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AGENDA

Sunday, September 21, 2008

(Board Meeting)

Lure Coursing AKC & ASFA Saginaw County Fairgrounds Afghan Under The Star Light Bar-B-Q

Monday, September 22, 2008

Setup for Exhibitors & Vendors
Obedience/Rally
Sweepstakes
Vendor Reception Party

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

General Membership Meeting
Dog Judging
Rescue Meeting
Regional Clubs Meeting
Breed Education Seminar

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

"Risings Stars" Junior Seminar Judges Study Group Bitch Judging Art Auction (Buffet/Cash Bar)

Thursday, September 25, 2008 Junior Showmanship

Parade of Veterans

Parade of Rescue
Liberty Class
Triathlon, High Scoring Dog in OB, Rally, Best in Field
Best of Breed
Best Puppy, Best Bred By, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch
Awards Dinner

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AHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008

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Rescue Medallions

Reminder to all Regional Clubs: The Parent Club has medallions for your Parade of Rescue Class. A 2" gold and white medallion will be offered to regional clubs for parade of rescue if the contribution of the trophy is recognized in the premium list of the regional club and the premium list sent to the Awards Chairperson who will receive all such requests. The number of medallions must be determined and requested when entries close from the parade of rescue Medallion Chair. The regional club premium list should include the following language: Parade of Rescue—The AHCA offers a gold and white Medallion (2") depicting the Club Emblem, Suspended from a Red, White & Blue Ribbon.

PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 24 OF THE GUIDELINES FOR REGIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW APPROVAL.

2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

Show Chair: Reginald Nesbitt **Show Secretary:** Sue Busby

barakiafs@peoplepc.com

JUDGES

Regular and Non Regular Dog Classes: Mr. Alan Weinraub
Regular and Non-Regular Bitch Classes and Intersex: Mr. Jay Hafford
Sweepstakes: Mrs. Brenda Brody
Junior Showmanship:Trisha Till
Lure Coursing (ASFA, JC): Amy Balthrop
Lure Coursing (AKC) Judy Jazdzyk
Obedience and Rally Obedience: Sue Sellers Rose

A SPECIAL "SHOUT OUT" TO
JANET WILLIAMS WHO CREATED AN OUTSTANDING LOGO

NOTE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS TO PREMIUM LIST

GALA AWARDS DINNER IS A <u>BUFFET</u> AND ONLY <u>8</u> PEOPLE WILL BE SEATED AT EACH TABLE. Change page 15 of your premium list. See Page 20 of this Newsletter for a revised dinner reservation form.

DVD ORDERS ARE \$85 IF ORDERED PRIOR TO 9/20/08. ORDERS AFTER 9/20/08 WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER, and may be in the range of \$125—\$150. Change page 20 of your premium list.

TREASURER REPORTS LINDA JACKSON

For all financial information please contact the treasurer, Linda Jackson.

2007 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

AGILITY / VERSATILITY OPEN

AKC GAZETTE COLUMN

AWARDS

BREED & PUBLIC EDUCATION

BREEDERS' CUP

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Wynne Kalish

2008 Breeders' Cup Chair Jerry Bazar
2009 Breeders' Cup Chair Karen A. Larsen

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& Sandy Frei

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NATIONAL 2008

NATIONAL 2009

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RESCUE Russ & Barb Hastings

STATISTICS Sharon Watson TOPKNOT NEWS Sandy Nelson &

Helen Stein

WAYS AND MEANS Sue Busby
WEB PAGE Chris Kaiser

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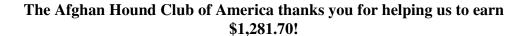




NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The AHCA 2008 Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on the morning of Tuesday, September 23, at the Host Hotel in Frankenmuth, MI. Check with the front desk when you check in for the time and meeting room.

If you have any items to be placed on the agenda for the Annual General Membership Meeting, please submit your request no later than August 23, 2007, to Donna Amos, Corresponding Secretary, 10457 W. Liberty Ct., Beach Park, IL, 60099, or email Donna at k.d.amos@comcast.net



Nestle Purina has been very generous to the Canine Health Foundation and to Breed Clubs with its operation of the **Purina Parent Club Partnership Program** (PPCPP). As you know from previous newsletters, Purina donates money annually to CHF and to participating Breed Clubs, based on the number of weight circles submitted by "declared" club members.

As of 12/31/07 the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. has 266 members declared for the PPCP Program. From January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, 61 members have submitted weight circles resulting in a total of \$1,281.70 accumulated for the 2007 Program.

Half of this money will be given to CHF and earmarked for Afghan Hound health research. Half will be given to the AHCA for use in either health research, public education, or rescue. Remember that the AHCA itself donates to Canine Health Foundation as well!

If you feed only small amounts of Purina foods and don't want to join the Pro Club, you can send your weights circles to me and I will submit them on behalf of the AHCA. Thanks to Anna Tyler for coming up with this idea and sending in weight circles!

Please visit the AHCA website at http://clubs.akc.org/ahca/ and select the "Purina PPCPP" button for more information!

Purina thanks you for this opportunity to partner with you and the Canine Health Foundation in advancing the health and well being of the Afghan Hound. Helen Stein

MEMORIALS

E. Conrad Monson, M.D.

Dr. Ernest Conrad Monson died on February 7, 2008 at the age of 88. He was the only son of former Utah Secretary of State, Ernest E. Monson, and Edith Hendricks Monson. He was a very well respected surgeon in Utah. Dr. Monson also served honorably in the U.S. Army as a captain and Medical Officer during the Korean Conflict.

On July 1, 1949, he married Joyce Decker "Toy" Monson. For many years, Con and Toy (their kennel name was Tokhan) showed Afghan Hounds around the country, finishing many champions. Their first champion was Ch. Huzzah Epic (1974). They were both very involved with Mount Ogden K.C. in Northern Utah, and were amongst the founding members of the Great Salt Lake Afghan Hound Fanciers. Con truly adored every one of their dogs over their years with Afghans and could go on & on talking about each dog's pedigree, including "Stetson", "JJ", "Belle" and many others. In addition to their avid involvement with Afghan Hounds, Con and Toy were avid skiers. Con and family also enjoyed many other sports and outdoor activities, including bicycling and he loved horseback riding on his beloved "Lenny".

Dr. Monson was an exceedingly kind and gentle person, who will be greatly missed by Toy and the rest of his loving family and by his many friends and admirers, both professional and personal.

Thank you to Lorraine Tayeb for this nice remembrance

Roger Rechler

Roger Rechler, owner of the Afghans of Grandeur passed away March 13th. 2008. Roger through his association with Sunny Shay, (the founder of the Grandeur Line) remained dedicated to the breed having bred many record breaking champions including the two top Winning Afghan Hounds of All Time. These Afghan Hounds were Ch. Tryst of Grandeur who was cobred with AHCA member Susan Sprung and her sire Ch. Triumph of Grandeur, co-owned and bred with AHCA member Michael Canalizo. Roger's devotion to the breed was shared as a family affair. His wife Evelyn and his sons Gregg, Scott, Todd and Bill, all have bred and owned and shown some of the Grandeur Afghans. During the 33 years of his involvement, Roger held steadfast to the principles instilled in him by Sunny and the pioneer breeders of the day. Many old time breeders paid him the ultimate complement of telling him that the Grandeur dogs today are unmistakably recognizable as the Grandeur dogs yesteryear.

Roger was an active AHCA member who donated the AHCA Breeders Cup Trophy and made numerous contributions to the National Specialty auctions, offering famous works of art obtainable to the fancy.

Thank you to Michael L. Canalizo for this nice remembrance

Mary Sheldon, Kabhira

Mary and Werner Sheldon began showing Afghan Hounds in 1955. Their first well-known show dog was Ch. Khabiri of Grandeur, an All-Breed Best in Show winner who was handled by their daughter Jennifer. This dog was the sire of Ch. Holly Hill Desert Wind, who was for many years the #1 winning dog in the history of the breed.

Other champions owned by the Sheldons included Ch. Shahti Ben Kajar (their first champion), Ch. Khabira Khan, Ch. Shady Lady, Ch. Laurel Ridge Khalib,

Ch. Khabira Blue, Ch. Sharkhan of Kharysthan and Ch. Khabira Midhi.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Werner.

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Highlights of the AHCA Board Meeting of March 8, 2008

Contact Recording Secretary for Board Minutes

AHGA RESGUE

Afghan Rescue had been having a good year. Our Rescue Web Site only had two Afghans available for adoption the beginning of July, which is the lowest number we have had in the past 5 years. But as most of you already know...that has all changed. In a Shelter seizure, 67 Afghans were taken from a home in New Mexico this past week. These dogs are totally unsocialized, most have never been in crates, and even worse the 17 puppies are dying from Parvo. Currently there are only 4 or 5 still alive.

We have begun a coordinated effort with the Shelter to bring these dogs out of NM and into foster homes for evaluation. It has been a very difficult task. The location of these dogs makes transporting long distances necessary. We have plenty of homes with experienced Afghan people offering to help with foster. But first we have to get these dogs in vans, air planes, or what ever is necessary to move them. They are needless to say, very stressed and not easily handled. We have one Rescue Volunteer on the ground in NM, Susan Stephens, she along with the long distance support of Betty Salmon, Lisa Bryant, and myself is heading up the task of getting these dogs moved. The Shelter is trying to cooperate as well, but obviously they have other dogs to care for and the expense of taking these extras in is hurting them. They are helping with transport to the airport and have even sent workers off to PetCo to obtain shipping crates for us. We are hoping to utilize their service in transporting several dogs to Houston, TX. We will continue to work with them and have begun moving some of the dogs out. It is proving to be a difficult thing for every one. Some of our Regional Clubs are also making trips to take back some of these dogs and we thank them for this effort.

Now, this is what this is going to take. We have the support of the Afghan Community with offers of foster homes. These dogs are going to take awhile to fit into any home situation....and yet every day we have people offering to give their time to them. The expense of transporting, vetting, and rehabbing these dogs is going to be tremendous. We have set up a pay pal account where donations can be made and will continue to take donations by check as well. The Pay Pal account is

kurabiafs@gmail.com

If you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, the check must be made payable to:

AHCA Rescue Charitable Trust!

The checks can be sent to Russ & I at:

AHCA Rescue % Hastings 4071 Gurnee Rd Westfield, PA 16950

Please mark the memo line..... NM Rescue. You will receive a receipt for the donation before the end of the year. We have some very talented Artists as well, who are beginning to make donations of art work to Rescue to be auctioned off or sold on e-bay. This is a work in progress and is being handled by Katrina Hatch. Stir Greer has created a web link on our Rescue Web Site www.afghanhound.net that gives details of the rescue, newspaper reports and a video of what has taken place, all of the information for donations are listed there as well. We hope to use this as a way to show case the dogs as they become available for adoption.

This is a very difficult situation for all involved. We need the support of all of the Afghan community. It is easy to sit back and criticize what is being done or to point fingers at the person who owned the dogs, but this is no help to any one and only makes the situation worse. I have a feeling that this is going to be the way of the future for Afghan Rescue. The trend we are seeing is that instead of getting single family type dogs turned in because of divorce, death, or just not knowing what they bought....we are getting the backside of the Afghan Boom. People that were involved in the breed for profit are finding them harder to sell, so they are giving up their dogs to shelters or to rescue to go on to more profitable smaller breeds, who need less care. Instead of getting one dog....we find we are getting families of 4 or 5, Mom, Dad, and a few kids that were not able to be sold. How long this trend will go on is any ones guess.

Again, we are asking for your support, I know we will get it.

Thank you,

Russ & Barb Hastings

BEACHBROOK'S CARTIER DIAMOND BEST IN BREEDERS' CUP



Breeders/Owners: Anthony Saia, Floyd Gale, & Tricia Collins

Ch. High Kalibers Marked Chivalry BEST OF OPPOSITE IN BREEDERS' CUP



Breeders: Jay & Neva Johnson Owners: Nicole & Shawn Hollinger

















~2008 Breeders' Cup Results~

Wynne Kalish and Sharon Watson Breeders' Cup Show Secretaries

Thank you for all your hard work!

THANK YOU TO

JERRY BAZAR FOR CHAIRING

THIS SUCCESSFUL

BREEDERS' CUP!!

AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO

HELPED!

Breeders' Cup 2008 - JUDGE'S CRITIQUE

I'd like to thank those that made judging the AHCA Breeders Cup in Virginia so enjoyable. The hotel setting, right by the water and yachts and a beautiful warm sunny spring afternoon, made for a great day.

For me, the opportunity to judge our next generation was a great honor. My job was to let the breeders showcase their best. I was anxious to see what has changed for the better and what still needs changing.

I was surprised to find that many heads were shorter than I would have liked. The width of back skull was acceptable, but it was the shortness of muzzle that caught me off guard on quite a few dogs and bitches. Thankfully, however shoulders seemed to have improved, with smooth correctly set shoulders more of the norm. Added to this was a nice front assembly on a number of puppies. I was delighted to see that in most cases, the front legs were back under the dogs where they ought to be once again. Sickle hocks, while present, were not as prevalent as they have been in the past few years, and many of my entry had good reach and full rear extension on the move. I found some nice examples of springy smooth ground covering gait, a trait that is so important to preserve in the breed. I'm pleased to see it recognized and emphasized by several breeders.

In summary- I saw strong contributions towards re-emphasizing structure and fluid movement together with elegance and type. This is a very healthy direction for the Afghan Breed.

My winners for each class were:

6-9 Month Dogs:

The winner was a cream domino baby, Majic This is it Maja, that had nice fore chest and rear. He presented a compact package with dark eye. This cute youngster is still going through some growth spurts in front, but I liked his fore chest and set-under stance. Good proportions at this age and size with a lot of growing yet to do.

6-9 Month Bitches:

A young bitch that presented a very nice outline, Kasban Cat Walk, took the class. This is a blue brindle that had a good amount of leg and carried herself better as she worked. Her head interested me in its vaguely primitive visage without losing refinement. She had a good hard topline on the move. This youngster was in contention for Best later in the day.

9-12 Month Dogs:

Probably the hardest class to judge due to it's depth of quality and striking difference in type represented. Many of the young dogs in this class presented themselves beautifully on the stack. In the end, I honed in on two dogs that consistently held solid toplines and had an easy gait with just the right amount of reach and drive. A few of the puppies in this class were moved too fast, not allowing me to see how much natural lift might have been there. In the end, this group came down to two dogs that were quite different. I really liked my second place dog, Mahali Sura Stars'n'Stripes, a cream brindle. His head was attractive enough, but his real attribute was a well set under front on a broad chest and ample body with a smooth outline. He was beaten by a striking moving black and tan, Jakar Winsong Elevate your Game, who worked his way up by getting stronger on the move as the class wore on. He out showed when he had to. His movement, combined with a beautifully chiseled headpiece and sharp eye moved him to the front on the final consideration.

9-12 Month Bitches:

I loved the look of the blue brindle bitch that took this class, Mahali Arriva American Way. She reminded me so much of that classic houndy look that influenced Julie and me early in our breeding program. She epitomized a primitive hard Afghan bitch that we rarely see in the ring anymore. Unfortunately for her good natured handler, she had a mind of her own on the end of the lead, trying to trip him as best she could. It didn't matter, as you could still see moments of spring in her gait that said she could trot after

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game all day.

Behind her was a beautiful red bitch, Kasban Lotus Elise, that had an excellent square outline with just the right amount of patterning on her body. I liked the fact that she had a good cowboy rear with lots of angulation. She was well built in the front assembly, and had fine depth of chest.

12-15 Month Dogs:

The class went to a solid domino that was all boy, Inisfree Majic Dominator. He was in very good condition and had an outstanding headpiece. This young male had a very long chiseled muzzle and a small dark eye- one of the nicest heads in males on the day. He presented a striking picture on the stack.

12-15 Month Bitches:

My eye was caught immediately by a very typey sable bitch that stood out in the line-up, Beachbrook's Cartier Diamond. A heavily coated yet patterned bitch, she had to be settled down by her handler. Once she paid attention to him, however, she floated with an effortless springy gait. What impressed me with her was great fore chest with very smooth laidback shoulders and nice rear angulation. A solid body but beautifully refined and angled, she had an outstanding headpiece and carried it at just the right level on the move. Her coat was in immaculate condition and the patterning over the loin accentuated the exotic look. I was pleased to see that she was moved at just the right speed on a loose lead to really show off her effortless gait.

15-18 Month Dogs:

The class was won by a typey black dog with a refined elegant outline, Boannes's Legend of the Dragon. He and his littermate exhibited an exotic look and nicely detailed toplines. In the end, this boy's length of neck and head won out.

15-18 Month Bitches:

A cream brindle, Kasbans Dream Girl, won this class based on her fabulous topline and smooth shoulder. She felt terrific to put your hands on and has all the body to be a very worthy brood bitch some day. I really liked this bitch, not for her showing (she had her own idea of the value of stacking), but for her faultless structure, especially the neck to shoulder assembly.

18-21 Month Dogs:

The dog that took the class, High Kalibers marked Chivalry, did it on pure movement. A heavily coated dog, he carried it well and exhibited a beautiful light springy gait that covered a lot of ground with each step. He caught my eye right away, and I was pleased to see that he held a

beautiful outline on the stack without being manhandled. Smooth shoulders and a solid topline along with excellent fore chest completed a nice package that also held up well in winners competition. I'd like to see a bit more refinement in the head, but his beautiful movement more than made up for this.

18-21 Month Bitches:

I liked the outline and head on my winner in this class, Charter Oak Dark Moon. A black typey bitch, she had nice bend of rear and good length of leg in a correct square package.

Best in Breeders Cup and Best of Opposite:

I was delighted to have the depth of quality that made my choice a difficult one. Everyone got ample opportunity to showcase their dogs in this class, as I felt it was a tribute to the breeders that had gotten to this level. I made my final choices based on correct structure and fluid springy gait, one of the hardest traits to breed consistently. Two dogs, Jakar Winsong Elevate Your Game and High Kalibers Marked Chivalry fought it out for Best of Opposite, with the latter winning based on his ease of motion and smooth neck to shoulder. His handler did a great job of being invisible on the end of the lead- truly the best way to show a dog if they'll co-operate. Congratulations to the breeders of both of these fine males.

When it came to Best in breeders Cup, I had a standout bitch, Beachbrook's Cartier Diamond, who demanded your eye in the line-up. She was the complete package of structure and type. Luckily for all watching, she had a marvelous young 6-9 bitch, Kasban Cat walk, that moved as well as she did and gave her a serious challenge. Both bitches got better and better as they responded to the appreciative audience. The polish and structure of the 12-15 bitch could not be denied as she floated around the ring. On another day, it could be the marvelous moving blue puppy, but today, Beachbrok's Cartier diamond presented a beautiful picture and took a truly deserved win. Congratulations to both breeders, both bitches have wonderful attributes to contribute to the breed.

My sincere thanks to Jerry Bazar and the Afghan Hound Club of America volunteers for all of their work in putting on such a well organized event. Most of all, I'd like to thank the many breeders who are working so diligently to continue the high standards of quality our breed was built on.

Emmet Roche

COMMENTS FROM THE BREEDERS' CUP SHOW CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to have been approved to be the Show Chairman of the 20th Anniversary of the Breeders' Cup 2008. What a wonderful honor this is. However, what you are seeing today is the work of so many from the Afghan Community who have all put in countless hours, days and weeks of hard work. It is because of people like Sharon Watson, Wynne Kalish, Linda Jackson, Chris Pinkston, Linda Shipley, Cindy Candler, Tony Saia, Cynthia Byington and many more too numerous to name, but just look at the listing of the Breeders' Cup 2008 Committee and you can see why this event has been so successful. Thank all of you on the committees!

I also want to thank all the Regional Clubs who have made donations in support of the Welcome Party, your help made this event!

A special Thank You also goes to the Tidewater AHC whose members have worked day and night to make this event so successful. All the decorations were put together by the club members on weekend gatherings that were hard work and lots of fun. Tidewater AHC members have certainly come thru and made this event the Grand Start to a wonderful weekend.

I also would like to thank the exhibitors for without you, this event would not take place. Each of you are the future of our breed, you and your support has made all this hard work by so many more than worthwhile.

A special Thank You also goes to our judge, Emmett Roche, who will surely stand proud in the middle of the ring today and select those Afghans that will represent our breed for the future. No easy job when we have such a wonderful entry that will test his knowledge. I am sure he is up to the task, with his years of breeding and knowledge behind him.

Jerry Bazar 2008 Breeders' Cup Show Chairman 20th Anniversary show



Library Report

Our updated list of available videos for rental to clubs is in the "Library" section of the AHCA website, thanks to Chris Kaiser. The website address is http://clubs.akc.org/ahca. Also, the out-of-print Introduction to the Afghan Hound is available on CD (in pdf format), at a purchase price of \$5.00 including shipping. Order from the AHCA Library with checks made payable to AHCA.

The AKC Stud Book Registers are available electronically through the AHCA Library. This information is available to all members of the AHCA in good standing, once they have completed a form as required by AKC. For further information, contact me at the address below.

Recent donations to the Library:

From Gerry Cunningham, many handwritten pedigrees from around the country including that of Akaba's Andrami Kachina (born12/11/70), signed by Lois Boardman and of Ch. Sandina Sparkling Champagne signed by Glorvina Schwartz. Gerry found these items at an auction!

Among the items donated to the AHCA by Bud Ledbetter were his personal scrapbooks, with many photos of dogs of the past.

From Betty Stites: A donation of <u>many</u> scrapbooks and photos and letters that belonged to Kay Finch. Kay kept wonderful scrapbooks and made entertaining notes and drawings relating to events of interest to her—travels, dog shows, photos of friends and so forth. Quite a few of these fascinating Crown Crest items will be on display at the National Specialty in Frankenmuth.

Helen Stein

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MORE INFORMATION ON 2008 NATIONAL

CATALOG ADS

Advertising AHCA 2008 National Catalogue-JoAnne Buehler Chair

Printable field 51/2 " X 8"

Black & White ONLY

One Picture (Additional pictures \$10 each)

\$75.00 per page
AHCA members \$5.00 DISCOUNT
Additional \$5.00 discount for early ads (in by July 25, 2008)

Absolute last deadline Friday August 29, 2008.

All ads must be COMPLETE in JPG or PDF. All photos used must be scanned to 300 DPI or greater. You can e-mail/mail/fax them to JoAnne.

Make checks payable to the AHCA in US funds ONLY. Please contact JoAnne if you wish to pay with either a credit card or PayPal, (additional \$2.50 for either option) or if you have any other questions.

JoAnne Buehler - Catalogue Advertising 2008 AHCA National One Turkey Foot Court Darnestown, MD 20878-3645

301-590-9056 tazihound@his.com e-fax:1-832-550-9056

FOR ALL SHOW DETAILS THE PREMIUM LIST CAN BE FOUND UNDER THE AHCA WEB SITE AT http://clubs.akc.org/ahca/

2008 Breed Education Symposium TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

Dr. Carmen Battaglia will be our presenter for the upcoming seminar. His background includes educator, dog breeder, AKC Director, Licensed AKC Judge and author. Along with his years of experience, he has earned a reputation as a knowledgeable, dynamic presenter in the area of dog breeding. The topic for our Tuesday evening seminar/buffet will be "Pedigree Analysis, Formula Breeding, selection of Stud dog and puppies." See you there and bring a friend.

DO YOU WANT AGILITY AT THE 2009 NATIONAL???????

The 2009 National needs 15 people to sign up to do all the work on agility in order to offer it at the 2009 National. Contact Tony or Floyd. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the AHCA General Membership Meeting at the 2008 National.



Personal Notes

Our sympathies to Linda Jackson and family on the loss of her beloved Mother.

Condolences to Toy Monson on the death of her husband Conrad.

Sympathies to Evelyn Rechler and family on the passing of her husband, Roger.

Condolences to Jerry Klein on the death of his mother, Aeda.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE TO THE TROPHY FUND FOR THE 2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY!

The theme for this specialty is "Memories" and the Show Committee plans to honor famous Afghan Hounds of the past by displaying their photos and histories at the specialty. Ms. Janet Williams has designed an outstanding logo which is the foundation of our beautiful trophies.

We are asking for your support as a trophy donor. Any amount is welcome and appreciated, and those donating \$40 or more will receive a specialty catalog. If you're not at the show to pick up your catalog, a marked one will be mailed to you.

We look forward to hearing from you via the attached form, a phone call, or e-mail. We've extended the deadline due to the missing issue of Topknot News which had our trophy fund request...so our absolute deadline is August 15, 2008 if you wish to have your name appear in the catalog.

Thank you for your support -- we're going to have a great time in September!

Helen Stein, Trophy Donations Chairman	
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Please complete the following information and mail to Helen Stein, PO Box information by e-mail to BeanieSue@aol.com Donation deadline: AUGUS show catalogue	1177, Grants Pass, OR 97528. You may also send donor ST 15, 2008 in order to have information appear in the
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MORE INFORMATION ON 2008 NATIONAL



Under The Starlight

An invitational competition to be judged outside on Sunday evening, starting at 6:00 p.m. The judging panel is to be a surprise, but will consist of 4 judges, 2 hound specialists and 2 breeder judges. Judging will be on a point system and you, the spectators, will have a chance to vote on your favorite. The dog with the most spectator votes will receive bonus points on their score sheet. Your admission fee of \$20.00 will include ringside seating, appetizers, a light supper and drinks. There will be a commemorative catalog available – 8 x 10 with full page photos and bios of each entrant.

Dogs will be invited to compete based on the following criteria:

Any dog in the Top Twenty of either the All-Breed or Breed point systems (as published by Canine Chronicle or Dog News) by June 30, 2008 shall be invited. Any dog with an American All-Breed Best-In Show win from September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 shall qualify. Any dog with an American Specialty Best of Breed win from September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, shall be invited. Any AHCA National Specialty Best of Breed winner, any AHCA Best in Breeders' Cup winner, any AHCA National Best in Sweeps and any AHCA National Specialty Best Puppy winner from the last 5 years shall all qualify. Entry fees will be \$50.00 and will include a Rosette with the dog's name printed on it as well as a copy of the catalog for each entrant. There will be a prize of \$500.00 to the winner of this invitational.

All judging will be completed that evening, with the winner announced at the end of that night's competition. If your dog qualifies, please send an e-mail to majicaf@aol.com as that will help to make sure all dogs receive their invitations. The invitations will be mailed by June 20, 2008, with entries closing on July 31, 2008. This event is sponsored by the Afghan Hound Review, Greater Detroit Afghan Hound

Club and East Coast Crates and will be organized by Cindy Chandler. Anyone wishing to help, we need assistance with fund raising, etc. Please contact Cindy (1-847-323-1494) or Fran (1-805-963-9419)



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BREEDERS' GUP 2009

"CALIFORNIA DREAMING"

Plan on attending the 2009 Breeders' Cup in California!!!

Show Chairperson: Karen A. Larsen

Show Secretaries: Sharon Watson & Wynne Kalish

Location: Oak Canyon Park, Silverado, California

(private park)

Host Hotel: LaQuinta Inn

2721 Hotel Terrace

Santa Ana, CA 92705

714-540-1111



STATISTICS—Short Report from Sharon Watson

Annual Dinner Awards:

Top conformation dog and bitch -Awards Chair

Agility – Agility Chair

Top Sire and Dam – Awards Chair

Top Rally

Top Obedience Afghan – Obedience Chair

Top Lure Courser - Lure Coursing Chair

The above all from AKC reports

All titles, Conformation and Performance from 1938 to

July I, 2008

Conformation 7876 Titles

Obedience 979

Lure Coursing 939

Agility 49

Rally 45

Tracking 2

Specialty winners AHCA and Regional 1938 to July 1,

2008

The above compiled by Statistics Chair from AKC

Awards and are available on request.

I am presently making hard copies for the Library.

Sharon Watson

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AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA INVENTORY



T-SHIRTS \$5.00

ROSE: SM-7

GREEN: SM-3

SWEATSHIRTS \$20.00

CAROLINA BLUE:

SM-9, M-3, L-14 XL-17, 2X-4

GREY 1/4 ZIP: M-1, XL-7, 2X-1

FLEECE ¼ ZIP \$20.00

BLACK: XL-3



BROWN SWEATSHIRTS: L-1, XL-3 \$ 5.00

DENIM BLUE SWEATSHIRTS: XL-1 \$ 5.00 BLACK WEK 1/4 BUTTON DOWN: M-5, 2X-1 \$ 5.00 BEIGE WEK 1/4 BUTTON DOWN: M-8, XL-6 \$ 5.00

2007 BREEDERS CUP INVENTORY ~ \$5.00

LIME GREEN 2X-1, ROSE 2X-1, DENIM L-1, TAN S-2, L-3

2008 BREEDERS CUP INVENTORY ~ \$5.00

YELLOW SM-5, M-1 PINK SM -1

Sweeps Judge: Norma Cozzoni UPGOMING SPECIALTY SIJOWS

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club, August 2, 2008

Judge: Regular & Junior Showmanship: MICHAEL KOSS

Sweeps: JEN ERICKSON

Midwest Afghan Hound Club, August 9, 2008

Judge: CHRIS KAISER Sweeps: BRIGITTE KAISER

Junior Showmanship: JOE HOLAVA

Memphis Afghan Hound Club, August 15, 2008

Judge: MRS. RITA FIGG

Sweeps Judge: MRS. LINDA SMITH

Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club, Friday, August 22,

2008

Judge: Carol Esterkin Sweeps: Darlyn J. Pfeiffer

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Denver, Denver, CO, September

4 & 5, 2008

Judge: Sandra W. Frei Sweeps: Nancy Crader Judge: Richard Souza Sweeps: Howard E. Engel

Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club, Friday, September 26,

2008

Judge: Regular & Junior Showmanship MRS. JANE "JANTOS" SHEPPARD Sweeps: MR. LEX ROBERTSON

Lehigh Valley AHC, October 5, 2008

Judge: GILL ULLOM

Sweeps: JENNIFER ZUKER

Tara Afghan Hound Club, Georgia, Saturday & Sunday, Octo-

ber 11, 2008

Saturday Judge: Bobbi Keller Sweeps: Harry Bennett Sunday Judge: Tom Cozzoni Northern California AHC, October 18, 2008

Judge: James Saarinen Sweeps: Alison Gray

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Houston, Inc., November 7,

2008

Judge: Mrs. Pat Franklin

Sweeps: pending

AHCA Breeders' Cup 2009 Thursday, April 9, 2009

maraday, 7 pm 3, 2003

Friday, April 10, 2009 - 61St. Afghan Hound Club of Cali-

fornia - Specialty

Saturday, April 11, 2009 - Hound Classic Group Show #1 Sunday, April 12, 2009 - Hound Classic Group Show #2

AHCA National 2009

Lancaster PA, Monday Sept 14th thru the 18th, followed by 2 Regional Specialties—Potomac and Tidewater. Hotel will be the Lancaster Host Hotel once again. Show Chairman- Tony Saia, 1-301-797-7638 Assistant Show Chairman - Floyd Gale.