST	
NAVY WAS \$40.00.....	\$25.00
TOWELS ASST.COLORS... WAS \$20.00.....	\$10.00



2005 NATIONAL INVENTORY

SWEATSHIRTS (BROWN) SM, LG, XL, 2x

SWEATSHIRTS (DENIM) LG, XL, 2x

WEK BOMBER 3-BUTTON SHIRT BLACK XS, M-L, XL, 2x

BEIGE XS, M-L, XL, 2x, 3x

FLEECE NAVY VEST LG, XL, 2x, 3x

FLEECE GRAY LONG SLEEVE $\frac{3}{4}$ ZIP M, XL

T-SHIRTS GOLD LG, XL, 3X

BLACK SM, MED, LG

THROWS

TOWELS (BATH SIZE)

GOLD (5) BEIGE (1) CREAM (2) NAVY (6)

PARENT CLUB LOGO

INDIGO DENIM SHIRT SM, MED, LG, XL, 2X

TOTE BAGS RED

FLEECE BLANKETS NAVY & FOREST GREEN