

Topknot News

The newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.

Spring 2009

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Submitted by Legislative Chairman Betty Salmon

This will be my first report as your Club's Legislative Chairman. I would like to thank the Board for placing their trust in me, and pledge to do my best to represent your interests as Parent Club members. It's been a little busy around here since I accepted the position in late February. The animal rights activists are happy to see their onerous legislation considered in 34 states this session alone.

I have prepared several general position statements for the Board to consider endorsing. This action will give us, as a club, the ability to use our numbers when battling anti-breeder legislation in the state houses. Each statement is deliberately inclusive, to allow for agreement and a united front.

Additionally, I've formed a coalition comprised of national breed clubs, state and national associations/federations of dog owners, and agricultural concerns to coordinate efforts to combat the onslaught of anti-breeder legislation at the state level and prepare for the national battle to come. This coalition utilizes a contact person for each organization and the legislative alerts/talking points (provided by the AKC) to inform our respective members and activate volunteers in each state as needed. By launching grass-roots efforts to inform communities and legislators of the issues involved and people/businesses/voters and rights impacted by these onerous animal-activist backed bills, we hope to fight this fight in the most cost-effective and successful manner possible.

I've had good conversations with a staffer in DC (responsible for animal-related legislative affairs) and an individual with AKC legislative affairs, and have received follow up information from the DC staffer to help us stay current with regard to certain pending legislation. If you have a legislative contact that you wish to share, please do!

If any of you are interested in helping with this effort by writing letters to legislators or newspapers, making calls or distributing flyers when called upon, please let me know. And if you are aware of an organization that may be interested in lending their numbers and support to this coalition, please contact them on our behalf or refer the contact information to me.

Whew! Yep, it's been a busy month.

MEMBERS TAKE NOTE

New June Membership Directory Update your information

If you have changes in your contact information (address, email address, telephone number, etc.) that were not sent to the Treasurer with your annual dues, contact Sandy Nelson so she may update your information in the new Membership Directory which will be published in June.

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Corrections to the last issue: Dragon Confusion

Ch. Boanne's Legend Of The Dragon was the recipient of an AOM at the 2008 National Specialty Show, owned by Wendy Fedrizzi & Anne Evans.

Editor's Note:



**Next
TN Deadline is
June 27, 2009**

We cannot make corrections to Committee Reports; therefore, send your corrections directly to the Committee Chairs. They will contact us with your corrections for publication in their reports in the next Topknot News. Email all other corrections directly to the Editor at:

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GIVING BACK MENTOR PROGRAM Submitted by Chairman, Bobbi Keller

We still have 57 members, with 22 contacts from people asking for help or advice.

There were 22 members that didn't respond to my inquiry. I would suppose that owing to the state of the economy, and lack of interest in our breed, we should feel lucky that we had at least 22 inquiries.

JUNIOR CORNER

By Junior Showmanship Chairman,
Jody Gardner

With spring in the air and summer right around the corner, it isn't too late for juniors off to college this fall to apply for the AHCA Young Sportsmanship Scholarship Award. We are making it easier than ever before to apply for this scholarship. The requirements and forms will be available on line. Just go to the AHCA web site under Junior Scholarship and print off the requirements and forms and get busy. With the cost of books and fees every little bit helps.

If you know of a young person that is active in our breed and is off to college, please share this information with them. An overview of the scholarship, the eligibility requirements and criteria for awarding the scholarship may be found in the Junior Showmanship section on the AHCA Web Site.

Remember to support and mentor a junior, they are the future of our breed. .

www.akc.org/clubs/ahca

In the drop down box scroll down to Junior Showmanship and click on GO.

Lancaster, PA AHCA Judges Educational Seminar Thursday September 17, 2009 Pre-registration Required

This study group consists of a classroom presentation, a hands-on demonstration and application, and ringside tutoring. Attendees must participate in all three parts to receive a certificate. This Judges Educational Seminar is open to any approved judge, prospective applicant thereof, and any Afghan Hound breeder who is otherwise fully qualified to apply (see AKC website for present requirements to apply to judge) but not necessarily applying to judge the breed.

Registration Deadline September 7, 2009
Limit 20/Cost \$25

Send Reservations (with check) to:
Harry Bennett
1404 Arlingwood Ave.
Jacksonville, Fl. 32211-6385
904-720-0691 harryonly@aol.com

Checks payable to AHCA
(Payment must accompany reservation)

2009 National Specialty

Mark your Calendars

September 13—September 18, 2009

Lancaster, PA

Lots of Events

Lots of Afghan Hounds

Lots of Venders/Shopping

Lots of Good Times

See You There



Mysterious Nights and Haunting Days

For further information contact Show Chairman:
Tony Saia, beachbrook@prodigy.net

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, September 13 — Board Meeting

Monday, September 14 — Morning Lure Coursing Off Site & Afternoon & Evening Top 20

Tuesday, September 15 — Morning Golf Tournament, Afternoon Obedience & Agility, Sweepstakes, & Evening Breed Symposium

Wednesday, September 16 — Morning Annual Membership Meeting, Afternoon Dog Judging followed by Vendor Party

Thursday, September 17 — Bitch Judging followed by Pool Party/BBQ & Art Auction

Friday, September 18 — Best of Breed & Annual Dinner

Saturday, September 19 — Potomac AHC

GOLF OUTING AT THE NATIONAL

For all you golfers, avid or not, men and women, let's take some time out from the National Specialty and play a round for some nice prizes. The AHCA is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Lancaster Host Resort Golf Course on Tuesday, September, 15, 2009, with the first tee time at 8:16 a.m. The greens fee is \$45.00 per person which includes a golf cart. This will be run as a best ball tournament. Get your foursome together and contact Brian Lenobel at 352-591-3020 to sign up. If you can't get a foursome together, let Brian know and he'll pair you with a group.

**Afghan Hound Club of America
National Specialty 2009
September 13 - September 18, 2009**

Lancaster Host Resort & Conference Center
Book rooms via AHCA

www.lancasterhost.com
2300 Lincoln Highway East (Route 30)
Lancaster, PA 17602
Phone: 1-717-299-5500
Toll Free: 1-800-233-0121
Fax: 1-717-295-5116

See Important Information Below

TROPHY FUND



It is time to collect funds for this year's AHCA National Specialty Trophies. Please be as generous as you feel comfortable with. Forty dollars or more includes a free catalogue for PICK UP. Mailing requires an additional five dollars.

I hope to see you there and thank you.

JoAnne M. Buehler

(See separate info sheet for the 2009 Trophy Fund Donors Form.)

THE INVITATIONAL

**Monday Afternoon & Evening, September 14th
ONE NIGHT ONLY.**

3 International Judges
Prejudging will be in the afternoon in the Expo Center
The evening main event will take place in the show-room.
Fabulous Dessert Bar, Coffee and Cash Bar

AHCA BREED SYMPOSIUM

**Tuesday Evening, September 15th
Topic: "Made to Move"**

Presenter: Patricia Craig Trotter,
(Vin Melca Norwegian Elkhounds)

Details will follow on the AHCA Website and in the AHCA National Specialty Show Premium List.

Sandy Frei, Chairperson
2009 AHCA Breed Symposium

**WAYS AND MEANS REPORT
Submitted by Chair, Sue Busby**

NATIONAL INVENTORY

Orders may be purchased by VISA or MC, or by sending a check to:
Sue Busby
11950 Plumbrook Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI. 48312-1451

Contact me at: barakiafs@peoplepc.com



2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY LOGO

SWEATSHIRTS \$25.00
(TRUE RED 3 — SM)
VELOUR HOODIE \$40.00
(MOCHA SM-1, L-2)

FLEECE SLEEVELESS FULL ZIP \$30.00
(CHARCOAL L-1, XL — 4, 2X — 3, 3X — 2)

DVD'S Conformation Sets — 7 \$140.00

DVD'S Performance Events — 7 \$15.00

CATALOGS—35 \$20.00

**TOP 20 INVITATIONAL
CATALOGS—64, DVD'S — 30, Set Cost** \$20.00



2007 NATIONAL SPECIALTY LOGO

T-SHIRTS \$5.00
(Rose: SM — 4)
SWEATSHIRTS \$5.00
(Carolina Blue: SM — 2, L — 1)

DVD'S \$85.00
(Complete Set: 1 Dogs, Bitches, BOB, Jr's, Obedience & Rally, Parade of Veterans & Rescue)

OBEDIENCE & RALLY 7 \$15.00

SWEEPS BITCHES (9 — 12 TO VET SWEEPS) 2 \$15.00

BITCHES & FIELD TRIAL BITCH - 1 \$15.00



AHCA LOGO ITEMS

DUFFLE BAGS..... \$40.00
(PURPLE - 3, NAVY - 9, BLACK - 8 & RED - 9)

26 — COMPUTER TOTE BAGS
\$25.00

FLEECE BLANKETS..... \$20.00
(NAVY - 4 & FOREST GREEN - 17)

BASEBALL CAPS..... \$15.00
(ASSORT. COLORS)

PURINA WEIGHT CIRCLE UPDATE
Submitted by Helen Stein

Purina Parent Club Partnership Program

Here's an update from Nestle Purina on our participation in the PPCP Program. If you have any questions about how to join this program, you can call the Purina Pro Club at 877-776-2582 (be sure you designate Afghan Hounds as your breed of choice).

And remind your friends that one does NOT have to be a member of AHCA to participate in the PPCP Program to earn points for one's personal account PLUS credit for the AHCA.

Helen Stein

On behalf of the Nestlé Purina PetCare Company, I am pleased to inform you that the one hundred sixty seven National Parent Clubs participating in the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program have earned in excess of \$596,000 in 2008 to benefit canine health research, education and rescue efforts. The funds are being evenly distributed between the Canine Health Foundation and the individual National Parent Clubs. Your club's earnings are based on its proportionate share of weight circle submissions. Total PPCP Program earnings since the inception of the program is now at \$2,811,548.

2008 PPCP earnings checks will be mailed soon.

As of January 31, 2008, the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. has 293 members declared for the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. From January 1, 2009 through January 31, 2009, 7 members have submitted weight circles resulting in a total of \$99.81 accumulated thus far for the 2009 Program.

Please encourage participation in this unique program and submission of weight circles to benefit the Afghan Hound. Though canine health is a major component of the PPCP program, canine welfare is also an integral component. Please remember that education encompasses a wide array of activities. Such activities may include but are not limited to judges' education, breed information / standards, youth programs, educating of public officials in responsible canine legislation, studies that include conservation practices related to habitat beneficial to sporting dog events, scholarships, etc.

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.

Mike Allway, Manager
Breeder / Enthusiast Services
Nestlé Purina PetCare

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Submitted by Chair, Edna K. Martin, Psy. D

Things are pretty quiet on the Afghan Hound Health horizon at this mid-year time....probably too quiet in some aspects.

I have posted the OFA 2008 summary on the AHCA web site...Chris Kaiser has assured me it would be there. If you can't find it, e-mail me and I will send it to you (kaihorn@att.net).

We are looking forward with great anticipation to the annual National Specialty show at the Lancaster Host Resort in Lancaster, PA. We will, once again, have AKC DNA collection and whatever else you want...Please contact Sandy or me for what health contacts or tests we might be able to provide, bearing in mind that there might be a baseline number of reservations required to provide a wanted service. Last year we had only one taker for DNA, though there were a few more that took advantage of the thyroid testing. Thanks to all who participated.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lancaster!

AHCA LIBRARY REPORT
Submitted by Librarian, Helen Stein

DVD and Video Rentals

We've had many requests for rental copies of Karen Armistead's video *A Key to Movement*, but have never had this available in DVD format. Thanks to a recent gift from Rachel Page Elliott, we now have a DVD copy available for rental. This 2-hour video focuses on the viewer being able to "see through the coat" when watching dogs in motion. Naturally, Karen's video uses Afghan Hounds as the main examples. Much of the video is in slow motion and is generally very well done. Two other DVDs available for rental are *Canine Cineradiography* - a study of bone and joint motion as seen through moving x-rays, and *Dogsteps* by Rachel Page Elliott. Any of these would make a good educational program for your Specialty club. Each of these DVDs is available for a 1 month rental on a first-come-first served basis. Information on all rentals can be found on the AHCA's website: <http://clubs.akc.org/ahca> - and thanks to Chris Kaiser for keeping this information updated on the website.

AKC Stud Book Register

A monthly copy of the Stud Book Register for Afghan Hounds can be e-mailed to Parent Club members at no charge. Contact me at BeanieSue@aol.com for information.

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Money Makes the World Go Around

Submitted by Connie Butherus, Delegate for the AHCA to the AKC

“Vote Early and Often”

The annual meeting of the AKC Delegates held Tuesday, March 10, 2009, was also the annual election. With eight individuals running for the four available positions on the Board of Directors, the “often” word was operative. It took four separate ballots to get the job done. More on that later.

As always we started our quarterly sessions with the Committee meetings on Monday. I attended the Parent Club meeting and am a member of that Delegate committee. The agenda included:

Group Realignment (also discussed at the Annual meeting on Tuesday)

Issues regarding Dock and Crop and the procedures for certain breeds

Code of Ethics project undertaken with all Parent Clubs

Parent Club Conference – scheduled for Summer 2010. The AKC will provide substantial financial support and a registration fee will be required for attendees. The Parent Club Committee will have to come up with an additional funding of \$66,000. Date and location yet to be determined. Each Parent Club to send one representative.

2009 AKC Eukanuba Show 125th Anniversary. All Parent Clubs are requested to participate (response to Michael Canalizo) by June 1 2009. All breed event with classes – not by invitation only as in the past. Parent Clubs can offer either a Specialty or Supported event and Meet the Breeds.

Local Breed Clubs' ability to conduct business by email – depends on State regulation – one size does not fit all.

AKC will supply “rewards” – free giveaways – for all exhibitors at National Specialty shows – contact Dave Roberts at AKC.

Canine Health Foundation – Donor Advised Fund letter to all Parent Clubs – quarterly report will be sent to all clubs in the future – IRS codes for 501-c3 (Tax Exempt) organizations – money must be spent and not merely sit and draw interest – also once donated the donation is irrevocable. Last year some outstanding grants were unfunded due to participating Parent Clubs refusal to release their funds to support the work. The total in the Donor Advised funds is about \$3,000,000, 2/3 of the total is from Parent Club Partnership Program donated by Purina and not from the individual Parent Clubs.

OFA, CHIC and DNA Parentage-DNA-numbers can now be linked.

Then onto the Delegate Caucus to close out the day.

The eight delegates running for the AKC Board presented themselves at an open – from the floor – question and answer session. The topics ranged from the inclusion of mixed breed issue to AKC declining registrations, AKC finances, AKC marketing, AKC brand, AKC public relations, AKC rules, AKC, AKC, AKC, etc. etc. etc.

Not sure many of the delegates had a change of mind (vote). Unless one of the candidates really hit a home run or totally strikes out it seems that seldom do the Delegates have a change of heart at that late date.

Tuesday – March 10 - Election Day. As the Delegates arrived, picked up required ID badges, electronically signed in (new wrinkle), got a cup of coffee, found a seat, we were greeted by all eight of the candidates circulating about the venue. They were gracious, all smiles, wonderfully turned out and your new best friend! Kidding aside these candidates – all eight – are intelligent, dedicated and truly have the best interests of dogs and the AKC at heart. As with all elections – choices must be made. We are often told “Elections have Consequences.” But we were unable to predict the consequences of this election – replacing a third of the existing Board. Alas we are mere humans.

It took four ballots to sort out the four winners with three having been elected on the first go around. By the fourth ballot only two of the remaining five were in the running.

Results were:

Lee Arnold – 195 votes, first ballot

Carl Ashbey – 253 votes, first ballot

Alan Kalter – 290 votes, first ballot

Bob Smith – 229 votes, fourth ballot.

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Delegate's Report continued

The balance of the meeting consisted of the following:

- Two votes on Beagle Field Trial Rules (actually opposed by the Beagle Parent Club but supported by the Beagle Advisory Committee of the AKC) – both passed!
- Three new member clubs admitted
 - Harrier Club of America
 - Norfolk Terrier Club of America
 - Northern Florida Armature Retriever Club
- President's Address included concerns regarding the current economy but stressed the AKC will survive noting a gain of \$25M in the past five years.
- Staff promotions – Dave Roberts to V/P title
- Staff Recognitions for outstanding service
 - Bobby Birdsong – Events
 - Darrell Hayes – Judging Operations
 - Paula Spector – Conference and Events Planning. Paula having worked at the AKC for 38 years is one of the true heroes of the operation!
- Awards for significant contributions and service to the sport of pure bred dogs
 - Connie Vanacore
 - Louis Auslander
 - Nelson Sills
- Financial Report by Treasurer Jim Stevens. The annual report is out and available. In spite of all the doom and gloom in the economy the AKC had a \$3M profit in operations in 2008 with a loss of 31% of market value (investments) which is now back to the 2003 level. Of special interest it was reported (as required) the total expenses for the
 - AKC Board of Directors (12 directors) was \$128,809 for 12 two-day meetings per year plus other required travel/events.
 - AKC Delegates (609 delegates) was \$640,806 for 4 one-day meetings per year. The average attendance per meeting was approximately 300 (AKC Annual Report). This reporting is not required but was included – perhaps for purposes of comparison.

(Based on the provided numbers, a quick calculation shows \$25,567.41 per AKC Board member — who are also delegates - incurred cost to the AKC and \$2,136.02 per Delegate based on about 300 attending per meeting. The Delegates are provided one set of morning refreshments and lunch but must pay for everything else – hotel, food, travel etc. etc. I am not sure what all is included as actual expense to the AKC such as related Staff expenses for travel, lodging and/or salaries, meeting room, post show reception in CA etc, but I know for sure I could not possibly have eaten \$2,126.02 in food in the 4 meeting days ((lunch and morning coffee)). I am also not sure whether the 12 Board members' – Delegates all – expenses paid by the AKC are included only with the Board expenditure, or are part of those specified for the Delegates.)
- Group Realignment report to the Delegate body by the Committee chair Tom Davies. Proposal is to go from 7 to 10 groups with the following proposed group changes:
 - 1, Sporting Group divided
 - a. Pointers and Setters
 - b. Retrievers and Spaniels
 2. Hound Group divided
 - a. Scent Hounds
 - b. Sight Hounds
 3. Additional Group – Northern Group
 4. Nonsporting Group no longer exists but rather a Companion Group including all three varieties of poodles.

Afghan Hounds will of course be in the Sighthound Group. This group will consist of:

 - Afghan Hound
 - Basenji
 - Borzoi
 - Greyhound
 - Ibizian Hound

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Delegate's Report continued....

Irish Wolfhound
Italian Greyhound
Pharaoh Hound
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Saluki
Scottish Deerhound
Whippet

The proposed realignment will be read at the June Delegate meeting with a vote to be taken at the September meeting. I will vote as directed by the AHCA Board.

Questions arose regarding the proposal and the cost to the AKC to accomplish this, effects on existing group clubs, impact on small all breed clubs, and the status of current Nonsporting Group judges. We were told that judges affected by the changes will have until 2014 to become approved for the additional breeds in the groups. The proposed effective date for the realignment – if approved - is 1/1/12. More to follow on this issue to be sure.

- Mixed Breed Issue – Once again the Delegates were asked to show support for mixed breeds having stand-alone events for performance – Obedience, Agility, CGC type events. This generated the usual pro and con discussion regarding the mission, charter and bylaws of the AKC. President Sprung requested staff to have a model for consideration drawn up by April. A straw poll of the Delegates still able to stand at the end of the day indicated support for the concept – once again.

Next meeting is June 8 & 9, 2009, in Raleigh, NC.



NEW COURSING EVENTS FOR GREATER TWIN CITIES AHC
Submitted by Sandy Nelson, President
(Photo Courtesy of Dom & Marsha Morelli)

We are proud to announce the GTC AHC is now licensed to hold AKC Lure Coursing events. Through the generosity of local Afghan Hound enthusiast, Nate Wattenhofer, owner of King's Ranch, our events will be held on a groomed field that is entirely fenced, located in Ramsey, Minnesota. King's Ranch has a magnificent clubhouse where lunches and/or dinners will be served.

The dates of our first events are June 19 and 20, 2009, with 3 JC tests, two all-breed trials and an Afghan Hound specialty trial. In addition to the lure coursing, the Cambridge, Minnesota and Anoka County Kennel Clubs are hosting four days of all-breed conformation shows on June 18 through the 21st. These all-breed shows are about 45 minutes from our lure coursing site. More information on the Cambridge and Anoka shows can be found at the superintendent's web site www.onofrio.com.

Our next all-breed lure coursing event will be held at the same location, King's Ranch, on August 20, 2009, the day prior to our Specialty Show. The day after our specialty show, on Saturday, August 22, in the afternoon, we will be hosting an Afghan Hound specialty lure coursing trial and test, followed by a party for our guests. Our specialty conformation show in August is in conjunction with the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club all-breed shows. Our conformation judges in August are:

Regular and Non-regular Classes: Mrs. Lee Canalizo; Sweepstakes: Ms. Barbara Fogl; Junior Showmanship: Ms. Susan Bosshart

St. Croix Valley KC judges for Afghan Hounds on the next two days following our specialty show are William Bergum and Pat Laurans.

More information can be found at our web site www.gtcahc.com. We hope to see all of you at all of our events!

REGIONAL CLUB SHOW INFORMATION — 2009
Submitted by Regional Club Chair, Sandy Nelson

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REGIONAL CLUB SHOW LISTING WAS PROVIDED TO THE REGIONAL CLUB CHAIR ON OR BEFORE 3/17/09. ALL SHOWS APPROVED ARE CONTINGENT UPON AKC APPROVAL. IF JUDGES ARE NOT LISTED THEIR NAMES WERE NOT PROVIDED TO THE REGIONAL CLUB CHAIR.

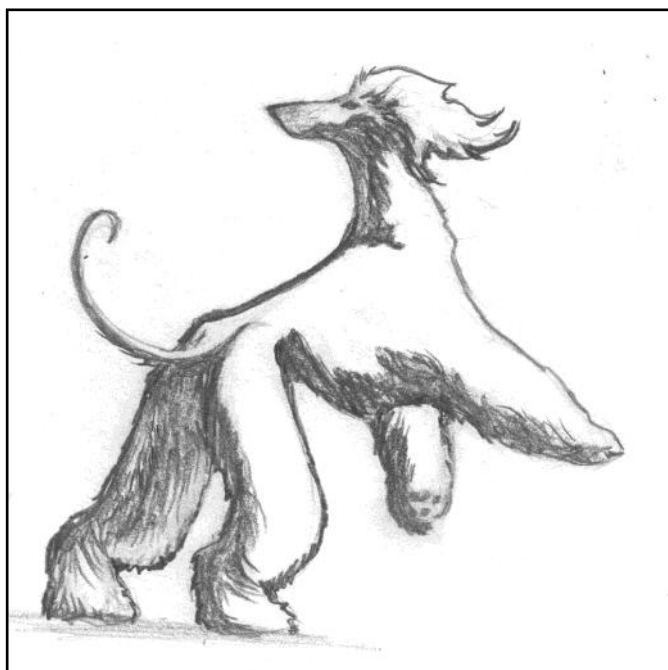
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CLUB NAME / SHOW SECRETARY	SHOW DATE / WEEK #	REG. CLASS JUDGE SWEEPS JUDGE	LOCATION OF SHOW
Afghan Hound Club of Dallas Clay Williams	4/25/2009 17 4/26/2009 17	Sandy Frei Leslie Greer Lynn Schanzle Robert Brown	South Fork Ranch, Parker, TX
Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey Judy Bradenburg	5/1/2009 18	Mr. Michael Lancashire Mrs. Susan Sprung	Mercer County Park, West Windsor, NJ
Potomac Afghan Hound Club	5/15/2009 20	Mr. Stephen Wheeler Linda Korstad	Picnic Pavilion, Whites Ferry, Dickerson, MD
Afghan Hound Club of Southwest Ohio MB-F	5/23/2009 21	Mrs. Helen Winski Stein pending	Butler County Fairgrounds
Afghan Hound Club of St. Louis Christine Wallace	5/29/2009 22	Mr. David Cochrane Ms. Vicki Courtney	Purina Farms
Colonial Afghan Hound Club MB-F	5/29/2009 22	Sandy Frei Harry Bennett	Wrentham Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham, MA
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Chicago Jody Baverle & Caroline Lewis	6/5/2009 23	Mrs. Betsy Hufnagel Mrs. Jane Gaines	Pilcher Park, Joilet, IL
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland Lynn Robb	6/12/2009 24	Nita Traylor Charles Roberts	Washington County Fairplex Hillsboro, OR
NEW EVENT Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club AKC Lure Coursing event Deborah Butler deb@sighthoundgear.com	6/19 & 20/09	www.gtcahc.com	Ramsey, MN
Greater Pittsburgh Afghan Hound Club Rincy Ebbert	6/27/09 6/28/09 26	Chris Kaiser Karen Wagner Kalen Dumke June Matarazzo	Mingo Creek County Park Finleyville, PA
Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club McNulty	7/3/2009 27	Romayne Strilka-Switch Richard Sabatelle Obediance and Rally Judge: Ms. Pat Scully	Hamlin Firemans Field Hamlin, New York
Afghan Hound Club of Omaha Connie George	7/10/2009 28	Col. Robert E. Boothe JoAnne Weatherly	Qwest Center, Omaha, NE
Evergreen Afghan Hound Club	7/31/09 8/1/09 31	to be determined	Argus Ranch Facility for Dogs Auburn, WA

CLUB NAME / SHOW SECRETARY	SHOW DATE / WEEK #	REG. CLASS JUDGE SWEEPS JUDGE	LOCATION OF SHOW
Midwest Afghan Hound Club Holly Miller	8/8/2009 32	Betty Richards Julie Roche	Lorain County KC Show Grounds Henrietta Twp., OH
Afghan Hound Club of Memphis Kim Harwood	8/14/2009 33	to be determined Harry Bennett	Southaven Multi-Purpose Arena Southaven, MS
Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club Onofrio Dog Shows	8/21/2009 34	Lee Canalizo Barbara Fogl	Washington County Fairgrounds Lake Elmo, MN
NEW EVENT GTCahc AKC Lure Coursing Deborah Butler deb@sighthoundgear.com	8/22/2009	www.gtcchc.com	Ramsey, MN
Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club Sue Busby	8/28/2009 35	Barry Deitch Linda Shipley	The Lower Huron Metro Park Belleville, MI
Potomac Afghan Hound Club Sue Busby / Nancy Leuba	9/19/2009 38	Avery Gaudin no sweeps	Lancaster Host Hotel Lancaster, PA
Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Association Shaina D. Bates	10/4/09 40	Reggie Nesbitt Ida D'Ignazio	Clinton Elks Lodge Picnic Grounds Annandale, NJ
NEW SHOW Afghan Hound Club of Austin Deanne LeMaistre	10/17/2009 42	Lila Wadsworth No sweeps	Belton, TX, after Bell County KC Show
Sand 'N See Afghan Hound Club MB-F	11/6/2009 45	to be determined	5360 Lockhart Rd, Brooksville, FL
NEW CLUB NEW EVENT Carolina Afghan Hound Club MB-F	11/12/2009 46	Shelley Hennessy Leslie Stoffels	Cabarrus Arena & Event Center Concord, NC
Colonial Afghan Hound Club MB-F	11/27/2009 48	Jane Sheppard pending	Royal Plaza Trade & Conference Center, Fitchburg, MA

Regional Club Reminder:

The Afghan Hound Club of America supports the entry for Parade of Rescue with a white enameled medallion on a RWB Ribbon. Send the form to Sue Busby and be sure to tell her how many rescue medallions you need.



2009 BREEDERS' CUP

Submitted by Show Chair, Karen Larsen

I would like to thank all of the exhibitors for participating in this treasured event as it showcases the future of our breed as that future is envisioned by breeders of the Afghan Hound and represented by their puppies.

I would also like to thank the 2009 Breeders Cup Show Committee for their outstanding efforts and all those who generously contributed. Their efforts made this show possible. Sharon Watson and Wynne Kalish were again our show secretaries. Our most capable ring stewards were Chris Kaiser and Darlene Anderson. Tony Saia, JoAnne Jones and Brigitte Kaiser handled the trophy donations. Terry Chacon provided the beautiful trophies along with Cynthia Byington and Brigitte Kaiser. Nancy Edgington was Judge's Hospitality; Jim and Susan Uihlein were Exhibitor Hospitality. Lou Guerrero was in charge of the show grounds and Jay Hafford sold raffle tickets. We would also like to thank Fran Reisman and the Afghan Hound Review for their assistance and support of our show. And of course we need to thank our judge, Tony Saia. We hope you all enjoyed the show, the dogs and the people.



Best in AHCA 2009 Breeders' Cup THAON's KALA

**(Ch. Thaon's Mowgli x Thaon's Sandpeep)
Breeders/Owners: Jay T. Hafford & James
Blanchard**

(Photo courtesy of Lee Bornstein)



Best Opposite Sex to Best in AHCA Breeders' Cup

**EXCEL DANCING WITH THE STARS
(Ch. Jovan Cruise Control x Ch. Criston
Moonlight Becomes Me)**

**Breeders: Eleanor & Sheldon McCoy, Linda
Guarino & Laura Mauldin**

Owners: Eleanor & Sheldo McCoy

(Photo courtesy of Wynne Kalish)

I AM FAMOUS NOW

Author Unknown
Submitted by Janet Lenobel

I was born today. One of 40. My daddy was very famous. My mommy was also very famous! Since she got famous, she has only had puppies. No more loving hands, no more fun trips...just puppies. She is always sad when they leave.

I left home today. I didn't want to go, so I hid behind my momma. I didn't like you. But one day they said I Would Be Famous. I wonder, is famous the same as fun and good times? So you picked me up and carried me away. I don't think you liked me.

My new home is far away. I am scared and afraid. My heart says BE BRAVE. My ancestors were. Did they go to homes like mine? I'm hungry because I can't eat too much because it will be bad for my bones. I can't bite or snap when the children are mean to me. I just run and play and pretend I am in a big green field with butterflies and robins and frogs. I can't understand why they kick me. I try to be good, I try to be quiet, but the man hits and says loud things. The lady doesn't like me. I remember good things with my momma. The lady doesn't feed me good things. She just throws dry food on the ground, then goes away before I can get too close. She never pets me or touches me. Sometimes my food smells bad but I eat it anyway.

Today I had 10 puppies. They are so warm and wonderful. Am I Famous Now? I wish I could play with them, but they are so tiny. I am so young and playful that it's hard to lay here in this hole under the house trying to nurse my puppies....they are crying now. We are all so hungry. I hear the people say they didn't know I would be this much trouble. I worry and scratch my fur. I wish someone would throw me some food. I am also very thirsty. I now have 8 puppies left. I tried so hard, but two got cold during the night and I couldn't make them warm again. I cried and cried and licked and licked but they are gone. I tell them I am so sorry.

We are all very weak. Maybe if I take them out on the porch we can get warm and maybe get some food and water.

Today they took us away. It was too much trouble to feed and take care of us. Someone grabbed my puppies; they were crying and calling for me. We were put in a truck with boxes in it. I don't hear my babies any longer. Are They Famous Now? I hope so because I miss them. They are gone.

The place smelled of urine, fear and death. Why was I here? I was beautiful, like my ancestors. I tried to be good, to be what they wanted. Now I am hungry, dirty, in pain and unwanted. Maybe the worst is unwanted. No one came through when I tried to be good.

Today someone came. They put a rope on my neck and led me to a room that was very clean and had a shiny table. They put me on the table. Someone held and hugged me. They said nice things to me. I smiled because it felt so good. I Am Famous Now. Today someone cared!!!



RESCUE REPORT

Submitted by Rescue Chairman, Lisa Bryant

Hi Everyone,

This is my first report from the rescue committee since accepting the torch from Russ & Barb Hastings. I want to publicly thank Russ & Barb for their five years of dedication to this position and most of all for their support to me during this transition. I am learning so much and making many new friends in all kinds of places. It's an adventure.

Here are some updates from October through December of 2008:

16 year old, **Daphne** continues in foster care with club members, Russ and Barb Hastings. Daphne was originally placed by the Hastings as a young girl. She is snow white and has appeared in many advertisements including a widely seen print ad for Anderson Windows. Daphne has been with the Hastings since April '08 when she was returned as per her adoption contract when animal control became involved after her owners health deteriorated. Daphne will be enjoying the sunset of her life with the Hastings.



"Trevor"

AHRCO took in 3 year old **Trevor** after his military owner was deployed to Iraq. Trevor was adopted by a family as their first afghan. We are hopeful that he is only the beginning of their life with Afghan Hounds.

8 year old, **Azuki** was originally adopted out by **AHRCO** after being rescued from a shelter as a puppy. She was returned as per her adoption contract after her owners' job left her unable to continue to care for her. Azuki was adopted by a repeat adoptive home and quickly located her bed.

Ellerie from the Auburn rescue remained in foster care

with **Susan Neimans** of California at the beginning of this quarter. I am happy to report that she found a home with a new to Afghan Hounds family in time for the holidays.

Club member, Betty Salmon took in 2 year old **Maya** from a shelter and placed her with a repeat adoptive family in time to enjoy the holidays.

Echo 10 years old and her 3 year old son, **Levi** were seized in Alaska as part of a cruelty case. **Tammy Shinn** picked them up from the shelter and arranged transportation to private rescue group AHRSC.

Club members, Ken and Donna Amos, took in an owner relinquishment on behalf of the Chicago Club. He was returned to his breeder.

Club members, Domenick & Marcia Morelli, took in 5 year old **Sasha** from an owner relinquishment. Her breeder is known but untraceable despite extensive efforts. Sasha fit in so well with the Morelli pack that she is now a permanent member. Congratulations on your new edition.

Juan Vasquez (Alamo Area Afghan Hound Club) from Texas had **Tammy** and her four puppies (**Georgia, Raja, Ashley and Izzy**) in foster care at the beginning of the quarter. Tammy was from the New Mexico rescue and came into rescue pregnant. Juan graciously offered to foster her and whelp her litter. Georgia, Raja, Ashley and Izzy were placed in adoptive homes in time for the holidays.

Angela Barrett from the **AHC of Greater Portland** reports that **Falla** age 5 years, **Akasha** age 5 years, **Prince** age 18 months, **Lola** age 6 months, and **Colby** age 6 months were all picked up together as an owner surrender. Akasha's breeder was known but did not respond to the club's efforts to contact him. The club members worked together and were able to vet these dogs and place everyone in time for the holidays. Lola was adopted by her foster family, Scott & Coby Whitehead. Fostering is one of those special things that when you fail, it's a good thing. Special thanks to **club members, Linda Jo Bugbee, Debbie Petersen, Dianne Kroll and to Oregon Club members, Scott & Coby Whitehead**. I am so impressed with how well the Oregon Club worked together to help these 5. Great Job!

AHROMA Club member, Lisa Bryant (yes, that's me!) fostered adorable "broken puppy," with the assistance from **Potomac Club members, Mark & Ann Nicholson**, who picked her up from her owner and met me on I-95 so I could take her directly to my vet for treatment. Isabel's owner relinquished her at the tender age of 6 months to rescue because it was "cheaper to get a new puppy than

to fix her broken leg.” **Isabel** was 8 weeks old when she was purchased over the internet. Her femur was broken clear through and had been that way for 3 weeks when the owner finally contacted rescue. With financial help from **Potomac AHC, AHROMA and the parent club special needs fund**, Isabel is now “mended puppy” and got a home of her very own for Christmas this year. She runs like the wind without a limp thanks to the amazing skills of Dr. Andrea Niggermier at Old Marple Veterinary Hospital. Here she is creatively photographed in March ‘09 to hide her shaved hind leg. This was her first birthday.



“Isabel”

Club members, Duane and Connie Butherus, continue to foster **Phoenix** from the New Mexico Group. Duane reports that he is making progress under the care of **club member and behavioral specialist, Dr. Ulrike Reinisch**.

Speaking of Saint Ulrike, **Club member, Dr. Ulrike Reinisch**, continues to foster **Charlotte** and **Marie** also from the New Mexico Group. In addition to fostering, she is working with both of them professionally providing 24/7 behavioral treatment. It looks like Marie will be ready for a home of her own soon. **AHALI member, Anna Stromberg**, continues to assist with Charlotte and is an active part of her treatment. **Club member, Kelly Ray**, also assisted by fostering Marie until arrangements could be made to get her to Ulrike for care.

Dolce the last of our four waiting New Mexico fosters also remains in foster care. Here he is enjoying his first days in Long Island after being rescued.

I would like to thank club member, Dr. Ulrike Reinisch, for her commitment to these very special dogs from New Mexico. Ulrike has generously donated her time, medications and even opened her home for one on one treatment for these dogs who are best described as feral. The progress they have made is truly remarkable and the fact that they will eventually have rewarding lives with adoptive families is a testimony to Ulrike’s generosity and professional skills. Thank you, Ulrike! You are a life saver in the truest sense

of the word.

We also had several dogs placed through referrals to breeders by Barb Hastings and myself. Thank you everyone for your dedication and hard work giving these Afghan Hounds a second chance at happiness!

Rescue e-mail:
helpafs@verizon.net

INTERESTING DOG LAWS
Submitted by Marcia Morelli

A local ordinance in Hartford, CT, forbids live animals on the premises of tattoo parlors. An exception is made for guide dogs for the blind. Huh??

It is a violation in Northbrook, IL, for a dog visiting in another person’s home to bark for longer than 15 minutes. Set your timer!



“Dolce”

President's Message

This was the third year the Breeders' Cup was held in Southern California and as always, the show was a huge success thanks to Karen Larsen and her wonderful show committee.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Lancaster, PA this September and I know we are in store for another great National under the guidance of Tony Saia and Floyd Gale.

The 2010 National will be a return to California. Judy Bloom has again volunteered to chair the AHCA National Specialty Show in Sacramento with Janet Riggs assisting. We will be returning to the Red Lion Hotel which has newly renovated rooms and has "leveled" the show ring for us! The dates are October 17th thru the 21st. Mark your calendars!

Abbe Shaw, President

AHCA Schedule of Events

September 13 - 18, 2009

**Afghan Hound Club of America,
Inc. National Specialty
Lancaster, PA**



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