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Letter from the Editor

This is the first issue with our new publication process in place. Due to the time restrictions I faced as both President of AHCA and Publisher of Topknot News, the majority of the work on this and future issues has been assumed by Doris Horton and Perry Rooks. Putting together this magazine is a very time consuming task and the effort put into doing it is significant. I hope you all appreciate the effort of Doris and Perry as well as others who help with ideas, articles, and proofreading. Please let them know how much you appreciate their efforts when you see them at events.

If you missed the opportunity to attend the Breeders' Cup, please read the excellent synopsis by Christine O'Connor and Judge's Critique by Teri Tevlin.

I hope you enjoy the article on the AKC NOHS series. Hard to believe it is over five years old and still going strong.

If you look at the list of Regional Specialties toward the end of the magazine you will see that we continue to have numerous specialties around the country. Please support those shows as they are typically the only opportunity a local club has to make any funds for the next year.

Hope to see you all somewhere this summer but for sure lets say "Hi!" at the National in Greeley this September.

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ATTENTION: AHCA Members

*Please remember to notify Sue Busby
if your address changes,
you hear of a fellow member who is ill or
has crossed over the
Rainbow Bridge.*



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Dear Members of The Afghan Hound Club of America,

This is my first message to you as your new President. Officially I assumed the office on February 1, 2018. It seems like it has been much longer than a few months. Based on how busy this keeps me, I can truly say with authority that we all owe Ken Amos a big

'Thank You' for his service and accomplishments. Please tell him that the next time you see him.

A copy of the revised By-Laws and Constitution have been included with this copy of Topknot News to minimize postage expense. This copy reflects the changes voted on and approved by the membership last fall.

The Board of Directors made a number of changes at our recent meeting in Tucson during the Breeders' Cup. Most notable, a committee chaired by Eddie Kominek presented the Board with a set of changes to the P & P's to incorporate the new Associate Membership. Those recommendations were approved by the Board and appropriate changes have been reflected in the P & P's as well as the membership application. We anticipate having the first reading of potential new Associate Members at the next Board meeting.

We also increased the amount of time required to pass prior to a judge for the National Specialty repeating. It was six years and has been increased to eight.

The Afghan Hound Club of America Charitable Rescue Trust was successfully dissolved. All funds, including those from the Judith Fellton estate were transferred to the newly created Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue a not for profit 501(c)(3). The current BOD of AHCA is also the BOD of the new Rescue organization which effectively transfers control of rescue and its funding back to the Board.

Our new Health Chair, Anna Tyler, brought a proposal to the BOD to change our AKC Canine Health Foundation funding support focus to Chylothorax. We also agreed to cover the cost of submitting blood samples from affected dogs for the study. This is an initiative that was discussed in detail at the last General Membership meeting that is being actively supported by the BOD.

The 2018 Breeders' Cup in Tucson was a great success and thanks are owed to the Tucson Club for hosting this outstanding event as well as to Judge Teri Tevlin.

I am pleased to announce that the 2019 Breeders' Cup will be hosted by the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey in conjunction with the New Jersey Hound Show and the Bucks All Breed Show. It will be in early May of 2019 which is later than normal so plan accordingly.

We do not have a formal proposal for the 2020 National as yet but rumor has it, we will have one soon. Stay Tuned.

Russ Hastings — President

Breeders' Cup **30th Afghan Hound Club of America** **2018 "Puppy Fiesta"** **By Christine O'Connor**



Best in Breeders' Cup: Sura Forever Spring (Bitch)
By: GCHG Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura X GCH Kasban Sura Spring Fling
Breeder: Suzanne J. Neill, Laura Mauldin & Alicia Jones
Owner: Suzanne J. Neill & Alicia Jones

Tucson welcomed forty nine entries representing twenty five litters to the Arizona Sonoran desert for the 30th Breeders' Cup to honor excellence in breeding to the Afghan Hound standard. Exhibits came from as far as Alaska with many northern "Afghan Hound snow birds" catching a few days of needed sunshine and beautiful dogs. Breeders, exhibitors and spectators were welcomed to the Hotel Tucson City Center at a Thursday night wine and cheese party hosted by Breeders' Cup Chair, Lila Wadsworth. Friday morning began with a seminar on the standard given by AKC breeder judges, Anna Tyler and Russ Hastings. The trophy table featured the work of artists Mimi Baker, Pam Patterson, Charlotte Bender and Bob Hassan. Promptly at eleven, Judge Teri Tevlin welcomed the first class of exhibits into the ring being watched by both an appreciative ringside and by live streaming on the Facebook group for the Breeders' Cup. The group is called AHCA Breeders' Cup 2019 Erwinna, PA if

you would like to scroll down and find the videos of this year's judging. The twelve class winners were both a lovely sight and great competition for both spectators and the judge. Best in Breeders' Cup was awarded to Sura Forever Spring who was bred by Suzanne J. Neill, Laura Maudlin, and Alicia Jones and is owned by Suzanne and Alicia. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to the 6-9 puppy dog, Kuhl Breeze Don't Hate the Player Hate the Game, bred by Deb Ridley, Carly Kramer, Kelli Kujawa, and DeMia Davis and is owned by Deb and Kelli. Friday night over seventy attended the taco bar "banquet" where mariachis entertained during happy hour and good food and conversation followed. The night ended with the auction of some locally made Afghan piñatas for the benefit of AHCA rescue. The next two days were busy on Saturday 175 entries were judged which made for a full day, but also a great opportunity for the AHCA sponsored ringside mentoring and hands on examination. Saturday night, the two regional clubs, Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association (SAAHA) and Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix (AHCGP), hosted a pizza party in the hospitality suite which featured AHCGP member, Billie Wilson's margarita bar – a great way for everyone to unwind and catch their breath after a busy day. The weekend ended with AHCGP Sunday specialty which drew over a 100 entries. With 3 specialties having 275 entries the weekend was a wonderful follow-up to a memorable Breeders' Cup! We are grateful for all the support from breeders, exhibitors, spectators, AHCA members, the hardworking members of both regional clubs, and the show secretary for all four events!



Best Opposite Sex Breeders' Cup: Kuhl Breeze Don't Hate The Player Hate The Game
By: GCH Kuhl Breeze Airforce One x Kuhl Breeze Firefly In The Sky
Breeder: Deb Ridley, Carly Kramer, Kelli Kujawa & DeMia Davis
Owner: Kelli Kujawa & Deb Ridley

Judge's Critique

30th Afghan Hound Club of America Breeders' Cup

2018 "Puppy Fiesta"

Teri Tevlin

First and foremost I would like to thank the Afghan Hound Club of America and my fellow breeders for giving me the opportunity to judge the 30th Annual Breeder's Cup. As a relatively new breeder I am most honored to have been chosen for this wonderful event. I also want to thank the show committee for working so hard to put on such a successful show. The show site was wonderful in the midst of the Arizona palm trees and the warm weather was especially appreciated by this northeast girl. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of my judging assignment as well as seeing fellow friends, exhibitors and breeders that I do not always see back on the east coast.

To begin my discussion and critique, I was very happy to see the number of entries that came out to show to me and I took my time to give every dog a thorough exam and chance to showcase themselves. Overall, most of the entries were of good quality and in some classes my choices could have gone with one or the other on the particular day. I was happy to see mostly square outlines, decent body and good toplines. Solid fronts are very important to me and I found that there were many entries with lack of return of upper arm and high placed shoulders. I think these are qualities that are missing in our breed today and hope to see a return in the future. There were only a few shy temperaments, although I was able to examine most of them with little problem. Most of the entry was sound and there was not a bad bite to be found. Head balance and refinement could have been improved in many, with more chiseling, roman noses and smaller almond shape eyes, but I am also a bit of a head hunter, so expression, eye and head balance are important to me. I would have to give the edge to the bitches in this particular entry as my final choice was ultimately between the girls.



Class winners:

6-9 Puppy Dog and Best of Opposite Sex: Kuhl Breeze Don't Hate the Player Hate the Game

This black and tan puppy caught my eye from the minute he entered the ring. He owned the ground he walked on and exuded maturity way beyond his age. He is a well-balanced dog and will just get better with age. It will be fun to watch him grow and hopefully be very successful. He ended up being my choice male for Best of Opposite Sex.

9-12 Puppy Dog: Jorogz Party Boy

A handsome blue brindle with lovely balance, structure and movement but he was making his handler earn her keep. As the class progressed his attitude improved and I was pleased he finally managed to get his tail up so I could see him at his full potential.

12-15 Puppy Dog: Cynergy's Magical Mystery Tour at Blue Hill

Another handsome, masculine male with great presence. This dog had the best set under front in my whole entry with effortless powerful movement. His tail distracted me and could have been carried better. He was in my final line-up and deserved to be there.

15-18 Puppy Dog: Ziv Hii's You Blinkd First

A lovely head and eye to this male. Balanced on the move. He was not giving his "all" to his handler and possibly on another day he would have impressed me more.

18-21 Puppy Dog: Wynsyr Summerwinds Music of the Night

A striking leggy cream male. Beautiful type and light on his feet. He didn't have the set under front I desire, but will possibly fill out with age. I am not sure he showed himself to his potential on this day, but it will be nice to see how he matures.

6-9 Puppy Bitch: Thaon's Fade-to-Black

This was this baby's first time in the ring and she got better and better every time she moved. She also exuded maturity way beyond her age. Long neck, outline and smooth to go over. Beautiful type.

9-12 Puppy Bitch: Jolie Sonneteer

This beautiful barely black and tan girl caught my eye immediately. I was very attracted to her type and the way she moved around the ring. Beautiful eye and head. She was almost my Best in Breeder's Cup winner, but faded a little at the end. She will certainly have a nice future.

12-15 Puppy Bitch/Best in Breeder's Cup: Sura Forever Spring

A beautiful blue brindle girl with lovely outline and body. She was giving her handler a challenge at first but got it together when the time was right. Incredible balanced movement and carriage. She never let down at the end and ended up as my Best in Breeder's Cup winner. I was happy to have awarded her this honor.

Judge's Critique — 2018 “Puppy Fiesta” (Continued)

15-18 Puppy Bitch: Beaujon Trinity Viola Munoz

A lovely type to this bitch. Nice side gait when she got it together. A bit tall for me, but very nice to go over.

18-21 Puppy Bitch: GCH Sura Fabelhaft Candy Crush

A lovely blue brindle bitch, light on her feet with balanced side gait. She never put a foot wrong and beat out her sister on standard size and head detailing. I had her in there at the end and she surely will have a great future.

Thank you for the opportunity to judge our wonderful breed.

Sincerely,

Teri Tevlin — Spice Hill





Congratulations! Robert Jordan



Congratulations Robert Jordan, this year's recipient of the ASFA Gary Forrester award in recognition and appreciation of outstanding service to the sport of lure coursing and the American Sighthound Field Association.
Bob is the Treasurer of the Afghan Hound Club of America.

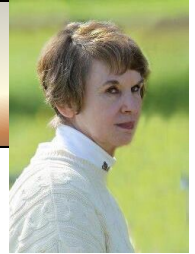
Correction



Photo on page 8 of our last issue showing High in Agility trial at the AHCA National was incorrect. The correct winner is "MACH Popovs Purrfection At Cayblu RE SC MXS MJG RATO" demonstrating her agility skill with her owner Cathy Kirchmeyer.

AKC Delegate Report

Connie Butherus



The AKC Annual Meeting and election of the Board of Directors was held March 13th, 2018 with the Delegate Committee meetings on the 12th. At the March meeting one is always warmly greeted by those candidates running for a Board position perhaps in hopes of winning a favorable vote when the ballots are cast. This follows the email blasts and letters of support one has received in the weeks leading up to the big event. A Delegate's mailbox, actual nor electronic, is never empty during AKC election season.

The Delegate Committees are a major portion of the sessions where items relevant to the representative clubs make up the various agendas. At the end of the business day, the Coordinating Committee meets and the Chairs of the eleven Delegate Committees review their respective sessions. This allows a Delegate to gather a great deal of information to share with their Club as any one Delegate is able to attend only two Committee sessions during the day, AM and PM.

In the Canine Health Committee, the issues related to imported dogs and the diseases they could carry into the US were issues first discussed. There is a bill in congress addressing this. We have been told that many of these imports are to supply shelters.

The Director of the AKC Canine Health Foundation presented information regarding the funding of grants, matching funds from the AKC, oncology research and corporate sponsors. One of the recent grants awarded addresses the use of Cannabis Oil in the treatment of Epilepsy. It was awarded to the Veterinary School in Colorado—a logical choice one might think.

One concern presented was the direct funding of individual researchers by some Parent Clubs. There are risks related to this practice. There may not be Peer Review of the proposal which evaluates the science of the proposal by experts in the specific area. The independent monitoring of the progress, or lack thereof, may not be done. When the funding is through the AKC/CHF both of these important steps are in place to assure the funds are well spent. Caution was advised. In the same vein Parent Clubs collecting DNA for research are advised to store these samples with the OFA/CHIC and not with individual researchers. OFA/CHIC makes the samples available to various researchers whereas individual researchers possess the samples. Adequate and safe storage of the samples must be considered as well.

The AKC Veterinary Outreach program hosted Lunch and Learn sessions in 2017 at 16 of the Veterinary Schools in the US with an additional 9 having been held so far in 2018. The outreach program is also hosting events for undergraduate pre vet. students at NCSU. Eleven Veterinary scholarships were awarded in 2017 and AKC representatives will attend the American Veterinary Medicine Association annual conference.

The AKC Marketplace now has 162 of the Parent Club approved health statement posted along with the breeder referrals. The listing of approved rescue contacts must be submitted by the individual Parent Club. All Parent Clubs are advised to appoint a monitor for their breed site and to report inaccurate information regarding false claims of Parent Club membership, Breeder of Merit and other fraudulent listings. The email to use in reporting is akccontact@akc.org.

A study regarding low entry breeds was reviewed. Currently the AKC has 92 breeds which have been determined to be low entry. The determination was based on dog show entries not individual dogs. The average size of a dog show was found to be 858 entries. 60 of the low entry breeds have less than 50 litters per year. This decreases the gene pool and could subsequently contribute to an increase of health issues due to genetic bottlenecks.

The Parent Club Committee was next on the schedule with legislative matters first on the agenda. Currently the AKC governmental relations area is tracking 1800 bills throughout the US with 1500 of those being at the State level. It was noted that there is a shortage of bomb detection dogs and the problem of fake service/support dogs is becoming an issue.

The AKC Disaster Relief Trailer project has placed 66 trailers in 28 states so far with 6 additional in the pipeline. Three hundred eighty four clubs have contributed \$1.25 million with additional support from AKC Reunite.

One hundred thirty eight Parent Clubs have a breed brochure enclosed with AKC registration papers. These brochures cost the individual Parent Club .03 cents each. Many of them are in need of updating regarding contact information, publications, activities and content.

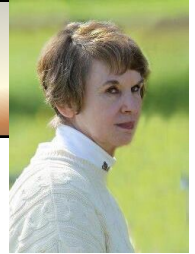
A new subcommittee has been established which will address breed sustainability. The first meeting topics ranged from coefficients of inbreeding, additional titles and levels of registration by color. The latter being a concern brought up by the representative of the Bulldog club.

I am a member of this new group and will keep you informed as we go forward keeping in mind that ours is a breed of preservation and not innovation.

At the Coordinating Committee items of interest included:

The streamlining of AKC election process is being tackled by a Bylaws Committee. Good luck with that one; Performance events being down 1/2 of 1% in 2017; Lure Coursing being down 9% in 2017 with CAT increasing 6%. However FAST CAT was up a whopping 216%; A recent Scent Work event drawing 12,000 entries representing 201 clubs; Dog Show Rules Committee addressing the possibility of permitting undated ribbons, foreign bred dogs in the BBE Class and the use of limited registration; and the flat growth in 2017 in many of the Companion Events eg Rally, Obedience, including the ever popular Agility.

AKC Delegate Report (Continued)



To end the day the candidates running for the Board positions submitted to one final question and answer session. An AKC election would not be complete without this one last opportunity to electioneer. Thus the seven souls running for the 3 four year terms on the AKC Board were front and center to respond to their fellow Delegates. (There was one seat for a one year term which was uncontested.) The questions ranged from combating Animal Rights groups to listing the top 3 priorities faced by the AKC in the next years. No one committed a grievous error nor did any one of the group shine.

In the end I doubt any of the Delegate votes were changed.

Day two began with the election and the first ballots were cast. It required an additional three ballots to get the job done. Elected on the first ballot was Harold Tatro III, aka Red. He represents the Fort Worth KC and gleaned 172 votes of the 319 cast.

Ann Wallin (Atlanta KC) prevailed on the second ballot. The third ballot was a bust with no one having the required number of votes to be elected. On the fourth and final ballot Christopher Sweetwood was elected. (Trap Falls KC of Ct.) The four proposed amendments which will be voted on at the June meeting were read. All of these rule changes address wording/housekeeping items.

There were ten new Delegates approved with 8 attending their first meeting.

The report of the President focused on the accomplishments of the AKC over the years. Recounted were donations to the AKC/CHF, AKC Humane Fund, disaster relief, search and rescue groups, scholarships to Veterinary students and Junior showmanship exhibitors, rescue shelters, domestic abuse shelters, and the Museum of the Dog. He noted that the Museum is being relocated to NYC and is targeted to open in January of 2019.

The promotion of Mark Dunn was announced. He accorded honor to Sydney Good, AKC Field Staff, who is retiring. A note of appreciation was given to Charles Garvin of the AKC Board for his years of service who is going off the Board due to term limits but will remain on the AKC/CHF Board as Chair.

Board member Dominic Carota presented the plans for the relocation Museum of the Dog which will also be the new location of the NYC based AKC offices and Library. The description of what is envisioned was positively inspirational! To turn the concepts into reality two additional officials were introduced. Alan Fawsel will be the Director of Cultural Resources. BTW he is a regular contributor to the PBS program Antiques Roadshow. The Executive Director of Development is Robert Holcomb who comes to this position having a substantial background in fundraising. So- when you receive a letter from Robert Holcomb you had best get out the check book.

The CFO, Joseph Baffuto, reviewed the financial picture which appears to be quite rosy. Income was reported to be up by 10.6% at a healthy \$4.761 M. Registrations continue to increase at a rate of 7%. There were approximately 22,000 AKC events in 2017 yielding revenue of \$11.7M. The requirement that expenses for the AKC Board of Directors be reported always catches attention. In 2017 these expenses totaled \$317,763 for the 12 Directors. (You can do the arithmetic.) Expenses increased by 11.5% and AKC travel costs were \$348,000. The investments increased by 12% and a \$38M reserve was reported.



GARY COOPER, the famous Paramount star, says: "One of the most intelligent animals I've ever had is 'Zora,' this Afghan Hound. She can cake walk and dance on either her front or hind feet. On the other hand, she is very sensitive and at times, while teaching her, a considerable amount of patience was necessary."

In case you have not heard there is now AKC TV. It is an OTT digital channel and is broadcast on the Internet. Content will be uploaded weekly and it is a 24/7 operation. This innovation is hoped to expand the reach of the AKC and promote the message.

The Government Relations department presented a leadership award to Jay and Elin Phinizy for their accomplishments in canine legislation. Jay was a member of the New Hampshire legislature and Elin was a force to be reckoned with in her testimony presentations on canine legislative matters. Well done!

In the open forum Delegates addressed their items of interest and concern. One of the matters was a request for the AKC Gazette to be issued in hard copy again in light of the very positive financial picture. A round of applause ensued. There are many who when pressed on the subject will confess to not bothering to go on line and read the publication. DO YOU? It can be found at AKC.org under publications. Try it—you may like it.

Lastly, a fund raising opportunity exists via Amazon. They will donate 1/2 of one percent of a purchase to the recognized charity of your choice. The AKC/CHF is one of the approved charities. Again, try it—you will like it!

Social Media

Erica Jantos



Both public pages continue to have strong audience counts:

- Afghan Hound Club of America Public Page 2700+ likes
- AHCA National Page 1400+ likes

In comparison:

- Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States: 4700+ likes
- American Whippet Club 2600 likes
- Saluki Club of America 475 likes

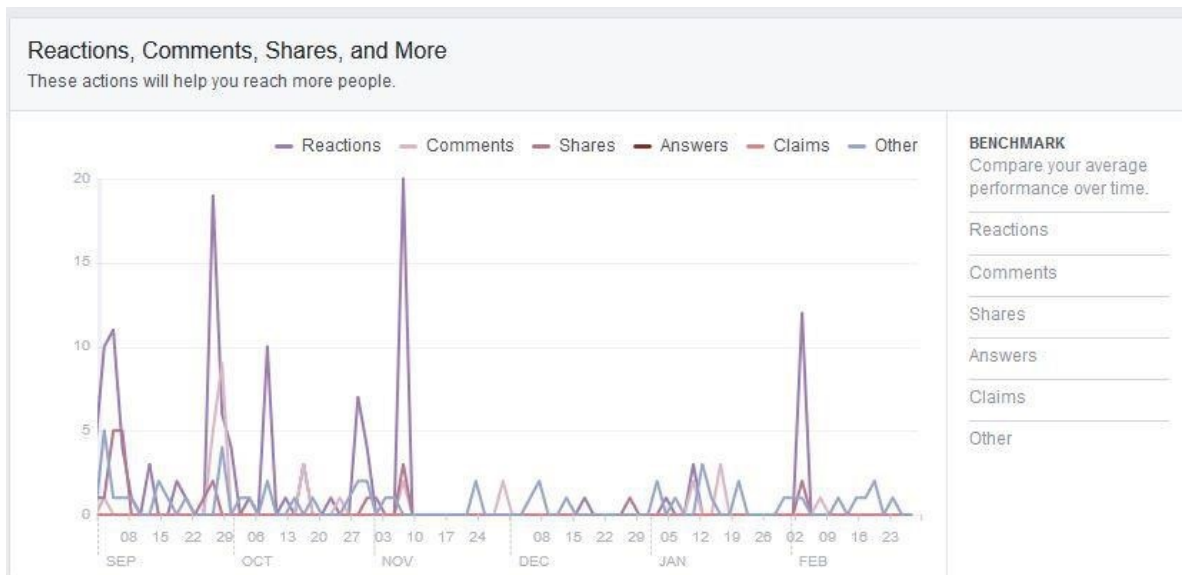
With success comes attention; each page is seeing an increasing number of Spam Posts. To help manage them I have asked and promoted Amy Mero to Admin on each of these Public Sites. The vision is to have Amy take over the Regional Specialty posts since she is acutely aware of their scheduling. I have asked her not to make any posts until this has been approved by the Board.

With the holidays, all the AHCA Social Media pages on Facebook have seen a lull. Reach and interaction was down, especially during December. I feel that the holidays and your Chair being distracted are reasons that attributed to this downturn. Like's and interest are both making steady, albeit small increases.

Reach (how many people READ the post) Sept 1, 2017- February 28, 2018



Likes, comments, shares (actions/reactions to posts) Sept 1, 2017- February 28, 2018



Rescue Report

Martha Powell



As always, Rescue has been very busy since the fall. Our 2018 planners and our 2018 rescue calendars have both been printed, published, and sold. We have a few left over if you forgot to order yours. We are already in the process of getting the calendar ready for 2019. It will be available for sale in Colorado at the national in September. If you have a rescue, please send photos and a bio to Marilyn Danko: lineace@aol.com

The 501c3 application I submitted to the IRS has been approved. Our new rescue name is: Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue.
All future donations should be made out to AHCA Rescue.

This winter Rescue has seemed like Noah's ark. So many of the rescues have come in two by two. One of the pairs was surrendered in Baltimore to the animal shelter. An all breed Rescue, Homeward Tails, was instrumental in getting the Afghans to us. They were in very bad shape. They were emaciated and matted to the skin. Our foster, Eva Van Stratum, has done an amazing job of getting the pair nourished and socialized. They have gained some weight and calmed down, and are ready for their new home. Susan and Solomon are going to their new home in Washington DC.

We have a very sick boy in Omaha Nebraska. His owner passed away and the initial foster was not able to keep him. He has kidney issues and some severe dental problems. We are in the process of getting all of his medical needs attended. Nancy Janousek has stepped up to get Trapper to the various Vet appointments. He will need a very special permanent home, who can make sure he gets the follow up care he will need.

I'm planning to have another online auction on Facebook in the near future to help cover some of the costs we have incurred. It's difficult to do during my busy tax season right now, but it will be done as soon as possible.

I applied for a grant from AKC that was offered in the fall. Those Rescues chosen to receive the grant were picked randomly. Unfortunately, AHCA rescue was not one of those selected.

I am always looking for volunteers to help with transport, fostering, checking references, raising money, etc.,
If you haven't contacted me lately, and would like to help, please send me an email at Affierescue@aol.com, or a private message on my Facebook page.

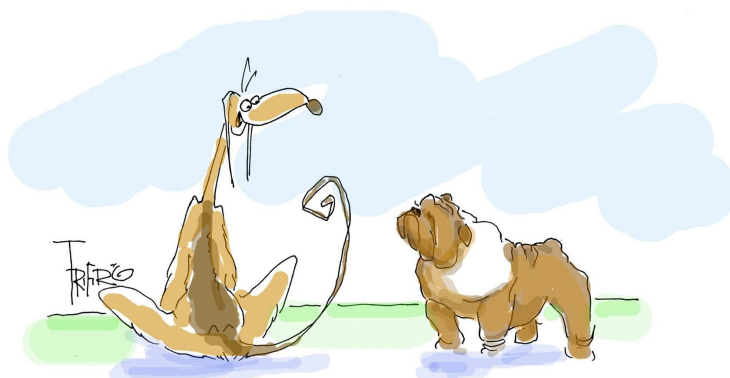
Rescue will have a table at the National in Greeley, Colorado this year. Mary Currie is already planning some great surprises for the Afghans in our Rescue Parade. If you have some items to donate, or you are one of our fantastic artists who produce Afghan Hound art, I would love to hear from you.

Dates To Remember

~ 2019 Breeders' Cup ~
In conjunction with
Central NJ Hound Association,
Northern NJ AHC Specialty
and Bucks/Trenton
All Breed Shows
May 3, 2019



2019 AHCA National Specialty
Virginia Beach, VA
Oct. 27 — 31, 2019



"Rescue" is so demoralizing, I prefer to think
of ourselves as "Free-Range"!

~ Memorial ~

Members who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge and are missed by us all.

James W. Saarinen

Canine Health Report

Anna Tyler



Dr. Diane Brown of AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has given me direction on steps to take for a successful research study into Chylothorax disease.

The first step in the process the Board has taken—that further study into Chylothorax was necessary and warranted. This was voted and agreed upon at the September 2017 Board meeting.

Dr. Brown then reached out to the University of Missouri Researcher, Dr. Gary Johnson, for a letter of intent to prepare a proposal and request a Grant from CHF.

Dr. Gary Johnson said that first he would need a commitment of blood samples or DNA from 5 affected Afghan Hounds with a diagnosis of Chylothorax. That can be dogs in the OFA CHIC data base that later developed CTX, or blood samples can be sent to OFA CHIC of dogs recently diagnosed with the disease. This may take some time, as we have only a couple surviving dogs whose owners are willing to participate in the research. The other dogs have passed on and no DNA was stored for them.

When we get five blood samples of affected dogs, then we can ask Dr. Johnson to prepare a letter of intent with an estimated budget for the AHCA and CHF to review. If this is agreed upon by all parties, then a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is prepared and signed by the AHCA and the CHF to initiate an actual study. Once the MOU is signed, CHF will request a full Grant Proposal including actual budget from the researcher (Dr. Johnson). This grant proposal, once received by CHF, then undergoes a rigorous scientific review by CHF. Once the proposal completes review and is recommended for funding, then the grant is set up with the researcher's institution through CHF. CHF provides all grant administration including oversight into the study, required progress reports and payments per the terms of the grant contract. The financial terms of the payment schedule will be set up in the MOU between the Club and CHF. Results of the study and progress is reported back every 6 months from the Researcher to the CHF; these reports are reviewed and then released to the donor (AHCA).

The CHF already has our AHCA Donor Advised Fund set up and direct donations can be sent there by using the Contribution Form. We currently have in the health account \$590.00. Plus it gains (or loss) through investments and receives direct contributions for participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCP) on an annual basis. For 2017, payable in 2018, the AHCA is scheduled to receive a payment of \$564.29 from the PPCP program.

The Purina Weight Circles (PPCP program) earns us approximately \$1000.00 annually and half goes into the AHCA Donor Advised Fund account and half is sent back to the Parent Club each year. We need to remind people to send the Purina Weight Circles to Helen Stein as they are very valuable. AKC will be putting out an article reminding people of the benefits of Purina Weight Circles, i.e., the PPCP program. Here is a link to the recent article about the value of the PPCP program for canine health research: <http://ebooks.dnsmagazine.us/volume 03/ issue 06/dnmhtml#p=72>.

I would like to ask the Board if the OFA Chic CTX form (this form sends the owner the bar code labels for the blood sample vials) could be listed on the Parent Club Web Site. The owners of affected dogs can print the forms, fill them out, pay the \$20.00 for bar coded labels specific to their dogs and mail them to OFA CHIC. Once they receive their labels, they take this to their vet, have the blood drawn and shipped off to OFA to be banked and stored for future use. When we have blood samples from five CTX affected dogs, then AHCA will ask Dr. Diane Brown to initiate the Letter of Intent from the researcher. When the process for the research is agreed upon then the DNA is sent to Dr. Gary Johnson to begin the CTX research.

I would like to also ask to have the AKC CHF AHCA Donor Advised Fund on the AHCA web site, in Topknot News, and sent out with the Membership Renewal so people can send funds in direct for the CTX research.

May I also suggest that a GoFundMe campaign be started as it is more visible and easier for which people can donate. These funds are controlled by the Treasurer and will be sent directly to the AHCA Donor Advised Fund at the CHF.

To recap:

AHCA agrees that further CTX research is necessary. DONE.

Blood samples or DNA from five CTX affected dogs is stored at OFA CHIC.

Letter of Intent with estimated budget is prepared by Dr. Johnson of University of Missouri Veterinary Hospital and agreed upon by AHCA, CHF and Dr. Johnson.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is prepared and signed by all parties.

Canine Health Report (Continued)

CHF will request a full Grant Proposal including actual budget from the researcher Dr. Johnson. The Grant Proposal once received will undergo a rigorous scientific review by CHF. Once completed in review is recommended for funding, then the grant is set up with the researcher through CHF.

CHF provides all grant administration including oversight into the study with required progress reports and payments per the terms of the grant contract. The financial terms of the payment schedule will be set up in the MOU between the club and CHF.

Results of the study and progress is reported back every 6 months from the Researcher to the CHF and released to the donor (AHCA).

Regional Clubs Amy Mero

The regional clubs are REALLY liking the shorter list of items needed to request and receive approval for specialties. Because of this they are complying very well with the new list. A listing of approved specialties can be found elsewhere in this publication.



Judges Education Harry Bennett

This spring we will be conducting a Judges Education Seminar over the Breeders' Cup weekend in Tucson, AZ. Anna Tyler and Russ Hastings are handling the presentation. Alicia Jones will be reaching out to gather some Afghan Hounds for a hands-on demonstration and also some individuals for ring-side mentoring. I hope you will help if called upon and are available. For details contact Anna Tyler.

We are offering ringside mentoring during the Potomac Specialty in York, PA on the weekend prior to the Breeders' Cup. Otherwise, I have not been contacted by any other Judges organization for a Seminar so I look forward to a great turnout at our National Specialty Seminar in the fall.



Junior Showmanship Alicia Jones

I have been working with Christine O'Connor and Debbie Mertl (Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association and Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix) to add Junior Showmanship (and acquire judges) to the specialties following the Breeder's Cup. All three shows will now offer Juniors



FREE of charge. Kudos to these clubs for going above and beyond to acquire judges, secure ribbons and trophies. I have reached out to a few artists regarding a donation for the Young Sportsman Scholarship. This item will be auctioned off at the National and all proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. Again, I will reach out to a Purina ambassador for donations for the Juniors goodie bags at the National.

Obedience/Rally/ Versatility Lynda Hicks



In 2017, participation in Obedience & Rally resulted in 68 titles for Afghan Hounds.
Obedience – 3; Rally - 25; CGC - 25;
Trick - 15.

Top Obedience Afghan Hound for 2017 was CH Jolie Hyperbole, CD, BN, JC, CGC, owned by Gary Larimer.

Top Rally Afghan Hound for 2017 was Shay, CH Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay, CD RAE AX OAJ CGC, owned by Mikki Razor and Jarnell Carter

The AKC's Rally National Championship will be held on June 29th at Roberts' Centre, Eukanuba Hall, Wilmington, Ohio. Entries will be closing soon, and this year four Afghan Hounds qualified for invitation:

Novice Class:

-Belladora, CD, BN, RN, THD, CGC, TKN

owner Nancy Mahaffey

-Bharasseyduram Ariel At Cayblu, RI

owner Cathy Kirchmeyer

-CH Zavin's Fast Love, RN CGCA CGCU

owners Beth Erisman-Thomas/Steven Cory/Michael Quinn/
Tabitha Thomas

Excellent Class:

-CH Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay, CD RAE AX OAJ CGC, owner
Mikki Razor/Jarnell Carter.

Congratulations to these dedicated owners and hard-working hounds for achieving these honors.

In its efforts to encourage dogs and their owners to try a variety of sports, effective December 1, 2017, AKC launched a new "Achiever Dog" Certification pilot program for dogs that are awarded a placement or earn a qualifying score in three different sports. AKC advises that a listing of dogs earning the Achiever Certificate will soon be on their website. To date, several Afghan Hound owners have reported receiving their certificates. For more information on this program, visit <http://www.akc.org/events/achiever-dog/>. Recipients of the Certificates will be surveyed at the end of the pilot program for input, with the intention of developing a more refined program to recognize versatile dogs.

Another exciting and fun new titling program AKC is offering is Trick Dog. Since June, 2017, 14 Afghan Hounds have earned AKC Trick Dog titles.

AKC Obedience rules are being modified to provide more safety to exhibitors and dogs beginning in May 1, 2018. The group exercises in Novice Obedience (CD) are modified to be on-leash, group exercises are eliminated from other levels, being replaced with individual stay exercises. For full information on the changes, review the 1st insert at <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>

Agility Mikki Razor

The new rules for agility started the first of 2018. The 26" height is no longer allowed. The Pause Table for 24" dogs is now being set at 20" height.

This was a safety issue that fast/large dogs rocked the table at 24" so it was lowered to 20". Tunnels are 24" around and they have an option of 26" around but so far I haven't seen any 26" tunnels in use. The 24" and 24" choice heights are now in effect.

Change in eligibility for Premier Class

June 1, 2018, dogs of any level in agility will be able to run in AKC premier class. Premier Eligibility

The board voted to approve a recommendation to amend Chapter 11, Section 2, of the agility regulations to allow all dogs to be eligible to enter the Agility Premier Classes. Prior to this change, Premier /Classes were limited to dogs eligible to compete at the Master Level.

Chapter 11, Premier Class Section 2. Eligibility, the Premier Class has a single class level. Dogs eligible to enter Novice, Open, Excellent or Master level classes may enter the Premier Class.

General Course and Trial Requirements

Effective May 1, 2018

The judge is allowed to send a diagram showing the positions of all the obstacles no more than 48 hours prior to the date of the trial. The diagram may not show obstacle number, start and/or finish lines or the Send Line on the course. The judge may send an equipment list more than 48 hours ahead if requested by the club. Once obstacles are set no dogs may train or practice on the obstacles.

Chapter 5, Section 5 (removal of #6)

Changes the judging of the table from a Failure (a non-qualifying fault) to a Wrong Course if the dog engages another obstacle then comes back to finish the table count. This makes the judging consistent with all other obstacles on the course and removes the unique judging for the table. This would also potentially allow Novice and Open teams to qualify since it changes this call from non-qualifying to a wrong course which on its own is not a non-qualifying call.

Chapter 5, Section 5

Handler touching any obstacle prior to completion of the course.

This change clarifies that handlers will receive a non-qualifying score if they touch any piece of equipment during a run. It removes the subjectivity of (if) the handler touching any obstacle aided the dog's performance.

Chapter 5, Section 6 (removal of #6) Removal of the 4 paw rule.

By removing this line dogs will be allowed to reattempt all contact obstacles if they initially had 4 feet (or less) on the upside of the contact and come off. Once they have started the descent they may not reattempt if they exit the obstacle prior to touching the down contact.

Purina Parent Club Partnership Program —PPCPP Helen Stein



As reported in May, 2017 the AHCA received a check from Purina (\$488.52) for our club's participation in the PPCPP. The money is to be used by our club in funding education, health research, and/or rescue efforts. In addition, \$488.52 was sent to the Canine Health Foundation to be put into our Donor Advised Fund (think of that as our savings account to be used to fund health research at our discretion).

The funds received are a result of people joining the Purina Pro Club and submitting weight circles from Purina products. A small number of other Afghan Hound fanciers who are not Pro Club members themselves, also submit weight circles by sending them to me and I forward to Purina on behalf of AHCA.

Purina has now changed the rules for PPCPP and is requiring members to submit receipts rather than weight circles. After 7/31/18 weight circles will no longer be accepted for credit. I expect that our income will drop in the future.

Nuggets of Nostalgia



Do you recognize this pair from the past?
(Find answer on page 16)

Meet the Breeds

Anna Stromberg



It's March first—Orlando and New York are now both in the books for the year 2017-2018.

The enormously popular show week in Florida culminates with two days of endless rows of breed booths nestled in between dock diving, agility, obedience and conformation.

Wide open aisles gives plenty of room for spectators and participants. Our newly designed display with generous contributions from the fancy was greatly appreciated to the point where the booth won a Group 2!

I must thank Katheryn and Al Pemberton for her tireless help in setting up, hours and hours of Dog talk over the weekend and the use of their scooter to fly back and forth from benching to the breed booth! We must also thank Linda and Erin McCullough for breaking down with us and helping getting the display safely packed up. They also attended with dogs and the entire family was there to help educate and entice new people both days. More so, Lynn Rymer and daughter Sadie, Colleen Feldman, the Chevaliers, the Hendrix family, the Morellis, Eileen Gerheart, Jim Reynolds, Gary Larimer and his beloved Buckeye and many, many more must be mentioned. The crowd down here in Florida is awesome. It's easy to find volunteers and dogs and we are here showing dogs for a week in the same place which makes that less of a headache.

Furthermore—I know for a fact that three new homes, one rescue, one retired show dog and one new puppy came from this event! Bravo.

Gearing up for New York is always a hardship due to weather and the absolute craziness of the weekend. This year there were no Afghan Hound Specialties preceding Westminster so I was hoping more people would volunteer with their dogs but we ended up with three sweet girls representing Afghan Hounds from 10-5. Sophia Pierce came with me to New York all the way from Marathon in the Florida Keys with her cream girl Genny who proved to be a star at photos and filling that diva position beautifully that Scarlet did so elegantly last year! Diana Kassir, our resident afghanite and Arya came from 93rd Street and spent the day with us taking selfies and talking Afghan Hound tirelessly. Arya is a “veteran” at these events and showing her tricks and complete indifference to mayhem makes her a great Dog to have there. Sonja came with me and, being an 8 month old puppy from the country so to speak, she did amazing and she loved everyone!

The New York event is so intense and packed with narrow aisles, crowds in winter clothing and as stated before—mayhem and you talk nonstop from morning to night and afterwards you feel like you've been run over with a truck! On the other hand it is such a high to be able to talk about our fantastic breed to everyone and anyone. Celebrity sightings were many and they always came to see the Afghan Hounds.

We would love more volunteers for this event. JoAnne Anderson of Afghan Hound Rescue and Westminster Kennel Club spent the whole day with us as usual. She is the best promoter of our breed there will ever be—our liaison on Long Island and the best bloodhound at sniffing out Afghans in shelters there! Set up and take down has to be easy for this event since everything has to fit on a dolly and we are not aware there were any awards for ingenuity or decorations but we did not receive any. We must thank AKC for putting on these events so we can promote purebred dogs in general and Afghan Hounds in particular.

Mentor

Chris Pinkston



The Accidental Mentor—is YOU.

Every time you post on Facebook, discuss a topic, set up at a dog show, the way you load your show truck, show a dog, interact with people around you—YOU are mentoring somebody.

You have no idea how many people are quietly and unobtrusively absorbing what you are doing and either assimilating your techniques or dismissing them or, heaven forbid, being turned off by them. For all of the people who are responding and inputting on your Lively Facebook thread, there are tenfold more reading and lurking and deciding into which category 'they' might fall.

Sometimes the impression you are making isn't pretty. You who are considered experienced and knowledgeable, to the newcomer, you make a pretty hefty impact.

A recent discussion on FB left one newcomer feeling that her dog must be unworthy of being shown since 'people should show only their BEST dogs'. REALLY??? Is that REALLY what each of us started out with? But since this statement came from a Parent Club member on a FB discussion with other breeders of high esteem, perhaps this is the standard to which the newcomer should hold herself?

This particular newcomer to dog shows (but not to Afghan Hounds) has since informed me that she does not now believe she should aspire to AHCA Membership. She also now believes, per that discussion, that since she has no intention of breeding her breedable bitches, that further reduces her in the eyes of the respected and respectable Afghan Hound PC members et al who participated in this very intellectual discussion. She said that she is a mere lover of the breed and devoted to her dogs and was merely enjoying seeing their dogs in the ring, and that IF dog shows should only be about Breeding Dogs, she guesses that leaves her out. This is only one case in point—I can only imagine how many silent lurkers came away feeling the same.

My point is this: we are all Mentoring whether we know it or not. If you want to make an impression on newcomers, congratulations because you are.

We are Mentors when we are formally asked AND more importantly, we are mentoring through our practices and through our words.

The Accidental Mentor is all of us.



FOR SALE—ADS



(approximately 2.5" x 3.75")

Ads are to be for Afghan Hound related items which are for sale or services. **No “Win” ads or other animal ads** will be accepted. Acceptance or rejection of ads is at the sole discretion of the Afghan Hound Club of America BOD.

Cost is \$50/issue or \$125/3 consecutive issues. Ads must be submitted camera ready.

Submit to Editor, Topknot News
hrh3judge@verizon.net

Archives/Library Helen Stein



Congratulations to new and continuing members of the Board, and THANKS to Russ Hastings for accepting the role of President!

I have updated the document "Suggested Reading" and thought that you each should have a copy. If you have any changes or additions, please let me know. Eddie, I will go through the entire reading list that is on the AHCA website and give you my updates by email at a later date.

I created this email account, AHCALibrary@aol.com, to work with the Library/Archives and the Publications committees. You can reach me either at this email or at my regular address BeanieSue@aol.com.

Sorry that I'll miss seeing all of you at the Breeders' Cup (in my hometown of Tucson, so I'm REALLY sorry to miss it!).

AKC Stud Books:

We receive monthly copies of the AKC Stud Book for Afghan Hound entries. 8 people are subscribed to receive copies of this report.

The updated document "Suggested Reading" has been sent by email to all Board members. This reading list is used as an infosheet for public education events, given to prospective judges, and is also inserted into each copy of the AHCA booklet *Introduction to the Afghan Hound*.

A question for the Board: Are we still sending copies of Intro to new members? At one time the Corresponding Secretary sent a copy to all new members. I'm not sure if this is still done. Should I put an announcement in Topknot News?

New materials sent to the Library:

The "crown" of Crown Crest, a small porcelain crown made by Kay Finch, has been in the possession of Betty Stites and will

be on display at the National Specialty along with other items that formerly belonged to Kay.

Several issues of "Our Afghans", that are probably duplicates of what we have, I will give these extra copies to Martha Parks Powell for Rescue fundraising.

Box of slides of unidentified dogs; too many for me to note here, so I have taken them to a professional to have them converted to .jpeg files.

Three very short 8mm films, only a few minutes each, I will have transferred to DVD in the future.

Things That Make Me Smile...

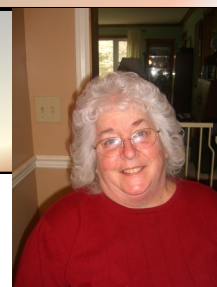


In an effort and with desire to get to know our members better, Topknot News will include this item in each issue of our publication.

This may include things about your dog, grandchildren or in general, 'things that make you smile'!

Please submit 'things that make *you* smile' to dlendeafghans@gmail.com

Awards Report Barb Hastings



I have been in contact with the National Chair, Ann Wennberg, and have notified her that the Bronze pieces from Terry Chacon and Garry Newton have been ordered for this year's National. She has received a listing of the Awards given and that should help her with her trophy presentation. At this time, we have sufficient medallions to cover all other awards for the current year, 2018. Amy Mero has devised a system that lets me know when a Regional Club has been given Parent Club approval and for what awards. This system has been working very well.

Answer to Nuggets of Nostalgia From Page 14



1962 AHCA National Specialty Show
Sheba of Scheherezade (born 9/2/57) was Reserve Winners
Bitch, shown by owner,
Col. Wallace H. Pede'



Topknot News Report

Russ Hastings

The last issue: It was very late in reaching our membership. Part of that was my fault as editor but there was also a failure on the part of the US Postal Service. In the report shown here, the column titled New Pieces represents when each individual mailing envelope was scanned into the USPS System. They are actually mailed in Gainesville but Jacksonville is the Regional Center where they are first scanned. The column titled Delivery Scanned shows when each individual envelope is actually handed to a carrier to be delivered to the recipient — almost a month to get all the envelopes out of Jacksonville. Normally all envelopes are delivered to the final recipient within two weeks. All pieces were delivered. Further explanation as to the cause of this highly unusual circumstance is being pursued.

Cost: There has been some continuing discussion on the cost of TN and if we should just go to an electronic version. Doris Horton who handles printing and distribution uses a printer with whom she has had a long time business relationship. This has benefited our club with great savings over the years with the perk of upgraded materials and discounted services. The costs for the past couple of years are shown below with a comparison to what would have been charged to someone who just walked in off the street. As you can see, the savings are significant; more importantly if you do the math, our cost per copy is approximately \$5.50 plus postage of \$0.68 or a total of \$6.18 per delivered copy. Annual cost is \$18.54 per member. My opinion is that this is a very reasonable cost for the club considering the quality publication the membership is receiving. I feel going to an “Electronic Only” version is a mistake.

Date	New Pieces	Scanned	%	Delivery Scanned	%
1/28/2018	8	8	3%	0	0%
1/30/2018	41	49	16%	0	0%
1/31/2018	16	65	21%	13	4%
2/1/2018	15	80	26%	14	5%
2/2/2018	3	83	27%	3	1%
2/5/2018	1	84	27%	1	0%
2/6/2018	2	86	28%	2	1%
2/7/2018	10	96	31%	8	3%
2/8/2018	27	123	40%	20	7%
2/9/2018	17	140	46%	14	5%
2/10/2018	12	152	50%	11	4%
2/12/2018	27	179	58%	23	7%
2/13/2018	33	212	69%	25	8%
2/14/2018	20	232	76%	15	5%
2/15/2018	21	253	82%	20	7%
2/16/2018	8	261	85%	5	2%
2/17/2018	12	273	89%	10	3%
2/20/2018	22	295	96%	17	6%
2/21/2018	5	300	98%	4	1%
2/22/2018	4	304	99%	4	1%
2/24/2018	2	306	100%	75	24%
	306	306	100%	284	93%

9/25/15	Newsletter Mailing	\$2,192.72	\$3,329.28	-\$1,136.56
7/27/16	Newsletter Mailing	\$1,403.19	\$2,653.14	-\$1,249.95
12/11/16	Newsletter Mailing	\$1,654.49	\$3,531.01	-\$1,876.52
4/23/17	Newsletter Mailing	\$1,579.71	\$2,811.86	-\$1,136.56
8/24/17	Newsletter Mailing	\$1,802.66	\$3,182.67	-\$1,380.01
1/31/18	Newsletter Mailing	\$1,969.44	\$3,350.00	-\$1,380.56

The future: There have been some questions about what is happening with TN now that I have become President of the Afghan Hound Club of America. I have given this some thought and talked it over with my team. We have decided that I will continue as Editor but Doris Horton will assume most of the work involved in producing the publication. In the past I spent considerable time placing the individual Word documents, pictures and content on pages in Microsoft Publisher. This involves resizing pictures, adjusting fonts and numerous other time consuming tasks I call “layout”. Once done with my work, Doris and Perry Rooks take the Microsoft Publisher file that I produce and make it printer ready. This involves a process called snapping all text and images to grid, which I don’t understand, and that often calls for major layout revisions. Once that is all done, a .pdf file is generated and sent to Allan Reznik and Brian Wood to proof read the publication.

They communicate all the errors they find to Doris who then fixes the errors and makes all final adjustments and tweaks to the publication so that it is ready for printing — which is a major effort. The printer takes the final revised file and document files that will be included with the mailing, along with the mailing list which they address verify, and generates proofs for Doris to approve or correct before printing can proceed. The distribution phase continues with her oversight of the insert stuffing and mailing of Topknot News. Starting with the Spring 2018 issue, Doris has volunteered to take over the initial layout work I did as well as continuing with all her other tasks. My role will be supplying her with some of the raw material (articles, content, etc.) needed for the publication. This will greatly reduce the time I need to devote to this task. I am confident that this shift in responsibility will work out well and that Team Topknot will continue to deliver to the membership a quality publication. How lucky can one man be to not only continue writing my Editor’s Message but to also write the President’s Message to our membership!

“Humor Is The Oil of Joy” ~ DLH
Laugh A Lot and Leave a Slippery Trail

NOHS: Five Years Later

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When the AKC announced six years ago they were going to start a separate competition just for owner-handlers, it seemed too good to be true for many who felt they were up against impossible odds. I envisioned it as an extremely prestigious event that would be held at select large shows, perhaps only three or four per region per year. AKC's vision was to offer it at as many shows as possible. While their solution made more sense from the viewpoint of encouraging owner-handlers to enter more shows, it probably has not helped raise the status of owner-handlers overall.

The National Owner Handled Series has undergone many changes since it was initiated. I've competed in it (ended up #2 amongst all breeds one year) so I have a lot of opinions. But I also drew on fellow NOHS competitors—and non-competitors—for their opinions of how NOHS has changed and what still needs to change to make it better.

The last time I wrote such an article, the main complaints received were: 1) competitors didn't like showing under the same judge for NOHS and regular groups. The AKC now says: "A judge cannot be assigned the NOHS Group on the same day they are assigned that same group for the all-breed/limited-breed show." 2) Competitors didn't like having one person judge the entire event, or judges who had no experience in their

group. The AKC now says: "The same judge cannot be used to do all the NOHS Groups at an event" and "A judge must be approved (including permit judges) for at least one breed in the group to judge the AKC NOHS Group, unless they are approved for 1 full group then they may judge any AKC NOHS Group." 3) Competitors didn't like showing in small breed rings instead of large group rings. The AKC now says: "Larger rings must be used for the NOHS Group competition. It is advisable to convert two adjacent rings into one large ring as is often done for the regular groups."

Many exhibitors complained about the eligibility requirements, namely many who had once had a stint as a pro-handler were excluded. That rule was changed so that anyone who had not handled professionally within the last five years could show in NOHS. Some exhibitors feared that was opening the door for some of our more famous ex-handlers now-judges to show, but to my knowledge none has done so and really, why would they?

There remain complaints that some people are accepting payment under the table for handling others' dogs and that even when reported the AKC does nothing. Short of sending undercover agents out in sting operations to hire these wannabe handlers, I'm not sure what the AKC can do. I remain baffled that anyone who aspires to be a professional handler would want to masquerade as an owner-handler. That doesn't seem like a selling point to me. So I am guessing they probably aren't terribly good handlers to start with and probably not worth worrying about.

What's an Assistant?

The current controversy centers around what defines an assistant. According to the AKC rules: "...current assistants to professional handlers in conformation are not eligible to exhibit in this competition. A current assistant is defined as anyone employed by a professional handler on a full-time basis, or assisting a professional handler at the show or any show during the cluster/weekend. " It's that latter phrase that has folks up in arms. And in fact, some exhibitors have reported NOHS competitors who have taken a dog back in for Winners or held a dog ringside or helped groomed or basically done anything to help a professional on the same weekend they've shown in NOHS.

I contacted Bri Tesarz (Manager, Dog Show Rules & Programs) at AKC and asked how any of the following situations might impact NOHS eligibility:

1) Holding a dog ringside for a pro; 2) Walking a dog to or from a pro's set-up and ringside; 3) Taking a pro's dog back in for BOW; 4) Taking a pro's dog in due to a conflict; 5) Setting up with a pro; 6) Traveling with a pro; 7) Helping a pro groom a dog; 8) Being the child of a paid assistant; 9) Being a Junior who is compensated for assisting by receiving meals or travel but no pay.

The reply: "Our sport is built on camaraderie amongst exhibitors. AKC encourages exhibitors to help each other out and the NOHS should not be a deterrent to that function. Doing any one of the items listed in 1-6 at an event would not constitute assisting a professional handler. It is when more than one of the things on that list (or other things) occurs that speculation arises. Each case is unique and any complaint is investigated by AKC. As with other AKC rules, regulations and guidelines, entry restrictions apply equally to household members. So the child of an assistant to a professional handler is not eligible to participate in the NOHS at that event/weekend/cluster. As the FAQs on our website address, accepting reimbursement for expenses does not disqualify a person from the NOHS competition."

I will add, I actually think assistants SHOULD be eligible for NOHS. I know very few who are so famous that they would have an "unfair" advantage, and those are usually far too busy assisting to spend time in the NOHS ring. True, many may have superior handling skills, but so do many owner handlers. I hope. When I see NOHS competitors turn in Juniors showing their own dogs in NOHS because they act as the gopher for a professional or because their parent is helping a pro, I wonder if these owner-handlers are just trying to get rid of any talented competition. And how does that make sense when multi-group judges—who also receive an income from being in the ring—can show in NOHS?

NOHS: Five Years Later

(Continued)

Current NOHS Pros and Cons:

I asked people what they consider some of the current pros and cons of NOHS:

Pros:

- 1) It gives owner-handlers a reason to keep showing. Many said without NOHS they would likely stay home. Many choose their shows based entirely upon NOHS availability and judges, traveling hundreds, even thousands, of miles to shows with NOHS and bypassing local shows without it. The system gives them a chance to achieve rankings and win group awards that would be beyond their reach otherwise.
- 2) It gives exhibitors a chance to hone their handling skills in a setting similar to regular group competition. Many reported they have become much better handlers as a result and when they have shown in regular groups felt much more prepared. While some complained that some owner-handlers are as skilled or well-known as some pros, most agreed they welcomed the challenge to further perfect their skills.
- 3) Getting to know people with other breeds. Because they have a reason to stay for groups, they now have friends with other breeds, even in other groups. Not only does this offer the chance to learn about more breeds, but having friends encourages people to continue participating.
- 4) Also mentioned: It's another attraction to keep spectators and exhibitors at the show./ Increases entries and thus revenue for clubs./ Exposes judges to other unadvertised specials that are equally good if not better than the pros' dogs./ Allows more ring time making the show worth it for newcomers./ Allows owner-handlers to occasionally leave the show with a big rosette and even prize money!

Cons:

- 1) The point system. Dogs receive a fixed number of points for BOB, group placements and BIS or RBIS. A dog gets 5 points for BOB whether it's the only dog present or it wins BOB at the National. For those who accuse the NOHS of catering to people who want a "participation" ribbon, what better way to reinforce this idea? At least one superintendent has listed "NOHS dogs defeated" on its Results page, so it can be done. Yes, there would be some dogs who were pulled from NOHS because they switched handlers at the last minute, so there would be some inaccuracies in the system—especially if exhibitors just entered all their dogs as NOHS eligible to build numbers. It would also make lifelong point comparisons impossible, but these comparisons are already meaningless because every year the number of shows offering NOHS grows. The first full year the series was offered, the #1 dog of all breeds accumulated about 900 points; that doesn't even get you in the Top 50 now.

- 2) Perceived lack of respect from the show-giving clubs, especially those clubs that offer flat ribbons instead of rosettes for all placements—even BIS. As show chair, I've tried to pinch pennies and offered flats for placements beyond first—and been embarrassed as I saw exhibitors getting win photos taken with these measly ribbons. I will never do that again. True, it costs about \$70 per show for NOHS rosettes, but I can assure you that you will make this up from the extra entries for which the series brings. And if your show is known for respecting NOHS, it will draw even more. Exhibitors favored those shows that offered identical trophies for regular and NOHS groups. "We are here for NOHS and we pay the same entry fees." Another said: "If no owner-handler entered your show, your entries would plummet, so acknowledge that we DO have an important place in your show!"

Several people suggested charging NOHS exhibitors an extra \$1 per entry to cover added expenses, but this met with mixed reviews. A few would be willing, but others said they would not show altogether as they only go for NOHS and are already stretched to their budget's limit. They suggested we instead charge the specials with pro-handlers extra as "they were the ones who would be winning all the regular group and BIS awards!"

- 3) Brings out the worst in competitors who either pretend to be eligible or play NOHS police and accuse others they are ineligible.
- 4) The asterisk. Several people reported they found themselves winning fewer regular BOBs once the asterisk was introduced designating their dogs as owner-handled. This view was reinforced by the times the judge would consult the judge's book before pointing to BOB. In fairness, the judge may have just been checking to see who was eligible for NOHS BOB. Many exhibitors asked why the asterisk couldn't just be in the steward's book. The asterisk was probably the single most cited reason for exhibitors quitting showing in NOHS.
- 5) Judging, of course. Even with the "must have one breed in the group" requirement for judges with less than a group, how much does a Borzoi judge understand a Dachshund? From the judges' point of view, NOHS is a great way to earn credits and become acquainted with more breeds. But from the exhibitor's point of view, using NOHS as a practice arena for judges who don't know the breeds, relegates NOHS to the status of a match show. Judges who are already approved for a group often don't want to be "wasted" on an NOHS group, and to be fair, the rule NOHS exhibitors asked for—the one not allowing the same judge to judge NOHS and regular groups on the same day—sort of begged for this to happen as show chairs run out of options. Please note—chairs—you can schedule the same judge for NOHS and regular groups on the same weekend.

- 6) Scheduling. Those who showed only in NOHS preferred NOHS groups scheduled one after another before regular groups start, and this is what AKC now suggests. Those who tended to show in both NOHS and regular groups preferred NOHS to directly follow each regular group. Many stated they often skipped NOHS groups because their dogs did not show as well in regular groups as a results of "spending" their showmanship in NOHS—especially on hot days! I am of the "after regular group" school of thought. I understand everybody wants to get done and leave the show, but if you want to be treated like a professional then stay late for your

NOHS: Five Years Later

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group like a professional. You may learn something while you wait.

7) Judge's attitudes. A few believed judges resented judging NOHS or did not take it seriously. I think that has changed, but I do implore show chairs to realize that you can't just keep adding NOHS groups to a judge's already busy group schedule. Also, be sure to ask the judge if they want to do it. I don't think we still have judges who think it is an adult handling competition, but we did have plenty of those in the beginning. We do, however, still have some that regard it as a match competition, where they should put up the promising puppy or the cute kid. Always ask yourself: If this were the regular group, would this be my winner?

8) Also mentioned: Makes shows run longer. /Showing occasionally for some extra money unfairly labels a person a "pro." /Some influential owner-handlers—especially those with backers, or judges—are as well known as the pros and dominate the rings. /Some people who think it is for newbies and resent the accomplished OH's for competing. /Offering prize money for BIS makes the winners into professionals as they are making money. /Placing in the NOHS group makes it less likely to also place in the regular group. This person said she stopped showing in NOHS and suddenly was back to her usual breed and group placements. /Some judges seem to judge mostly on handling ability. /Scheduling NOHS with regular groups and other groups pup/vet/bred-by, etc. is becoming insane... /Widens the gap between OHs and pros. /Allows judges to give OHs "consolation" prizes and "spread the wealth." /Is an admission by AKC themselves that judges are not judging the dogs! /It's just a way to appease owner-handlers and shut them up.

Several exhibitors suggested that we need to just make separate OH and pro competitions rather than have the OH competition be a subset of the "real" show, as it is done in many field, horse and athletic competitions.

Finally, I asked some of the top lifetime point or former #1 NOHS competitors. Some preferred not to be identified, so I have compiled their replies below:

1) What is the best part of competing in NOHS?

It gives owner-handlers a chance to shine. Also gives them the confidence that they need to compete in the regular groups with the pros. Some of the OHs didn't have a chance to compete in Jr. Showmanship to develop the skills and thick skin that you learn in Juniors.

NOHS provided both my dog and me with the confidence to show at high levels. Professional handlers would see how hard I was trying and provide me with ongoing tips and tricks to succeed. I must also add the comradeship among those in NOHS. We help each other move forward.

Best part of NOHS is our competitors are not the big professional handlers that are in the regular groups. There is not the handler that won BIS at the Garden in the ring with you. Not that they are better than the owner-handlers, but they have more of a selection of dogs to choose from where most of us have only one dog at a time. So it is a time where owners/breeders that handle their own can also shine.

When shows offered cash for BIS, I'd occasionally get to go home with money earned at a dog show! What a novel experience!

2) Worst?

The lack of respect from some of the judges and the pro-handlers. The major issue I have had was a judge doing both BIS and BISOH who said to me if you hadn't shown in BISOH (which I won) you would have gone BIS! But you have to spread the wealth.

The schedule for the OH groups and Regular Groups still needs a lot of work.

My worst experience was when a judge (who did not understand proper examination for my breed) hurt my dog on the table, to the degree that he cried and collapsed on the table. It was months before I could get him behaving back to normal again.

The judge almost ruined my dog's show career.

Worst part is lots of judges do *not* like NOHS—they say it's just amateur people and a waste of their time. Like we are third world class citizens. I think the NOHS has gotten to be very tough groups, where they are competitive in both regular and owner-handled groups.

Showing in NOHS group right before regular group hurts many dogs' performance in regular group—like we owner-handlers need yet *another* handicap!

3) How has it changed for better or worse?

The Better is that more shows are offering OH. The Worst is still the scheduling with the groups.

The constant bullying from other OHs about who is a Professional handler and showing in the NOHS without any proof just because you are a good handler. Good handlers have worked hard to get where they are. Plus having a good show dog does help with that.

Judges need to understand what they are judging. Simply saying you judge a hound may not give you the understanding of a herding breed.

It has improved in the respect that they have to use the same size ring and the judges are picked ahead of time.

It has changed very much as the level of competition is increased. When owner-handler first started, there were maybe 5 or 6 in each group and now almost every breed is there that were shown on that day. It has really grown to be tough competition.

Owner-handlers are not hesitating to show in NOHS group.

The skill level of the owner-handlers has definitely improved!

4) What would you suggest to make it better?

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Better scheduling, Better Scheduling and Better Scheduling!

Better understanding for the judges and stewards on who wins OH Breed if the Breed winner is not OH handled.

NOHS I think is still the step child. But it is made up of the future handlers and dogs of our sport. We simply cannot downgrade NOHS!

Many judges are still not understanding that it is not OK just to say "this one will be Owner-Handler" when there are others eligible just because it's quicker to point at one. I think the rules have gotten better as far as NOHS judges who need to be approved for at least one breed in that group. But until judges that make up the rules committee take it seriously, it will still have problems.

It will lack prestige until judges and show chairs quit treating it like a match.

5) Do you still compete, and why or why not?

I do still compete but not as much as I did in years past. Only because I have been campaigning our dog and sometimes I don't think she has enough gas in the tank to show in both groups or both BIS.

I show my special in regular judging only, no longer in NOHS. He has been very successful and continuing to place him in NOHS, I feel hurts his opportunities within the regular rings. As my puppies grow, I will be introducing them to the NOHS ring when the time is right.

I don't show in it any more basically because it is too difficult to do both with the dogs. They get too tired. I don't feel that people that show in OH get the respect now also.

Yes, I still compete because I like to do the NOHS National Championship and I enjoy the people with whom I compete.

Yes, because I like leaving the show with a nice prize for NOHS BIS once in awhile. Plus our parent club has an award for top NOHS in our breed.

6) How did your dog win in NOHS versus regular judging?

(22) NOHS BIS and (5) regular BIS. One of the BIS's was won the same day as a NOHS BIS.

Both regular and NOHS BIS's:

(23) NOHS BIS and (1) Regular BIS. The BIS was won the same day as a NOHS BIS.

Fortunately, I do quite well in both groups. The owner-handler groups have grown so much that the owner-handlers and their dogs are very competitive in both groups.

(25) NOHS BIS and (1) Regular BIS. The Regular BIS was won the same day we lost NOHS BIS!

7) What about those asterisks?

It doesn't make a difference to me. OH and Breed judging is supposed to be on the basis of the standard.

I do understand that it helps remove confusion, but maybe it should be for the stewards only.

I think judges see the (*) next to their name and do not award the dogs like they should. They hand out the ribbons to the handlers for breed and they think, 'well the OH can just show in the OH group,' especially since most of the judges are ex-handlers. AKC doesn't award groups to breeder judges like they do handlers.

I find that very, very few judges pay attention to the asterisk until they have made selections and they look at that point to make sure who might be eligible as they are ultimately responsible. Most judges do not look at the asterisks.

My win record for regular BOB has declined since they were initiated. I don't know if it is related. But judges used to seem surprised I was eligible for NOHS and they don't anymore.

8) Anything else you'd like to add?

I do like the NOHS, but there are some tweaks that need to be made to make it run smoother. Reversing the owner-handler group order of the regular group would help with the scheduling conflict.

Judges need to be educated about the breeds that they may have in BIS.

I think it is a good program but it needed to be set up differently. I think we need to have a PRO handler competition ONLY and not an OH competition, like in horse shows. Make the pro handlers stay in a separate competition where they are only allowed to show dogs there. That is what should have been done because now it is virtually impossible to successfully special a dog unless you are a PRO handler and go to shows every weekend.

Don't delete NOHS from Sunday shows just because you want to get the show over sooner!

So there you go—NOHS still needs tweaking, and it's too bad there is a need for it, but it's definitely here to stay. Congratulations to all the NOHS ranked dogs!

Caroline Coile has had sighthounds—including an Afghan Hound—since she was 6 years old, and salukis since 1975. She has bred, owned and handled National Specialty BOB, Best in Show, Best in Field and High in Trial salukis. Her saluki "Pepe" won more than 20 NOHS BISs and was ranked the #2 NOHS dog of all breeds in 2015.



2018 National Report

Ann Wennberg

Judges: All judges have signed and returned their contracts, and are listed on the AKC Website, with the exception of the Lure Coursing Judges.

Merchandise: Deb Ridley and Kelly Kujawa have been very busy and active in managing merchandise for the 2018 National. A smaller order was placed in November and merchandise was presented to the Denver Club during our Annual Holiday meeting. We had quite a few sales, and orders were taken for sizes not available. Since then we have placed a huge order with a variety of merchandise that is now available through the AHCA Website. We have converted the logo a little, per Julie Roche's approval, and have some really nice bling pieces, along with grooming aprons, and hats.

Tents:

We are planning on using Triple S Party Rental, with whom Ylla Carson has been working. We have changed the request a couple times, and as of right now, our request is:

3 - 10' x 40' tents for vendors (will cover 12 vendors)

1 - 30' x 45' tent for the ring to be a holding place for dogs ready to enter ring, and to cover the judges/steward/trophy table. Can be used for Board members as well.

1 - 60' x 40' tent Grooming Tent along with 40x60 lights for the grooming tent.

75 - White Chairs

Listed price comes to \$3,927.50, however, this vendor offers a discount, and the last quote the discount was over 1/3 of the listed price. We are requesting a price list for the above, and should receive the quote before the Board Mtg.

Ring: I have a letter into Jack Onofrio requesting price quotes for a 60' x 60' ring, and complete set of Obedience and Rally, up-to-date equipment.

Hotel: The Hotel is approximately five minutes from Island Grove Fairgrounds and is VERY accommodating to most of our requests. This is a brand-new Hotel that opened Sept 2017, we will be the first of 9 Nationals that will be held in this hotel, as of today. Steve Fisher and I visited the Hotel to talk with the Hotel Manager and the Food Manager. Steve has the menu they supplied to review, and set-up with the hotel our banquet meals. Steve and Linda are working on all the Banquet meals and making arrangements and making sure all will flow smoothly. Rooms are beautiful and accommodating. We will have the Hotel hand out Plastic covers for use under dog crates to assist in keeping carpets clean. The plan is to separate the plastic that I had to take home last year after the St Louis National, and roll up with ribbons around them, so the check-in personnel can hand them out.

RV Parking: Island Grove Fairgrounds has been developed for Dog Shows! See Map attached. We will be parking the Afghan Hound RVs at the Bunkhouse, which will be mostly on asphalt. All spaces have electricity, and some have water. AHCA should make \$15 for each space that we sell. Just North of the North Oval, where the Specialty is held, there will be 6 spaces that the Evergreen KC, will hold for Afghan exhibitors. Not sure how to allot those but should be on a first come basis. There's electricity in those spots as well, main difference with these spots is you walk out of your RV to grass.

Trophies: I have received class medallions from Dorma Sue. For all the Winners that can receive a trophy, we are planning on putting the ribbons in shadow boxes, similar to Belton, TX National. Barb Hastings has been in contact with me and has already obtained all the medallions we will need for the National.

Performance Events: Agility will be held on Sunday, Sept 2, as part of Front Range Agility Association of Denver, at the Foothills Sports Arena at Schaefer Athletic Complex. This will be quite a drive, but because it is the first event of the National, exhibitors that want to participate in Agility can get a hotel in Denver, by the Sport Arena, then drive up to Greeley and participate in the National. Lure Coursing will be at the Deko Ranch, about 30 miles from Island Grove Fairgrounds. We do have to rent a Port-a-potty for this location. Obedience and Rally, will both be at the Island Grove Fairgrounds, both in the 4H Building, great advantage for obedience and rally.

ENTRY FEES

First Entry of each dog (except Puppy, Bred By Exhibitor & Non-Regular Classes)	\$32.00
Each Additional Entry of same dog	\$26.00
Puppy classes (6-9 & 9-12 Month)\$23.00	4-6 Beginner Puppy\$20.00
Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veterans)	\$20.00
Bred By Exhibitor Classes	\$23.00
Non-Regular Classes (Stud Dog & Brood Bitch)	\$26.00
Brace (Both Dogs must be entered in a Regular or Non-Regular Class)	\$26.00

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Obedience Classes (First Entry of Dog)	\$32.00
Rally Classes (First Entry of Dog)	\$32.00
Obedience & Rally (Second Entry of Same Dog)	\$26.00
Parade of Veterans	\$12.00
Junior Showmanship (Free as an Additional Class)	FREE
Parade of Rescue	FREE
Triathlon & Liberty Class	FREE

2nd Annual ► AHCA Specialty Club Contest ◀ Which Club is the Most Outrageously Creative?

THE AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA, together with Mimi & Latane Baker, present a creative competition between Specialty Clubs. Judging will take place at the Awards Banquet at the National in Greeley, CO — BOB and BOS will be awarded. Our esteemed President, Russ Hastings, and esteemed Judges — Jay Hafford and JoAnne Buehler — will preside over the Afghan Hound cut outs — and maybe there will be a run off between entries?

Who can decorate their Afghan Hound cut out and win the most OUTRAGEOUSLY CREATIVE SPECIALTY CLUB in show? Send in a sketch of your design (SIZE APPROXIMATELY 16 x 16) and Mimi will draw it and Latane will cut it out. Order your Afghan Hound cut out from Mimi and Latane and decorate them — we have such creative members! Then get them to the National early in the week to be on display for a Silent Auction and for the judging at the Awards Banquet. Once the winners have been announced, the Silent Auction will be closed with the proceeds going to the AHCA — 50% of BOB & BOS will be returned to the winning Clubs.

Let's see which Club will win the Most Creative & Outrageous Specialty Club contest!

NEW IN 2018

EACH CLUB CAN SEND A SKETCH TO MIMI OF THEIR 16 x 16 DESIGN TO BE CUT OUT.
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SKETCH, MIMI WILL PROVIDE A 16 x 16 DESIGN (ONE DESIGN).

Latane uses high quality wood, cuts out the design and sands each before shipping them naked to the Specialty Club that orders them. Place your orders with Mimi Baker at amirla1@verizon.net with a copy to Anna Tyler at lnifreel@charter.net

Cost \$25.00 plus shipping — Mimi Baker's PayPal account: [PayPal.Me/mimibaker](https://www.paypal.com/paytoee/mimibaker)

Or mail a check (remember to include shipping) made out to Mimi Baker at: 8218 Rocky Branch Lane, Henrico, VA 23228

August 1st is the end date to order the cut outs. First come first served — first 25 ordered by August 1, will be shipped.

If you aren't going to the National, contact Anna Tyler for a local Colorado address to ship direct to the National. Or, if possible, have somebody who is coming in bring them for you.

We hope to see you all at the 2018 National and may the most creative Specialty Club win!

BE OUTRAGEOUS!

The journey of life is best traveled with a dog” — Unknown
**“You have enemies? Good. That means you have stood for something,
sometime in your life.” — Winston Churchill**

Spirit of Independence

Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty

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October 26 — 30, 2019

Founders Inn and Spa, Virginia Beach, Virginia

September 2nd, 2018 (First day of National in Greeley)

Hotel Room Block: Open; RV Reservations: Open via National website; 2019 National Update points:

1. AHCA 2019 National Team

Positions graciously filled by AHCA Members:

SHOW CHAIRMAN Erica Jantos

AGILITY Mikki Razor

ANNOUNCER Connie Butherus

ART AUCTION Toni Richmond Linda Shipley

MASQUARADE DINNER Beth Anne Hall

AWARDS CHAIRPERSON Barb Hastings

CHIEF RING STEWARD Erika Peters

CLUB/SHOW SALES Becky Morrisette

DECORATIONS Beth Anne Hall and Erica Jantos

DINNER RESERVATIONS Bob Jordan

EMERGENCY RESPONSE Erica Jantos

GROUNDS AHCA, TAHC, RAHC, CAHC MEMBERS

JUDGES EDUCATION Harry Bennett

JUDGES HOSPITALITY Helen and Bob Stein

JUNIORS SEMINAR Alicia Morrison Jones

LURE COURSING Robert Jordan

OBEDIENCE/RALLY Vicki Fagre-Stroetz

RESCUE RAFFLE Martha Parks Powell

STATISTICIAN (Bathing, RV Reservations, Online orders) Amy Mero

TRIATHLON Vicki Fagre-Stroetz

TROPHY DONATIONS Eddie and Selma Kominek

VENDING Carla Helm

Open Chair/Assignments: (5) Auctioneer, Masquarade Master of Ceremonies, Breed Seminar Chair, Catalog Advertising Chair, Catalog Sales Chair A hidden/secret Facebook group "AHCA2019 Planning" has been created to help facilitate planning. All board members have been added.

2. Marketing

A. Theme: "Spirit of Independence" The 2019 theme is a double entendre with a nod to the Federalist era; speaking to the time of year and the seasonal fun of Halloween as well as the energy and single mindedness of our beloved breed.

B. Location: With its red brick buildings, Federal furnishings, English gardens overlooking a large man-made lake, The Founder's Inn provided a built-in theme. To give the board an opportunity to experience the site, I propose that either the March 2019 or June 2019 AHCA Board meeting to be held at the Founder's Inn and Spa.

C. Trophies: Linda Deutsch has been asked to create an original cut paper Silhouette art for the 2019 National trophy's. Silhouette (profile) portraiture was the popular way to recreate an image of oneself or loved one before the invention and common use of photography in the mid 1800's. During the 1500 -1860's, professional and amateur artists would either paint or cut profiles – using paints or scissors. Instead of people, Linda's art will feature our Afghan Hounds. Linda is a lifelong sight hound breeder owner handler, breeding under the Tal Al Arz Kennel name. She is active member of the Saluki Club of America as well as multiple Northeast hound, all breed and coursing clubs. The 'Bronzes will also be getting the Colonial treatment. Plans are being made to inlay bronze awards into hand-made wooden display boxes. *Projected Trophy expense including award Bronzes, Original and Print art by Linda Deutsch and handmade custom wooden boxes with reinforced*

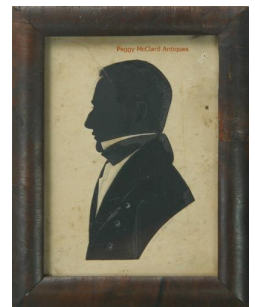
tops: \$4900.00. 2016 Trophy and award expense: \$10,600.00

D. Themed Activities: Planned Theme Events include: Vendor trick-or-treat (AKA, fill your own spectator/exhibitor bag) and Gala awards Masquerade.

E. Logo: Once Ms. Deutsch's Silhouette Art is completed, the pieces will be manipulated by graphic artist Anita Palmer to create a logo for this National. These ladies have worked together in the past. Linda created multiple works including the Original Logo for the Central New Jersey Hound Association. Anita has successfully updated logos for multiple Breed and All Breed clubs including the CNJHA and the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey.

F. Website: As in 2016 and 2017, Plans are being made to create a stand-alone website. This website's main function is relay information, but also to manage donations, sponsorships and logo item sales. Due to its ease of use and accessibility for the fancy NOT attending the National the 2016 website took in over \$12,000 in total sales. We are looking to surpass that number for 2019. We are planning for a one-page informational site with fundamental information (date, location, judges) live by August 7th 2018. Full website will go live during Greeley National.

G. 2019 National Marketing at World Congress Amsterdam: The 2019 Team is requesting permission from the AHCA board to market BOTH the 2018 and 2019 National Events at the 2018 Afghan Hound World Congress in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Marking will consist of Flyers and logo handouts (ie 2019 magnets or similar) directing attendees to the Afghan Hound Club of America site with basic information. Approval has been obtained from the AHWC Chair to place these items in the attendee gift bags. The World



Trophy/Logo Inspiration for cut paper work, circa 1810

Spirit of Independence (Continued)

Congress is to be held on August 7th, 2018, a month before the 2018 National in Greeley Colorado. This request differs from the current guidelines since it would be marketing the 2019 event prior to the current year's National. Given the audience (international Afghan Fanciers that will travel for an event) this is an excellent opportunity for outreach.

3. Fundraising

A. Sponsorship Packages: To simplify things, (and keep Erica's sanity) we plan to offer three tiers of packages, each named after haunted buildings in the Virginia Beach Area.

1. \$50.00 Cavalier Trophy Donation Gift: Catalog

2. \$100.00 Ferry Trophy Donation Gift: Catalog and Set of Note cards of Linda Deutsch silhouette prints

3. \$200.00 Thoroughgood General Fund Donation Gift: Catalog and Signed and numbered print of Signature silhouette work "Spirit of Independence" by Linda Deutsch. Run limited to 30 pieces. While ringside seating will be extremely limited given the indoor location, at this time there are no plans to sell reserved seating sponsorships.

B. Corporate Sponsorship: As in previous years we do plan to reach out to corporate sponsors. The goal is to have the corporate sponsors cover the cost of the attendee bags, supply bathing shampoos and cover the cost of décor at the event.

C. Pre Event Sales: Since the presales of Logo items were SO successful we would like to do a limited run of "I have the Spirit" T-shirts. These shirts are to raise money, but also create awareness and excitement for the event. We are requesting to sell these via the Website the Day after the 2019 Breeders Cup through to September 2019 and will be shipped at the time of purchase. T Shirts WILL NOT HAVE THE OFFICIAL LOGO, but artwork in the same style silhouette style of Afghans Hounds. Copy on the T-Shirt will be simply "I have the Spirit, Virginia Beach October 2019, www.ahcanational.com ". We intend this to be an exclusive presell, a unique piece that will not be offered at the National. If the Art is well received, we may duplicate it in a different format.

4. Supporting Specialties Executed letters of agreement from the three regional clubs Tidewater, Richmond and Carolina have been received by November 25, 2017. These three specialties will be held PRIOR to the start of the National Specialty.

5. Show Secretary Requests for Proposals for Show Secretary Services were sent out on October 14th, 2017 and due on January 15, 2018. This due date has extended to March 31, 2018. At this time, Rau-Dog Shows and MBF have submitted competitive proposals for the 2019 event. Will submit and requesting approval for the 2019 Show Secretary at the Summer Board meeting.

6. Judges As show chair, I would like to officially request that the 2019 National Specialty have only ONE judge for the Dog and Bitch regular classes. I understand it is an honor to be chosen, and that having two judges doubles that honor. It also doubles the cost. This policy was introduced when entries were 200+ plus, today we are coming close

to half that. As a responsible chair I need to be cognizant of the expense. Having one judge will save this event:

- 500.00 judging fee - 450.00 * hotel room fee - 200.00 *meals (*approx. fees based on 2016 expenses) - **\$1150.00 total**

7. Performance Off Site

A. Lure Coursing: Robert Jordan has been in contact with members of the Sight Hound Organization of the Tidewater (SHOT) to use their site in Dendron VA. Site is 80 minutes from the Founder's Inn and Spa. Club traditionally has an All sight hound event the last weekend of October but was open to giving up their day for the AHCA National.

B. Agility: Mikki Razor is in contact with two Agility clubs that traditionally have trials the last weekend of October. It is our hope that the National can partner with a Local Club's Trial. This is what had been done at Purina in 2017 and will be done in Greeley in 2018. We would consider the Afghan Hound Entry at their local event as AHCA Agility National. The closest event is outdoors 90 minutes north of the Founders Inn, farther event is Indoors 3.5 hours south of the Resort. Mikki recommends that we pursue the later.

—Erica Jantos, 2019 Specialty Show Chair



18th century Wooden Box. Inspiration for Bronze award bases.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW BREED JUDGES

By Allan Reznik

Dr. Casey Gonda, DVM, Keswick, Virginia



What was/is your kennel prefix for the Afghan Hounds? Do you use a different kennel name for the Salukis?

“Arcourt” has been our kennel and farm name for Afghan Hounds, Salukis and Arabian horses, respectively.

Did you grow up in a doggy household?

No, we had a small mixed-breed dog and domestic shorthaired cat. I was horse crazy by the time I could talk and wanted to be an equine veterinarian from a very early age. I began showing and training Shetland and Hackney ponies at around 14 years old, then moved on to Arabian horses, Saddlebreds and Warmbloods as an adult.

When did you see your first Afghan Hound?

Around 8 years old, I think. A young bohemian couple who lived behind us had a black-masked red male Afghan. He was impressive in size and coat, with a particularly aristocratic carriage—“Khan” was a very cool dude, not spooky or shy in the least. Very gentle, he would allow me to brush him without complaint until he had had enough, and then would simply get up and walk away!

Was it love at first sight and did you know this was the breed to which you wanted to devote your life?

After meeting my first Afghan as a child, the breed remained front and center in my mind, but at 17 years old and on my own, I started to investigate other breeds. As a horse person, I was drawn to balanced, smooth athletic dogs with good natural carriage and a dynamic way of moving and presenting themselves. Before deciding on the Afghan, I had considered getting a Great Dane or Weimaraner, but that idea was short lived.

Where and when did you get your first Afghan Hound?

I purchased every issue of Dog World magazine and always checked the Afghan section first. One day, I saw an ad for a pet quality, 7 month old, self-masked cream dog offered by Jane Gaines of Esfahan Kennels in Indiana. So, in 1972, I bought my first Afghan Hound, “Bubba Sunshine,” sight unseen for \$150 and made the four-hour trip to pick him up in Indiana. I don’t remember who his sire and dam were—not sure he was ever registered. In retrospect, he was small, a little bitchy and had a terrible front, but he was my introduction to the breed and I loved him.

What are the defining characteristics of the breed for you?

Natural upright head carriage and the arrogance of a haughty aristocrat, with that definitive eastern expression. Relatively long, muscular neck; square proportions, with a well set under front—not over angulated behind, with a good angle to the croup; a characteristically bowed rear, with a properly set “natural” curve/ring tail.

Powerful, yet effortless and balanced movement fore and aft, giving the impression that the dog could change speed, gait and/or direction in an instant. I would stress that correct movement has nothing to do with speed and TRAD, which seem to predominate in the ring today, but instead requires balanced engagement of the joints in each limb and spinal column from the occiput to the tip of the tail.

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

Lack of underjaw in depth and length. Afghans apprehend and kill with their mouths requiring an underjaw that is strong, long and deep with enough width and room for teeth of appropriate size.

Almond shaped eye—properly set within the space formed by zygomatic bone and arch.

Long, laid back shoulder blades properly set-in the thoracic musculature, with elbows tight and well set under. Many shoulder assemblies are sloppy and set too far forward with shoulder blades higher (and upright) than hip bones, causing the loss of the correct topline.

“Naturally” curved or ring tails set properly and bowed rears.

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

So many great dogs in the ‘70s and early ‘80s, it’s impossible to pick one. In those days—the water was deep—very competitive, so each decade had several great dogs—Ch. Coastwind Gazebo, Ch. Khayam’s Apollo, Ch. Shangrila Pharaoh Gandharra, to name a few. For me, “Pepsi,” Ch. Kabik’s The Challenger, was near perfection, and led to the purchase of a beautiful domino “Pepsi” daughter, Ch. Kabik’s Freestyle (who I sold back to Chris when we became too busy with the Arabians to do her justice) and the solid black, Ch. Kabik’s Free Flight, a half-brother to “Pepsi” through his dam, Ch. Kabik’s Mindy.

One of the best bitches I have ever seen, to this day, was Ch. Bakali Cymbeline of Zuvenda. Her movement, size and type were THE whole package...totally feminine, but a power house.

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

Of course, Jane Gaines. When I purchased my first Afghan, I had no interest in showing at that point, but things quickly changed and I subsequently purchased several dogs from her, including the Ch. Akaba’s Royal Flush son, Esfahan Mack the Knife, litter brother to Ch. Esfahan Apache Tear. What followed were many long distance phone discussions and subsequent overnight visits to Jane’s home, where I was immersed in intense discussions on conformation, type and soundness; surrounded by pictures, breed

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magazines and living representatives of Akaba and Mecca bloodlines.

She generously exposed me to other respected breeders of the day, such as Lois Boardman and Fred Alderman. My favorite memory? Watching silently in the background, as the three of them evaluated the latest Afghan litter, each sharing their experiences with the outcomes from previous litters and giving a subjective opinion on what was in front of them—it was very “black and white,” always a small “show” pile and a more generous “pet” pile. These experiences served as the foundation for my education in Afghans, and show dogs in general.

Would you ever withhold awards?

Absolutely. I would be compelled to withhold a first-place award or Winners to any dog who is totally unsound and/or completely lacking in breed type. In the case of an owner-handler new to the breed, one needs to be sensitive and very clear as to why you are withholding, so as not to discourage them. If time allows, offer to discuss the matter after the judging assignment is completed.

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

It is a dog “show.” Dogs should be trained (special consideration with puppies), healthy, and in good condition—not rail thin, too fat or lacking in muscle. Relax, have fun and please, gait your dog at a reasonable speed!

Afghan Patterning

FROM THE AKC BREED COLUMN "AFGHAN HOUND" February 2003 GEORGIE GUTHRIE (1923-2009)

Bravo! Patterned Afghan Hounds are alive and doing well. The Afghan Hound breed standard states that “showing of short hair on the cuffs, on either front or back legs is permissible.” The only fault listed with regard to coat is the lack of a shorthaired saddle in mature dogs. All of this is well and good, but for a long time now almost no one has bothered to try to show sparsely coated or patterned dogs, as it has been very difficult to win with them.

At the time our standard was written, there were many Afghan Hounds that had sparse coats and patterning on the legs and else-where. When Afghan Hounds were first brought out of their native lands to the Western world, their original breeders and owners were more concerned with having a functional hunter than a coat machine, and this was reflected in our standard. Modern breeders have piled on the hair to the point where a heavily coated dog would be encumbered in the field, catching hair on brush, trees, or rocks. We have hung so much hair on our hounds that we now have to thin it out and sculpt it in order to maintain the outline of the hound. Patterning may occur in varying degrees. A hound, generally a male, may be quite heavily coated, including the desired profusion of foot fur, yet be bare on the pasterns, both front and rear. This can only be seen by lifting up the hair. This dog is generally saddled naturally and also has the bare neck patches. Patterning may range from only bare pasterns all the way to the dog with bare patches on its thighs, a very low saddle line, and practically no shoulder cape. This may be more prevalent in bitches due to their after season coat blows. Unfortunately, sparse topknots can go along with extreme patterning.

I had a bitch who took a long time to finish. She could only be shown about every six months because she went so naked after her seasons, but she eventually filled in, except for the bareness on her legs. There was a big object-lesson with this bitch: While a rather plain Afghan, her saving grace was complete sound-ness and lovely movement from any angle. Almost every judge who gave her points remarked on her gait. I learned that if you have a very true-moving animal, the lack of leg coat flying all over really shows off good movement. Conversely, of course, poor movement would stand out also, not being camouflaged by coat.

This year there have been a number of major wins here in the West by dogs that have been quite patterned. I was told recently by a longtime hound judge that she thought it was nice to see a couple of patterned bitches in the ring. The major wins have been made under breeder-judges who are more apt to understand the vagaries of Afghan Hound coat. But, it would be wonderful if more judges in general, would acknowledge patterned dogs. Just routinely putting up the hugely coated animals whose profusion of hair masks the true outline, balance, and qualities of the Afghan Hound may not give you the best hound there.

*Sue Hamlin found this and thought it would be a great gift for younger children or maybe an older one just to have. *Disclaimer: AHCA does not endorse it—we are just passing along the information.*



2017 Competition Statistics

Written by Carol Rivette

Created — March 29, 2018

The Top-Producing Sire - 10 Champion Offspring

GCHB CH Kamy Heir To Poseidon Of Spice Hill

Owner: Kazuyo Miura

Breeder: Teri Tevlin & Kiyoshi Yamagami

The Top-Producing Dam - 5 Champion Offspring

CH Jakar Wise Advice

Owner: Sandra Redding

Breeder: David & Amy Donnell

And

GCH CH Polo's The Geisha Doll

Owner: Joshua Kassner & Derek Eastman &

Lorianne Amadeo

Breeder: Lorianne Amadeo

The Top-Winning Dog in breed competition - 1048

GCHG Agha Djaris Fifth Dimension Of Sura

Owner: Suzanne J & Wm R Neill & Alicia M Jones &

Christine O'Connor & Stefan Boieck

Breeder: Stefan Boick

The Top-Winning Bitch in breed competition - 706

GCHB Pahlavi Marilyn Merlot

Owner: Patrick Truman & Jeff Bracken & Karen Wagner

Breeder: Karen Wagner

The Top-Winning Dog in breed Competition – Owner Handled - 775

GCH CH Bakura Suni Ruadh Rinn CGC

Owner: Toni D King

Breeder: Toni D King & Lynda Hicks

Top Junior Handler – 111

Miranda Dowler

Top Lure Coursing dog AKC- 84 pts

DC Kominek's Celaeno SC LCX

Owner/Breeder: Edward & Selma Kominek

Top Lure Coursing dog ASFA - 68 Hounds Defeated

FC Zen Can't Catch Me! FCh SC

Owner/Breeder: Dr Ellen Klossen

Combined AKC and ASFA Total Points - 125

DC Kominek's Celaeno SC LCX

Breeder/Owner: Edward and Selma Kominek

Top NOTRA Racing Afghan Hound - 3

Inisfree Sirae Duet Titan King's Ranch ORC

Owner: Nathan Wattenhoffer

Breeder: Anna C Tyler & Cynthia Byington & Louise

Paulson & Lorene French

Top LGRA Racing Afghan Hound – 4.00

Chaos El Zagel Wild Abandon RahWynd SGRC2

Owner: Britton, Bruggeman, Sullivan

Highest Point Total in Obedience – 541.5

CH Jolie Hyperbole, CD BN JC CGC

Owner: Gary Larimer

Breeder: Jennifer & Jason Taylor & Sylvia Krupp

Top AKC Rally Afghan - 294

CH Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay CD RAE AX OAJ CGC

Owner: Mikki Razor and Jarnell Carter

Breeder: Jarnell Carter and Gary Wimberley

Miscellaneous Statistics:

2017 New Canine Good Citizen

Kameron Benazir Namaste RN CGC

- Rosario Vera

Dragonfly Ecco's Jardin Noir CGC

- Dolores Mcdermott & Lucia Brown & Philip J Schafmayer & Maria Mcdermott

GCHS CH Sunlit's Queen Of Everything CGC

- Tara M Richardson & Norma Feldman & Pam Winkelmeier

Willowmoor Play With Imagine Dragons CGC

- Elizabeth Bryant & June Matarazzo

CH Countrywind's A Cut Above JC CGC

- Lynda Hartman & Catherine Harker & Chuck Hartman

CH Gabriel's Play Me, I'm Yours CGC

- Ron J. Tigchon & Kristin M. Kozminski

Napier's Through The Grapevine CGC

- Yvette Lopez & Sandra Redding

CH York's Boanne Catch Me If You Can RN JC CGC

- Jeannette York

CH York's Cowboy Take Me Away Boanne CGC

- Jeannette York

Thaon's Stargate CA CGC

-Nicole Comstock & Jay T. Hafford

Barkshires Midnight Magic RN CGC

-William Zimmer

Chandhara's The Summer By Starlight CGC

-Carolyn Smith & Angela Carolyn

Adorah's I Can'T Tell You Why CGC

-Katie Yonts

Obelisk Spellbound At Mountain View CGC

-Lynn Smithson & Wendy Wesley & Donald Smithson

Le Nobel Ur Indigo Heart CGC

-Mr. Lee P Gearhart & Brian Lenobel & Janet N Lenobel & Mrs. A Elizabeth Gearhart

CH Suni Sir Viseur RN SC CGC

-Lynda Hicks & James Hicks

2017 Competition Statistics

(Continued)

Ahava Jumpin Jive O Rafa CGC
-Cathy Smart

Exquisite Benevolent Prince Of Elation CGC
-Cheryl W. Brooks

GCH DC Suni's Delta Dawn MC LCX CGC
-Lynda Hicks & James Hicks

Zoso's Peace And Love Hippie Chick CGC
-Kim Rinelli

Mahali Arriva Apollo's Creed CGCA CGCU
-Jennifer Jensen & Lynne Schanzle

BCAT

CH Jorogz' Ivana BCAT
-Jim Anthony & Marla Lutrick & Bill Lutrick & Sharon Anthony

Companion Dog

GCH CH Mahrani's Wish U Luv At Stormhill
CD BN RN JC CGC
-Mary Offerman & Terri Vanderzee & Sandra Frei & Sandi Nickolls

CH Jolie Hyperbole CD BN JC CGC
-Mr. Gary Larimer

Simoon Hopi Black Mesa Taj Of Twylike CDX

Therapy Dog

Dragonfly Caribbean Ginga BN RN THDA CGCA TKN

Trick Dog

Thaon's Stargate CA CGCA CGCU TKA
- Nicole Comstock & Jay T. Hafford

FC Twyshire Satin Chase CD RA SC CA BCAT CGC TKN
-Nora Mayfield

CH MACH12 PACH2 Stormhill's Red Zinger JC MXS5 MJC5
MXP6 MXPS MJP12 MJPC PAX2 FTC1 MFS2 TQX MFPB
TQXP T2B TKN

-Robin Cohen & Robin Kletke & Sandra Frei

Zoso's Forbidden Dream BN RN SC OAP OJP OFP CGC TKN
-Nicole Comstock

Belladora CD BN RN THD CGC TKN
-Nancy Mahaffey

Cleopatra CD BN RN CGC TKN
-Nancy Mahaffey

CH Dragonfly Ecco's Jardin Noir CGC TKN
-Dolores Mcdermott & Lucia Brown & Philip J Schafmayer & Maria Mcdermott

Kalani I'M Ready For My Close Up CGC TKN
-Ellie Stonequist & Barbara Benson

GCHS DC Bakura Suni Formula One RA MC LCX CGC TKN
-Lynda Hicks & Toni D King & James Hicks

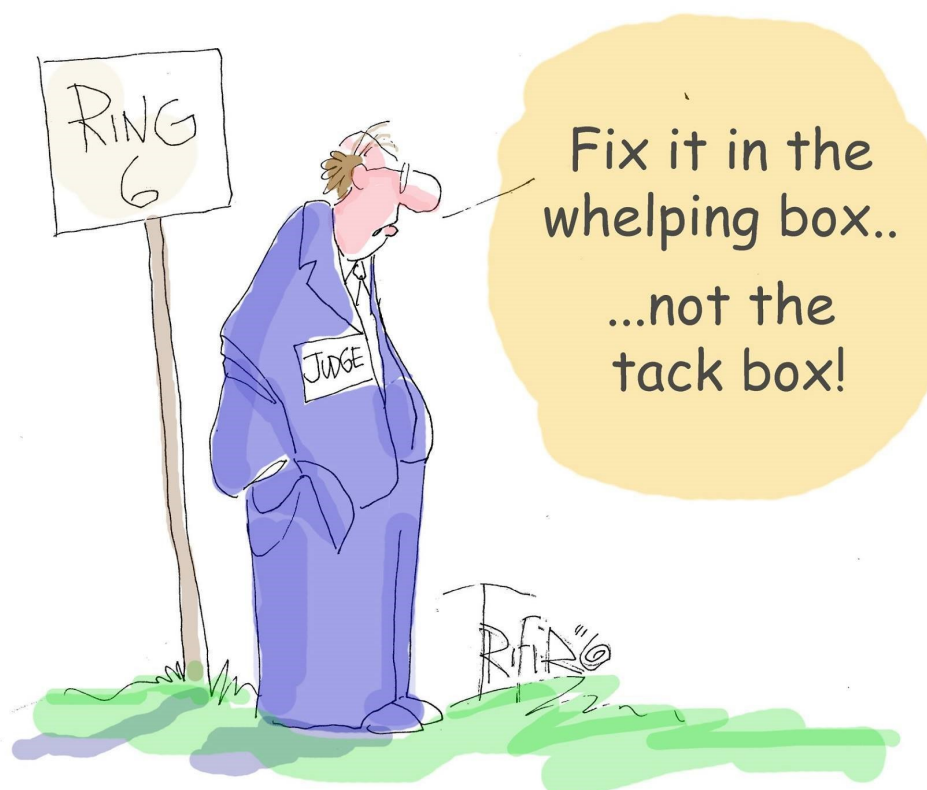
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-Mr. Steven W. Barkmeier & Dr. Maria V Barkmeier

Le Nobel Ur Indigo Heart CGC TKN
-Mr. Lee P Gearhart & Brian Lenobel & Janet N Lenobel & Mrs. A Elizabeth Gearhart

DC Suni Sir Viveur RN SC CGC TKN
-Lynda Hicks & James Hicks

GCH DC Suni's Delta Dawn MC LCX CGC TKN
-Lynda Hicks & James Hicks

GCH CH Suni's One Time Affair V Mazshalna SC CGC TKN
-James Hicks & Vanessa J Bates & Donna M Bates & Lynda Hicks



REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATES

**Note: This information was gathered by TN Editor from multiple sources, and accuracy cannot be guaranteed.*

Afghan Hound Club of St. Louis (Two shows, Two Days) Gray Summit, MO Judge Saturday: Lucy Orlowski Sweeps Saturday: Erin Hall Judge Sunday: Dr. A. Todd Miller Saturday & Sunday - June 2 & 3, 2018	Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Two Shows. One Day) Auburn, WA Judge AM Show: Anna Tyler Sweeps: Darlene Andersen Judge PM Show: Betty Richards Friday - August 3, 2018
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Chicago (Two Shows, One Day) Joliet, IL Judge AM Show: Dr. Jerry Klein Judge PM Show: Lex Robertson Sweeps: Michael Liss Friday - June 8, 2018	Midwest Afghan Hound Club Oberlin, OH Judge: Rick Martin Sweeps: Diana Fife Friday - August 10, 2018
Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club Vallejo, CA Judge: David R. Miller Sweeps: Bunny Kelley Juniors: TBD Saturday - June 9, 2018	Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus Oberlin, OH Judge: James Donahue Sweeps: Sherri Meyer Saturday - August 11, 2018
Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club East Windsor, CT Judge: John Roger Morton Sweeps: Patricia Clark Friday - June 15, 2018	Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio Oberlin, OH Judge: H. Russell Hastings Sweeps: Tracy Leonard Sunday - August 12, 2018
Afghan Hound Association of Long Island (Two Shows, One Day) East Windsor, CT Judge AM Show: Ed Hall Sweeps: Eric Steele Judge PM Show: Robert Godfrey Sweeps: Yancy Russell Saturday - June 16, 2018	Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club (Two Shows, One Day) Lake Elmo, MN AM Judge: Collin Hamilton Sweeps: Joann Jones Vostitsianos PM Judge: Brett Hamilton Friday - August 24, 2018
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland Hillsboro, OR Judge: Charles Bagnell Sweeps: Debra Ferguson-Jones Saturday - June 16, 2018 Colonial Afghan Hound Club East Windsor, CT Judge: Gretchen Bernardi Sweeps: Jarnell Carter Sunday - June 17, 2018	Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty Greeley, CO Judge: Dogs & Intersex - Jay Hafford Judge: Bitches - JoAnn Buehler Sweeps & Triathlon: Kathryn Carr Beginner Puppy (4 - 6 mos.): Cindy Vogel Obedience/Rally: Linda Scanlon Lure Coursing: Michael Hussey & Tom Golcher Agility: TBD Sunday thru Thursday - September 2 - 6, 2018
Tidewater Afghan Hound Club Richmond, VA Judge: James Dalton Sweeps: Marilyn Gilley Friday - June 22, 2018	Afghan Hound Club of Denver Greeley, CO Judge: Heather Lindberg Sweeps: Carol Chapek Friday - September 7, 2018 following AHCA National Specialty
Richmond Afghan Hound Club Richmond, VA Judge: Allan Reznik Saturday - June 23, 2018	Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club Romulus, NY Judge: Robert Stein Sweeps: Ed Giles Saturday - September 29, 2018
Potomac Afghan Hound Club Richmond, VA Judge: James Donahue Sunday - June 24, 2018	Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Club (Two Shows, One Day) Frenchtown, NJ Judge AM Show: Barbara Arndt Sweeps: Hal Perry Judge PM Show: Deirdre Petrie Sunday - October 7, 2018
Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club Monroe, MI Judge: C. Gill Ullom Sweeps: Robert Hofstetter, Jr. Friday - July 6, 2018	Carolina Afghan Hound Club (Three shows, Two Days) Charlotte, NC Judges to be announced Saturday & Sunday - October 20 & 21, 2018

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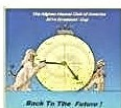
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