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ON THE COVER....

"Rufus and Angus" by **Lois Stanfield** an international award winning photographer/artist. Lois gave some background on this delightful summer duo.

"**Jerry Parr** wanted to give his beloved wife, Sandy, a special present for their 40th Anniversary. He commissioned me to do a painting of their much-loved Afghan Hounds, Rufus and Angus, to give to his wife on their special day. Upon receiving a proof of his commissioned painting he said, "Oh my goodness! This is absolutely beyond belief spectacular! Sandy might think the last 40 years were almost worth it!!" For this painting, Jerry took many photographs of his dogs in his backyard and emailed them to me. I used pieces of a few of them for reference, and after also learning of Sandy's love for a particular blue/purple flower, created this whimsical summery painting of their dogs that captures the joy of being an Afghan Hound, and also includes a touch of flowers that Sandy loves! "

Lois works from ordinary (sometimes challenging) cell phone images as well as professional photographs, transforming them into beautiful paintings with unique, custom backgrounds. She has had Afghan Hounds most of her life, and although she paints all dog breeds as well as horses, her favorite subject will always be the Afghan Hound! Lois paints with digital media, acrylics, and oils on canvas, and is available for commissioned paintings. Please see more of her work at www.loisstanfield.com, "friend" her at <https://www.facebook.com/loiscstanfield>, or contact her at lois@loisstanfield.com, 612-269-0705.

AN EDITORIAL WORD



Happy Summer!

Hope you are enjoying the weather, staying cool and having fun with your puppies and dogs.

It was so nice to meet new friends at the Breeders' Cup in June. Congratulations to all the winners! The full results (thanks to **Dorma Sue Busby**) start on page 32. Truly wonderful event (hot and humid as Hades) but so nice to be out with other fanciers *sans* mask. Thanks to all for making the trip and for making the show spectacular.

I hope you enjoy this issue. **Darla Miller's** Junior Spotlight highlights the future of the breed is in good hands with **Ella Thomas** and thanks to **Erika Peters** for sharing her Junior start on page 28.

The Staff thought it would be a good idea to feature local AHCs throughout the country. In this edition the **NUTMEG AFGHAN HOUND CLUB** takes center stage thanks to submission by **Amy Mero**. Hope to feature YOUR club soon! Please email me the "humble beginnings" of your organization for a possible upcoming article.

Any suggestions, comments and especially articles and photos for consideration are most welcome.

Best wishes and best of luck at the National. Safe travels and "see" you in the Fall.

Virginia Katilus

CORRECTION: In the Spring Issue of *Topknot News*, cover photographer, Josh Faulk's name was misspelled as Faulkner. We apologize for the error. Josh Faulk, Jeffersonville, Georgia
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GCH Suni's Blazin' Saddles at Stardrift



*Sire: GCHG DC Suni Sir Viveur, RE, LCX2, MC, BCAT, TKN, CGC
Dam: CH Deeses Kindred Kalamity at Suni, JC, RA, ACT1, BCAT, TKN, CGC*

#6 Afghan Hound All-Breed

#8 Afghan Hound in Breed Wins thru June

1 RBIS, 3 Group 1st, 4 Group 2nd, 1 Group 3rd, and 2 Group 4th, and
23 Best of Breed wins!

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President's Message



By Helen Stein

Hello everyone!
Under the direction of Chairman **Anna Stromberg**, the AKC Meet the Breeds booth will be staffed by AHCA members and other volunteers to showcase our breed at eight locations around the country. These booths will be at all-breed shows that draw a large number of spectators, and it's a great way to educate the public about the Afghan Hound. She didn't state this in her committee report, but Anna had very little notice that she needed to provide workers and dogs for eight to ten venues, and she did a great job in pulling this together. Please see Anna's committee report for the dates and locations, and if you can work at any of these sites, let Anna know!

A very successful Breeders' Cup was held in June under the Chairmanship of **Amy Mero**. It was successful in terms of number of entries as well as being a financial success. In addition, the regional specialties held on the weekend benefited from the large Breeders Cup entry. Many thanks to all of you who helped make this a great weekend.

Judge **Peter Frost** will be unable to officiate at the National Specialty due to COVID travel restrictions. **Tom Cozzoni** will judge the regular Dog classes, Competitive Veterans, Stud Dogs and the Breeders Class. We are delighted to welcome Tom to this distinguished judging panel!

Lynda Hicks continues to fine tune our set of policies and procedures known as the **P&Ps**.

This document can be found on the AHCA website <https://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org> Select **CLUB** and then **Policies, Procedures and Rules**.

Regional Clubs take note! The AHCA is soliciting bids from regional clubs that are interested in hosting a Breeders Cup event in 2023 and in 2024. Do you want to know what is involved in this? See above to download the P&Ps and then see Document 900 for Breeders Cup operating procedures.

Annual Statistics are compiled by **Carol Rivette** and can be found in that section of the Committee Reports. Congratulations to all of these Afghan Hounds and their breeders and owners who had great accomplishments in 2020 — a challenging year for all!

I look forward to seeing you all in Wilmington, Ohio in October!



A Word of Sympathy

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of the following Members:

- Norm Kattelman
- Floyd Gale
- Lee Ann Mann
- Sandra Newton
- Jody Santarelli

These names will be listed in the 2021 National Catalog.

Cards have been sent to family members.

A number of get well cards have also been sent out to members.

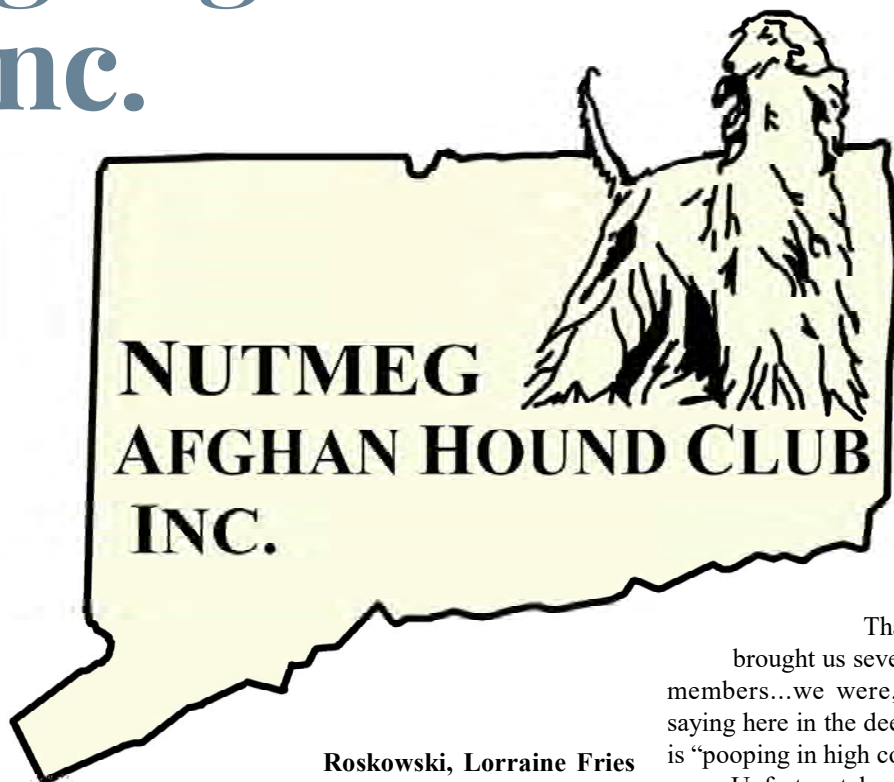
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The Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club's Humble Beginnings

Contributed by Joan Freda
(Sha Rhea Afghan Hounds),
a founding member

S ometime during the late spring or early summer of 1973 a few of us “hooked on Afghans” thought it would be nice to form a specialty Afghan Hound Club in our area. There were none in Massachusetts, none in Rhode island and nothing in Connecticut. We decided to meet at the old firehouse meeting room in Mystic Connecticut. There were probably 10 or 12 people in attendance—hey, ‘good start!!(??) not one of us had a clue on what to do next.

We figured we needed a name, many were thrown out (I hate to even tell you the names that were presented) but I finally threw out the name NUTMEG and it was unanimously agreed NUTMEG it was...so NUTMEG we became...now what? None of had a clue on how to form a club, no experience in parliamentary procedure and our total ring experience could fit on the head of a pin. Someone came up with the idea that we needed officers — good thought. We held an “election.” **Bob** and **Peg Ranck** were elected as co-presidents, **Eileen Gould** was elected recording/corresponding secretary and I was elected treasurer (an easy position since



we had no money in the treasury!) We held our first few meetings in Mystic, but it was so remote that we lost several members. It was about at this point that Bob and Peg voted to disband the club and donate the monies in the treasury to an animal charity.

Well, there were still a few of us that thought the concept of an Afghan Hound specialty club was still a good idea. We didn't want to see it go down the toilet (metaphorically speaking of course) so we got together and decided to hold a “meeting” in my backyard in Kensington, Connecticut. The remaining fact that we still had no clue, not much more ring experience or anything did not enter our befuddled minds. In attendance at that very first true meeting of what was to become NUTMEG AFGHAN CLUB were **Eileen Gould**, **Bob** and **Sheila Artibani**, **Diane**

Roskowski, **Lorraine Fries** and me. Somehow we managed to obtain a dog show catalogue, a letter of ‘NEW CLUB...PLLEEEAASE JOIN’, was sent to everyone in the catalogue who lived within a hundred miles of us. There were a few responses, but those that did were very interested. We were elated. We elected new officers. Lorraine Fries became treasurer, Eileen Gould retained her position as secretary and I was elected president. We were ON A ROLL!!!YAY!PROGRESS!!!! There was no stopping us now.

Our meetings were very encouraging. We were ready! Time to go for our first fun match. We enlisted the expertise of Mr. **Bob Steiner** who came to judge our entry of about 30 afghans. It was wonderful. It was luck. It was a SUCCESS!!! We had hand printed arm bands, homemade ribbon placements and a victory sash that I stitched together on my sewing machine.

That match brought us several new members...we were, as the saying here in the deep south is “pooping in high cotton!”

Unfortunately, it didn't take long for the AKC to bust our bubble. We successfully put on a few fun matches after that and garnered more members. At that point it was time. We wanted to put on a B match and incorporate, however, the Great Oz (AKC) said we did not meet the membership requirements. We had some members who lived in Massachusetts and since NUTMEG was a Connecticut organization it must be limited to only Connecticut residents. At that rate, we'd never be able to incorporate or hold a sanctioned match so some of our Massachusetts members suddenly “moved” to Connecticut. **Sandy Velozo** “adopted” **Margarete Stanski's** address and a few others became Connecticut residents. Come to think of it, I had a couple ‘living’ with me as well. If AKC ever wondered why so many Afghan Hound people decided to live in a commune they

never said anything.

We finally almost met the requirements and tried to explain to the AKC that we were a specialty club from a very small state; not an all breed club where it would have been easier to recruit members. Our wonderfully persuasive corresponding secretary, **Eileen Gould** (and those of you who never knew her know she could talk an Eskimo into giving up his furry under drawers) continued to plague AKC with letters. They finally relented and gave permission for incorporation and allowed us to hold a B match. We had to send them copies of all our meeting minutes, attendance at each meeting, match results, copies of our monthly newsletter, everything, but we never gave up. Every match brought us new members who recognized Nutmeg as a good club with lots of potential.

As with any club, some members fell by the wayside, but more joined so we managed to keep a fairly good balance. Those that hung in were willing to work for the club. There was a feeling of togetherness that I cannot describe. There was a dedication. There was a passion. We did it for our goofy hounds and we made it.

I remained president for several years. Eileen finally gave up her position as secretary (she has since passed away and I miss her dearly). Don and Lorraine Fries became heavily involved in lure coursing. I would be remiss if I forgot to mention that Don was very clever with a wood lathe and made us some extraordinary trophies for our

Nutmeg's First Match



Afghan hounds line up to be judged at the first afghan show held in Killingworth. Judge Richard Steiner ponders as the hounds wait. In the line up, **Sonopha**, a fourth place winner, with owner **Donald Gould of Killingworth**; "**Blue Grass of Bharve**" winner of Best of Breed, owned by a Mystic couple. The third dog is **Joan Freda's Gin-gin**.

Afghan hound show held

Members and guests of the Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club of Connecticut turned the Irons Sheldon Memorial Park into "showgrounds" on August 3 when 26 hounds paraded with their owners. Judge Richard Steiner of Ridgefield carefully scrutinized each dog and passed judgement on puppies, 6 to 9 months to open dogs and bitches. Rosettes and ribbons were awarded in all classes.

"Blue Grass of Bharve," a

blue dog owned by Robert and Margaret Ranzek of Mystic was awarded "Best of Breed" and was presented with Club trophy containing ten silver dollars and an English Victory sash.

The Club is the only Afghan Speciality Club in the state and is dedicated to support, promotion, education and protection of the breed.

This is the first match held in Killingworth and members hope to hold another match in the fall at the park.

The Club welcomes all Afghan owners who may wish to join. Novices or old timers may call 903-1196 for further information.

tired champion many years now, still in coat — not show coat (can't keep up that kind of coat anymore.) She is still beautiful...at least I think so. I also have a Chihuahua, sort of inherited him; my little hock humper. Nice talking to ya'all. Good luck!

Fast forward to 2021, Nutmeg is still thriving with about 40 members from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Alabama. Our signature Westminster weekend Specialty has gone by the wayside after several hard winters and low entries.

In 2010, Nutmeg teamed up with the Colonial Afghan Hound Club and the Afghan Hound Association of Long Island to create a three day June weekend of shows called 'Summer Splash'. We just finished our 11th Summer Splash weekend which was joined by the Afghan Hound Club of America's Breeders' Cup event.

We continue to garner new members and have a strong leadership group.

shows and also made us our first placement markers - Aghans cut from plywood in four different poses that were in use till they finally just fell apart.

So there it is. Our true, extremely humble, sometimes frustrating, more than once

just wanting to say "to hell with it" start! Then we would go out into our kennels and see our Afghans involved in some subversive plot (that any Afghan owner instinctively knows is a NO...NO!!!) It was all worth it. I miss it. I still have one Af left. She is a re-

We'd love to feature your Club! Send an email to editortopknotnews@gmail.com

Louis

RBIS MSBIS GCHS Sunlit's King of Queens



HE WENT ON TO DEFEAT ENTRIES OF OVER 200 AFGHAN HOUNDS WITH HIS SUMMER SPLASH HAT-TRICK. OUR THANKS TO BREEDERS, STEPHEN FISHER AND PATRICK BYRNE AS WELL AS SIGHT-BOUND SPECIALIST JOSEPH BUCHANAN FOR THESE WINS. IN THE ONE YEAR SINCE EARNING HIS CHAMPIONSHIP, LOUIS HAS AMASSED AN AMAZING 13 SPECIALTY BEST IN SHOWS!

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FOLLOWING HIS RAPID ASCENT TO BECOME AMERICA'S #1 AFGHAN HOUND IN THE BREED IN 2020, LOUIS HAS ONCE AGAIN FOUND HIS WAY TO THE TOP. HE GRACED THE LYNDBURST ESTATE IN JUNE AND WAS SELECTED **BEST OF BREED** AT THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB UNDER ESTEEMED BREEDER JUDGE JAN SWAYZE-CURRY.



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AKC DELEGATE REPORT

By Connie Butherus
AKC Delegate for the AHCA

The June AKC Delegates' meetings began on June 1 and concluded on June 8. Again they were held using Zoom. The meetings were not held simultaneously so I was able to attend Canine Health, Parent Clubs, All-Breed Clubs Coordinating Committee, Forum and the actual Delegates' Quarterly Meeting. In addition I have attended the AKC Parent Club Breeders Development Committee Zoom meetings as I am member.

The Canine Health Committee and the Parent Club Committee always have important and relevant information for Parent Clubs and I try to attend both of them when they are not held at the same time. Topics covered in those committees and in the other committees follows below.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) reported that the Parent Club Conference will be held August 13 -15. It will be a virtual not an in person event as in the past. It is open to all comers. Registration information is on the AKC/CHF web site. They are currently monitoring 160 grants totaling \$11.5M in funding having sponsored 1060 grants in the past 25 years. And once again the Foundation received a **** (four star) rating from Charity Navigator and a platinum rank for transparency. Charity Navigator evaluates nonprofit organizations for their financial and procedural practices. Well done AKC/CHF!

The establishment of an

AKC semen bank was discussed at several of the committee meetings. An excellent article addressing this has been published in the Delegates' newsletter. (If an AHCA member would like a reprint of this article please let me know and I will forward it.)

Low entry breeds continue to be a concern .It was reported that this is mainly in Conformation and not so much in Companion and Performance events. Further, many of these breed have been stable in numbers for years we were informed.

Registrations continue to show growth with 80% of

completed via Zoom this year. There have been 14 sessions with our own **Dr. Jerry Kline** as the presenter. \$36,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 15 Veterinary students by the AKC.

There is a subcommittee working on best practice for Junior Showmanship to assist clubs in this important event. The AKC awarded scholarships to 21 juniors this past year.

An updated Specialty Show Site locator is available via the AKC Events Department.

There have been surveys sent to Parent Clubs re-

138%, Earth Dog 111% and Coursing 193%.

The AKC Parent Club Breeders Development Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. The Mission Statement Is "To work with the AKC Parent Clubs and breeders in the development of resources, information and programs that help and encourage the responsible breeding of purebred dogs." We continue to work on several projects including interviews with iconic breeders in several breeds and a survey of Parent Clubs on Breeder Education. There is great support for the proposed AKC semen bank and its importance in breed preservation. Parent Clubs are again reminded to update their breed brochure which is sent out by the AKC with all registrations. Often the contact information regarding Parent Clubs and resources is outdated.

The Delegates' Forum was excellent. **Dr. Erin Perry** of Southern Illinois University discussed Nutrition and Canine Hygiene. She noted the importance of assessing the information on the dog food label. Foods that have been evaluated via a feeding test/trial are superior to those which are assessed and use the term "formulation" — which is merely the recipe. Dogs have a long gastrointestinal track, 4-5 times the length of the dog. Nutrients traverse the track from mouth to colon in 8-10 hours. Stress increases motility, causing diarrhea and thus loss of nutrients. The presentation was outstanding and essential information was offered in a clear and precise manner.

The Delegates' Quarterly Meeting covered the usual business of the AKC. There were 21 new Delegates seated but no new member clubs reported. Both the report

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the registrations from 20% of the recognized breeders (the fancy).There continues however to be the concern that in some breeds two separate gene pools are developing - one in Conformation and the other in Performance.

The AKC legislative department is tracking 2100 bills with 20 States now in legislative session. They have issued 175 legislative alerts.

There have been 94 disaster relief trailers delivered since the inception of this project with six more in the pipeline and fund raising for an additional 12.

The Veterinary Student outreach program has been ac-

cently with a several more in the works. They range in topics from membership to breeder education/ mentoring.

The AKC Club Relations department will inform a breed Parent Club whenever a request from a local group is received wishing to form a local breed club. They report that 55 new clubs were formed last year, 25 clubs dissolved with approximately 1800 AKC club currently existing.

In Companion and Performance events entries are increasing, Stand alone Obedience trials are experiencing increases. In other areas entries are up as well - e.g. Herding

of the Director (**Tom Davies**) and the President (**Dennis Sprung**) noted the impact of COVID on the sport. We are now in the recovery mode with most events now returning. This was especially noted in Companions events. Registrations continue to increase with an 18% increase in litters registered and 25% in individual dogs registered these numbers being the best in the past 15 years. The dedication of breeders was credited with preservation of the low entry breeds. The increase of virtual events has brought new people to the sport.

The CFO, **Ted Phillips** also noted positive aspects in the financial report again citing the registration numbers - that being the core business of the AKC representing 48% of the total revenue. There have been 82,026 litters and 226,658 dogs register so far this year. However in contrast there has been a 22% decline in events and a 39% decline in entries due to the COVID pandemic. As previously noted events are now returning. The bottom line being \$163.M in total assets. The country may have COVID but the AKC is healthy.

Doug Ljungren, COO, announced the Lifetime Achievement award for 2021. In conformation **Peter Green** being the recipient with **Betty Winthers** in Companion and **Jim Basham** in Performance.

The next meeting will be September 14 and it must be an in person gathering. The waiver regarding meetings of not for profit organizations in New York State will have expired. Thus no more Zoom - unless the COVID determines otherwise!

-Respectfully submitted

AKC GAZETTE COLUMN REPORT

By: Harry Bennett
Judges' Education
Coordinator, AHCA

One Afghan Hound, Three Standards

I am proud to uphold the AKC breed standard for the Afghan

hear the words come out of my mouth that this breed standard was only in place 22 years when I acquired my first Afghan Hound. The standard was written by members of the Afghan Hound Club of America in 1948 and approved by the AKC in that same year.

When I was in my teens, I had the opportunity to meet a founding member of our parent club who was also a co-

the British. Of course Americans knew where Afghan Hounds came from, but for us England was their country of origin.

With respect of the first breed standard already in place in England, American fanciers brought a bit more flair, maybe even a Hollywood influence and an abundance of whole sentences to their writing to come up with a Standard all their own. A most notable example being "Eyes gazing into the distance as if in memory of ages past." How great is that!

However story like, the AKC standard loses no directness, but rather emphasizes uniqueness, exoticness, grace, athleticism, strength, and soundness.

Our standard was written with great foresight; it prefers a level mouth, which is difficult to breed, but still permits the scissors bite, stating it is more punishing. (I am not sure what the science is behind that claim, and I'm certainly glad that I'm not the subject of that experiment, but it does sound good and is easily remembered.)

The standard describes a square dog. The named proportion of any breed is the framework of breed type. This is so important in many breeds where a difference in leg length or body length may influence resemblance to another breed.

That of course is not the case with the Afghan Hound, but it does keep things in check. The standard describes the temperament as if preparing this primitive breed for melding into society. The standard describes the allowance of all colors and goes beyond by stating that mismarks are undesirable. This would prevent our being blindsided by fad color breeding.



Photo by Mladen Šćekić on Unsplash

Hound. It has sufficed unchanged, maintaining the breed on this continent nearly 70 years. In effect it has had bearing on the Afghan Hound throughout the world.

With more than 20 years' involvement in judges' education, I can say that students learning to become judges of the Afghan Hound agree that our breed standard is of a comprehensive nature and that it is well written.

It almost scares me to

author of the official breed standard. She was **Dr. Gertrude Kinsey**.

At that point in her life, Dr. Kinsey only had a cat. At that point in my life I couldn't possibly know the right questions to ask her, so I just enjoyed listening to stories of her experience with Afghan Hounds ... and how much she loved her cat.

Okay, I'm back. So, we have more than *Downton Abbey* to be ever grateful for to

Worldwide we have three breed standards for the Afghan Hound. Canada follows the AKC standard. I actually see only two standards, as the FCI standard follows the English standard very closely. Both have had updates, or what we call revisions. I find the presentation of the FCI standard to be rather clinical. Having said that, it might be fair to say that the Americans thought they were in the kitchen writing a cookbook when they put our standard on paper.

The differences among these standards aren't enough to prevent any good Afghan Hound from being shown throughout the world.

Those differences are: English and FCI state "skull not too narrow." Oh, but how we Americans *love* our lean back skulls! The English and FCI Standards mention nothing about mismarks. Interestingly, these two standards allow a golden-colored eye. We Americans would not easily accept that. However, it is understandable that a light eye is very indicative of predatory animals. Both English and FCI standards have made the update to prefer the scissors bite, and tolerate the level mouth.

It is also interesting that none of the standards address the teeth beyond the bite. Written in an age of innocence, it wasn't thought that it needed explaining that hunting dogs should have teeth. Left up to good breeders, this omission has not had any bad effect historically on the Afghan Hound.

Afghan Hound movement has attracted all of us to the breed. We can say too much about it. We can say too little about it. Words almost detract from the true image. Beautiful Afghan Hound movement is like dance. It

must be seen to be appreciated and understood. One has to see it to know it, *or* feel it at the end of a lead, It is physically and emotionally moving. That is something that can't easily be put into words, yet we all agree on it! (As presented at the 2016 Afghan Hound World Congress by Harry Bennett)

ASFA DELEGATE REPORT

By Bob Jordan
No report

AWARDS REPORT

By James Donahue

It seems like things are returning to normal more and more as the past few months have seen me quite busy packing up medallions to send to the regional clubs for their specialty shows! In addition to the regular silver medallions that the AHCA offers for Best of Winners, I have been happy to see two different hound clubs offer the bronze medallions for Best of Breed at their group shows. Another fun thing to note is that the AHC of California once again offered their famed Parade of Rescue, and 16 rescue dogs were presented with the white enamel AHCA medallions.

I would like to thank **Lynda Hicks** for diligently working on updating and clarifying the P & P's. There were several issues relating to awards which needed to be tightened up or explained more clearly. I know this is no small task but it will make my job, and that of future awards chairs more streamlined.

This week I will be

packing up the 15 **Terry Chacon** bronze medallions that are needed for the national specialty and delivering them to **Dave Cooley**, who will get them to **Sue Busby** in June. She and **Becky Morissette** plan to mount them in shadow boxes ahead of the national.

On final note. **Tony Saia** is preparing to move and he has sent me a box of AHCA medallions that have been won by the Beachbrook Afghans over the many years that he and **Floyd Gale** were involved in the breed. Tony is generously donating these medallions back to the AHCA. The total includes 17 of the silver-plated medallions and one bronze medallion. There are two more (one in silver and one in bronze) that have years engraved on the back. I am going to see if my local trophy shop can buff out the engraving for a nominal fee, which should be less than the cost of a new medallion. I will ensure that any of these medallions are polished up and in like-new condition before offering them as awards, but they are in great shape, and Tony's generosity will surely save the club on the purchase price of new medallions.

BREED & PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT

By Anna Stromberg

Please be aware that we have accepted "Meet the Breeds" in eight locations:

- ◆ August 14-15
San Diego, CA
- ◆ August 21-22
Dallas, TX
- ◆ September 18-19
Tampa, FL

- ◆ September 25-26
Oaks, PA
- ◆ October 16-17
Chicago, IL
- ◆ October 23-24
Minneapolis, MN
- ◆ November 13-14
Columbus, OH
- ◆ November 20-21
NOLA

We will need volunteers and dogs to sign up ASAP. More information will be coming from AKC to the Committee and delegated to the different volunteers.

AKC takes care of the backdrop so it has become very little work for us!

If anyone has any questions please contact myself or **Helen Stein**.

BREEDERS' CUP 2022

By Christine O'Connor
Co-Show Chair

Chair: **Lila Wadsworth**
Co-Chair: **Christine O'Connor**
Individual Assignments:
Decorations: **TBD**
Events Coordinator: **Christine O'Connor**
Finance: **Michael Albers**
Hospitality: **TBD**
Hotel & Logistics: **Charlotte Bender/Deanne Reiser** with assistance from **Christine** and **Chris Leighton**

Dates: Current dates confirmed with the AHCA Regional Coordinator. The AKC calendar week 12 avoids conflicts with existing specialty weekends. In 2022 this would be the weekend of March 26-27. If we were to duplicate the schedule we had in 2018, the Breeders' Cup would be Friday, March 25,

AHCA Regions for National Specialty and Breeders' Cup Rotation



West - 8 Clubs

Evergreen AHC, WA
 AHC of Greater Portland, OR
 Northern California AHC, CA
 Monterey Bay AHC, CA
 AHC California, CA
 Southern Arizona AHC, AZ
 AHC of Greater Phoenix, AZ
 AHC of Greater Denver, CO

Midwest - 12 Clubs

AHC of Omaha, NE
 AHC of Austin, TX
 AHC of Dallas, TX
 AHC of Greater Houston, TX
 Greater Twin Cities AHC, MN
 AHC of Greater Chicago, IL
 AHC of St. Louis, MO
 AHC of Detroit, MI
 AHC of Greater Columbus, OH
 AHC of Southwestern Ohio
 Midwest AHC, OH
 Heartland AHC of Greater Kansas City

East - 13 Clubs

Carolina AHC, NC
 Nutmeg AHC, CT
 Colonial AHC, MA
 AHC of Northern NJ
 AHC of Long Island, NY
 Finger Lakes AHC, NY
 Lehigh Valley AHA
 Tidewater AHC, PA
 Richmond AHC, VA
 Tara AHC, VA
 Suncoast AHC, FL
 Sun 'N Sea AHC, FL
 Potomac AHC, VA

with specialties following on Saturday and Sunday. Based on a recent visit to La Paloma I also asked **Amy Mero** for possible available dates in May. Seems like there are usually specialties in the beginning and end of the month so I have asked about the corresponding AKC calendar dates in the middle of the month.

Hotel: Unfortunately, we just learned that the Hotel Tucson (site of the successful 2018 Breeder's Cup) was sold to the Choice Hotel

corporation and we were informed that a corporate decision has been made not to rent any of the rooms in the two story buildings in the back of the property where most of our rooms were and almost all the dogs. They have limited the entrances and exits to their tower to two which means they did not want a large number of good sized dogs in those rooms. The people at the hotel are just following corporate instructions. Tucson's downtown has been revitalized and

it is our suspicion that the back of the property may be redeveloped and they don't want any contracts a year out.

We had viewed that site as a fallback position. Since the March meeting, Charlotte and Deanne have been busy checking out locations using Google maps to determine hotels with open space worth investigating and then visiting the ones that seemed suitable. The Doubletree located on Alvernon Way east of Reid Park appeared to have excel-

lent space, but Christine and Charlotte recently visited and there is not sufficient space for ring, tents, and vendors.

La Posada on Oracle Road was visited by Deanne, Bob and Charlotte who liked the space and want to follow up. At last week's meeting, Christine expressed concerns about the available parking. She has visited the restaurant on weekends in the past and the lot was overflowing with not much optional parking in the nearby area. Since the

meeting, Christine visited the site. While the first floor rooms with both front and back entrances were ideal, Christine does not believe there is adequate space for a ring, tents and vendors, unless she missed grass areas other than between the two buildings, in back of the eastern building and the area with the guest suite or casita at the south end. Parking definitely looks inadequate with motor homes and large vans needing extra space.

Charlotte and Christine did receive a follow-up proposal from La Paloma. Unfortunately, the cost of food is prohibitive. For instance, dinners could be provided at a price of over \$60 a person. The pavilion itself looked like it might price out at close to our grounds cost last time, but only negotiation would insure it included everything we would need (we were told during our walk through tables and chairs were included). Clearly the hotel hopes to turn a profit on the food and, as we all know, our exhibitors are not interested in this price point. We may try to negotiate the rooms and pavilion without too much food.

Debby Mertl has gone to the Windemere (the hotel for the two Phoenix breeders cups). Unfortunately, the hotel has not yet had enough business to have an events/sales coordinator yet. She will check back at the end of May beginning of June to see if they have ramped up by then.

When Christine was following up with Marilyn about Phoenix's show secretary, Marilyn brought up the San Marcos Golf Course in Chandler. Apparently, it has been used by at least one dog club. Deanne is checking it out. In fact, Charlotte and Deanne are looking at golf courses, hotels,

and horse facilities in both cities and as far south as Tubac. When Christine returns in late June the three will look at the possibilities that offer the most.

Bathing: We still need to check out local self-grooming businesses. Christine did stop by the one near Trader's Joe's on Oracle and they were willing to work with us.

RV Parking: Just a reminder we need to make sure that there is some accommodation for this. (We had several in the parking lot last time).

Rings: We will seek to borrow TKC's equipment again as we did in 2018. We will have to come up with an indoor solution if we decide on a May event.

Tents: If the ring is outside, we will need all local tents.

Christine will again serve as trophy chair as we will need to solicit trophies nationally. We have submitted a logo idea and had some positive feedback especially about the idea of having contests around the logo. Charlotte has taken Christine's sketch to refine.

Trophies: Christine open to suggestions at this point.

Event Promotion: After this year's Breeders' Cup, we will need to begin to promote the 2022 event. Dates and a schedule should be firmed up by then. We will need to do what we did in 2018 which was to use the Facebook event page to remind Afghan Hound fanciers of the events. As Chris will remember, every time we promoted the dinner we got reservation bumps. It helped with trophy donations as well.

Logo: Charlotte hopes to give Christine a draft design for AHCA board in June

Facebook page: Chris-

tine will be responsible

Finance & Reporting:

Christine and Helen had a conversation about using this report for the monthly report (a new AHCA requirement since 2019) and discussed the need for journal entries and monthly budget reconciliation.

Show Secretary: Sue

Busby: provides the premium list, catalogue, and program; takes entries; supplies ribbons; oversees judge selection; and reports results. She also supplies a special memorial trophy for Best in Breeders' Cup. What we all need to remember is the premium list is put out six months in advance of the event. (We will need at the very latest have our event schedule by mid-August (the BC premium must be out by late September and available at the National).

SAAHA Specialty(ies)

Chair: Chris Leighton

As we discussed at our meeting, AKC changes allowing for two days of independent specialties and additional designated specialties, allowing us two days this weekend if we want while maintaining our fall designation. We can have up to four specialties (let's not get crazy) and we can go both first and last to make it easier for our sister club(s) who may join us. We need to be thinking about that.

Trophies: We have one set of trophies for this event already. We would need to acquire additional trophies. Christine is open to suggestions.

Judges: Thank you everyone for stepping to the plate and coming up with names. Christine will continue to research and organize. This is tabled until we know how many judges we need and the dates and locations are confirmed.

Phoenix Specialty(ies)

Christine talked to **Marilyn Domhoff** (current AHCGP president) at their specialty weekend. Phoenix wants to wait to decide on the number of specialties until a location is selected. They still plan on a specialty weekend in January/February with the Heart of the Desert Classic weekend. Christine and Marilyn discussed the show secretary, www.DogZbit.com. After discussing some of the details, this was a viable option for the specialties next year.

Just a reminder, just like last time, SAAHA members must take ownership of the WHOLE weekend – it is our Breeders' Cup as well as AHCA and the Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix.

California Specialty(ies)

The Afghan Hound Club of California is appreciative of the opportunity, but the members have decided not to hold a specialty in conjunction with this Breeders' Cup citing the closeness of the dates to their annual specialties and the limited number of members currently putting on shows.

CANINE HEALTH REPORT

By Anna Tyler

The balance in the AHCA Canine Health Foundation's Donor Advised Fund – (DAF account) as of March 31, 2021 is \$4,546.38.

The AHCA Canine Health 501(3)© checking account is as of the last BOD meeting - \$8,035.02

The AKC / CHF Parent Club Canine Health Conference is scheduled in August and I look forward to attend-

ing again this year. The lectures are on dermatology, immunology, canine cancer, neurology, epilepsy, and cardiology. I will prepare a report to share with the membership.

Dr. Gary Johnson's second report from the AHCA Chylothorax Research is available to those who would like a copy. He mentioned sending a final report in July 2021.

The Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club had a Spring Vet Clinic and a Chylothorax Blood Draw Clinic on April 11. **Julia Callahan** was our vet tech and pulled 19 healthy dogs' blood that was shipped to the Researcher.

Unfortunately, there have been two more Chylo affected Afghan Hounds. At least one of these is sending in an affected blood sample to the Researcher.

If Regional Clubs would like to organize their own Blood Draw Clinics, I would be happy to send them the supplies needed to do this.

A reminder to take the OFA Confidential Health Survey – Log In to – www.OFA.org, click on "About", "Health Survey", select the breed Afghan Hound and answer the questions. There have been 817 dog participants in the survey to date.

The 2021 first quarter results of OFA Health Testing in Afghan Hounds are available. Contact me.

INVENTORY /WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

By Dorma Sue Busby

Parent Club Logo items on sale!
(Prices do not include postage)

Dark Blue Dress Shirts in M, L, XL and 2X \$40.00 \$40.00

Baseball Hats Pink, Black, Beige, and Khaki \$20.00

PC Lapel Pins -14K gold plated - with tie tac or Safety Pin catch \$15.00

Mouse Pad black w/white logo \$5.00 Purple Towels \$20.00

Computer Travel bags black \$50.00

Logo merchandise from Breeders' Cup years: 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020

Many more items! Click over to the AHCA web store and take a look!

JUDGES EDUCATION REPORT

By Harry Bennett
No Report

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP REPORT

By Darla Miller

Helen has given me the liberty of "thinking outside of the box" having not had a junior handler in over five years. Much has changed and I still see the issues of the past still there (i.e. where are Afghans Hounds in the line ups, numbers have dwindled as the result of the covid and lack of events). In my introduction in *Topknot* I wrote the following:

"Let me share what I hope to achieve as your new chairperson. To accomplish my goals, I first want to extend an invite to members out there who would like to join me in a small committee. I

have already asked **Joann Buehler**, a junior showmanship judge and **Beth Hall**, a friend and fellow advocate as a past mother of a junior handler, daughter **Hartley**. Would love to connect with others and invite those who might have a retired Afghan lounging on your couch the thrill of going back into the ring one more time on the lead of a young person. I am especially looking for someone who is active in the performance ring to join us. Here are my goals for our committee: (1) To highlight our junior handlers and share their stories in hopes to get youth and owners connected; (2) To encourage/ assist regional clubs and hound associations to offer junior showmanship at their specialty events. (3) Review the junior showmanship application for our national organization. (4) Organize events for our junior handlers. (5) Be a voice for our junior handlers at the national as well as AKC levels. (6) Review applicants for the AHCA scholarship. (7) Solicit suggestions, support, etc. to increase awareness."

I wrote up a small introduction of **Annalee Milam**, who so happens to be the sweetest nine year old young lady who has asked to show our seven year old retired Ali.

With pictures I am hoping to spark the interest of fellow Afghan Hound enthusiast to connect up with our youth...something we are lacking in the dog world.

I have contacted the AKC Junior Handler Department to get a listing of youths currently registered and showing Afghan Hounds.

Due to confidentiality, I have not been successful. But, **Canine Chronicles** has a listing of five juniors who have placed but they only list

those in confirmation, not performance where I was told by Beth there is one currently showing.

So this is a challenge I ask for help. My rationale is threefold: to highlight their accomplishments in our *Topknot, News*; send out emails or notes to encourage them, and to seek out what support we as a club can extend to them (what do they want for an activity at the national, how to tell me them what specialties are offering junior showmanship...currently

Alisa had already asked **Bobbi Kinley** to do a seminar for Junior Handlers at our National and I am delighted that my dear friend and professional handler has agreed to do so this year. She is open to do whatever I and the juniors want to learn and I thank her for that.

In closing, I hope to continue to carry the torch of the chairmanship and look to the leadership of the AHCA to guide me as to their need of this committee.

- Respectfully submitted

LIBRARY/ARCHIVES REPORT

By Helen Stein
No Report

LURE COURSING REPORT

By Bob Jordan
No Report

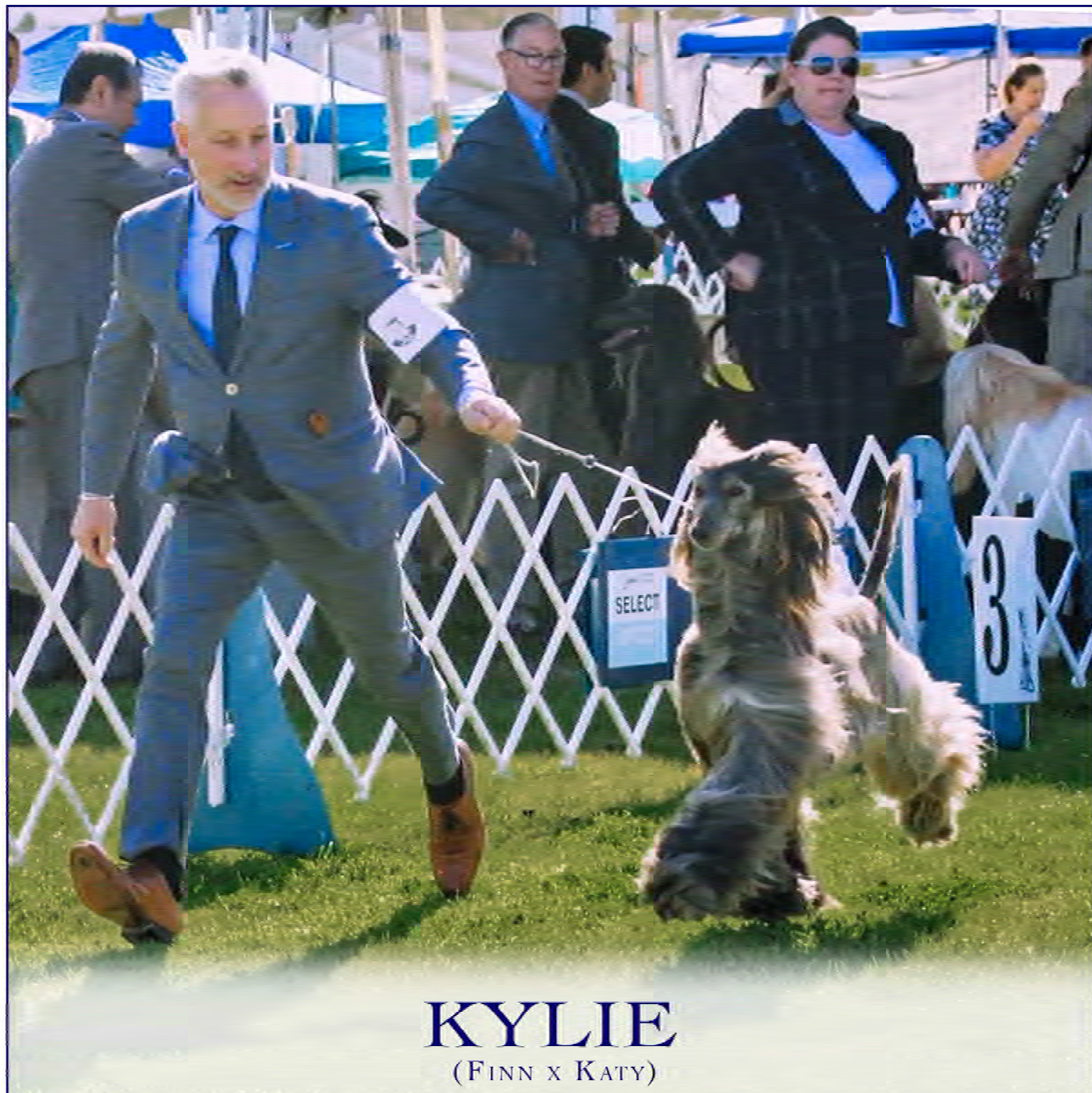
MAILING LIST REPORT

By Dorma Sue Busby
No Report

AFTER A TWO YEAR WAIT,
WISHING ALL A MOVING EXPERIENCE AT THE NATIONAL!!

GROUP WINNING MBISS GCHS
SURA FABELHAFT CANDY CRUSH

NUMBER 1 BITCH (BREED SYSTEM)



KYLIE
(FINN X KATY)

BRED BY SUZANNE J NEILL & JAMES DALTON
OWNED BY CHRISTINE O'CONNOR & HER BREEDERS
ELEGANTLY PRESENTED BY LORAN MORGAN

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Jennifer Taylor

The Board conducted a first review of five new candidates on June 17, 2021

MENTOR PROGRAM REPORT

By Christine Pinkston

The state of Afghan Hound ownership is that there are far more requests for puppies and suitable adults than there are available individual Afghan Hounds to sell or place. That said, Not all of those requests are suitable homes for your dogs. Caution in vetting your homes. Good ones are out there, you may just need to wait for the right one and pass on the ones knocking at your door who are risky. The right home does come along.

There have been a few requests for a Mentor who is nearby to the person requesting information. But there is not always a person located physically near. We cannot cover the entire USA within a 45 minute drive. But I always offer the closest, helpful person who could be of assistance and always offer phone and electronic help.

Thanks to those who have responded to phone calls and emails from perspective homes. Many potential owners are competently reaching breeders online and have access to many FB groups - which may or may not dispense sound advice. Thank you to those who have recently offered their names to be included on the Mentor list.

NATIONAL EVENTS SITE RESEARCH REPORT

By Erica Jantos
No Report

NATIONAL SPECIALITY REPORT 2021

By Dorma Sue Busby

Now that we are into 2021 plans have resumed. Becky and I have met to review our committee heads and made a few adjustments. I have refiled for all of our events at this time. Lure Coursing and ASFA still needs to be filed for.

Trophies: We have reviewed the trophy list and needed to order two more small stain glass head studies from Jimmy. We are working on the class placement trophies at this time. I contacted **Terry Chacon** to see where the 3" bronzes are and she shipped to **James Donahue**. I have made arrangements to have them picked them up in April or June along with the stain glass trophies. I have contacted **Garry Newton** and have made arrangements for them to be picked up and brought home by **Claudia Jakus** in April. This will save on shipping costs. We need copies of the paid bonzes from Garry Newton and Terry Chacon for our records.

Finances: Will discuss at the Board meeting.

Hotel Menu's: Angela has an assistant who has sent an updated menu for 2021. We have reviewed and made selections for all events. Still working on seeing what they have as vegetarian items.

Hotel Rooms: As reminder all hotel rooms for the

Judges have been made. All Board members rooms have been reserved. Reservations are coming in at a steady rate. I do have alternate hotel information but would like not to post at this time.

Premium: I have begun work on the premium. Waiting for more details from committee heads.

Sales: Becky is working on this with no definite details yet. Still early and waiting for catalogs from her supplier.

Decorations: Becky and I are planning on going to the hotel to see what they have available for us to use. Will have more details at the next board meeting.

Regional Clubs: I have sent out an email to the Regional Clubs to confirm that they are still going to be at the end of the week. The Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club has filed for their show for Saturday, October 9th. They have for their judge **James Dalton** and **Suzanne Neill** for Sweepstakes. Sweepstakes may be up in the air depending on the other Regional Clubs. We have spoken to Suzanne regarding this.

If you have any questions, please just let us know.

NATIONAL SPECIALITY REPORT 2022

By Dorma Sue Busby

Angela Reagan sent the contract for the 2022 National for review and signature.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

By Lynda Hicks
No Report

POLICIES & PROCEDURES REPORT

By Lynda Hicks

The Committee has made quite a bit of headway towards "cleaning up" the document, and thanks to the various officers and committee chairs who have coordinated these efforts. A copy of the "work in progress" was shared with the Board on May 7, 2021.

Currently, we are in the process of confirming the applicability of quotes to other sections throughout the document, and where applicable, referring with just a reference to the other section. i.e., (See 100.1)

Questions have surfaced regarding some of the P&P's which need Board input - please see those listed at the end of this report

General clean-up & updates which have been incorporated:

1) Identified and removed word processing program codes throughout. Since the last major upgrade in 2002, it's been through several peoples' hands, and multiple word processing programs, and generations of those, so had quite a bit of outdated codification.

2) Created a self-generating Table of Contents so page changes should be able to easily be kept updated.

3) Changed references to "Chairman" throughout the document to "Chairperson" or "Chair" (as appropriate)

4) Modified quotes of the By-Laws to agree with current By-Laws

5) Updated modifications and forms incorporated thru the March, 2021 Board Meeting.



OCTOBER 3RD
SUNDAY

AKC LURE COURSING/ASFA LURE COURSING
- SHELLEY HENNESSEY & HOLLY HAMILTON

OCTOBER 7TH
THURSDAY

**PARADE OF RESCUE
PARADE OF VETERANS
PERFORMANCE EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS
BEST OF BREED**
- D. SCOTT PFEIL
AWARDS BANQUET

OCTOBER 4TH
MONDAY

OBEDIENCE/RALLY
- CATHERINE THOMPSON
AGILITY
- RON MCCLELLAND
JUNIORS
- D. SCOTT PFEIL
WELCOME VENDOR PARTY

OCTOBER 8TH
FRIDAY

**AHC GREATER COLUMBUS
AHC SOUTHWESTERN OHIO**

OCTOBER 5TH
TUESDAY

**RESCUE MEETING
REGIONAL CLUB MEETING
SWEEPS & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES**
- MICHAEL LISS
TRIATHLON
- MICHAEL LISS
BREED EDUCATION

OCTOBER 9TH
SATURDAY

**GREATER DETROIT AHC
- JAMES DALTON
MIDWEST AHC**

SHOW CHAIRMAN: **DORMA SUE BUSBY**
ASST SHOW CHAIRMAN: **BECKY MORISETTE**

OCTOBER 6TH
WEDNESDAY

**JUDGES EDUCATION
DOG JUDGING**
- TOM COZZONI
BITCH JUDGING
- D. SCOTT PFEIL
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ART AUCTION**

For hotel reservations: 937-283-3276 or 800-654-7036;
mention the Afghan Hound Club of American block
code A8A to get the discount.

HOLIDAY INN & ROBERTS CONVENTION CENTRE - WILMINGTON, OHIO

OCTOBER 3 - OCTOBER 9, 2021

6) Updated listing of Awards presented at Annual Awards Banquet to agree with other sections of the P&P's

7) Updated Regional Clubs section to agree with the May, 2020 Amended Guidelines booklet.

The following areas need Board clarification:

1. "315.1 e) e. Each year a medallion will be sent to the AKC Lure Coursing Champion. (3/08)"

See the attached sheet for information regarding this rule, plus my recommendation for clarification, plus proposed form CA7 - trophy application.

2) BCA 2) 2. Call Fran Riesman for deadlines and write up info in Premium List for publication under "Club News" (Show Secretary or Show Chairperson.

This is obviously an obsolete reference to AHR. Should it just be eliminated, or replaced? If replaced, with what?

3) 315.1f) b. An award for highest combined Bowen points totaling all dogs defeated in lure coursing in both AKC and ASFA for the prior year will be awarded at the annual banquet. (B 06/17)

As determined at the 2019 GM meeting, this Award is a perpetual plaque. It should be clarified, and determine how (or if) it is passed from each year's recipient (and if not, who keeps it), and who is responsible for engraving.

4) 160. f) Lifetime Members will receive a 2" AHCA Gold Medallion with the words "Lifetime Member" engraved on the back. A Lifetime Membership Certificate will also be presented.

There is no Certificate form in the P&P's. If one exists, I need a copy to incorporate in the Membership

Appendix. If not, can we create one?

5) (710.2) The regular class judges and the sweepstakes judge at National Specialties shall receive copies of the official videotape of their judging assignments as an additional judge's gift. (10/83, 10/02)

Section 710.2 is referred to in 2 different places in the document, however does not exist under Section 710. The numbering in that section skips from 710.1 to 710.3. Anyone know if this was eliminated purposely, or possibly accidentally deleted from the document?

REGIONAL CLUBS REPORT

By Amy Mero

I have received packets from approved shows for 11 clubs since the last report: Listed in show date order *see chart.*

RESCUE REPORT

By Martha Powell
No Report

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

By Erica Jantos
No Report

STATISTICS REPORT

By Carol Rivette
See page 23

Club Name	Date	Reg. Class Judge
Afghan Hound Club of St Louis	June 05	Gretchen Bernardi
Afghan Hound Association of Long Island	June 18	Joseph Buchanan
Colonial Afghan Hound Club	June 19	Stephen Fisher
Afghan Hound of Portland	June 18- 19	Fran Colonna
Evergreen Afghan Hound Club	June 18	Nitsa Traylor
Midwest Afghan Hound Club	August 13	C. Gil Ullom
Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club	August 13	Deric Aube
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus	August 14	Erika Peters
Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio	August 15	Skip Theilen
Afghan Hound Club of St Louis	September 18	JoAnne Buehler
Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio	October 8	Shelley Hennessy
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus	October 8	TBA
Afghan Hound Club of Austin	October 29	Yancy Russell
Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club	November 6 - Moved from June	James Donahue
Suncoast Afghan Hound Club	December 10	Lou Guerrero

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Dorna Sue Busby
See page 4

TOPKNOT NEWS REPORT

No Report

WAY'S & MEANS REPORT

By Dorna Sue Busby
See page 18

WEBSITE ADMIN REPORT

By Eddie Kominek
No Report

DESIGNATED FOR SPECIAL REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Submitted by Helen Stein

This item was tabled 3/31/20. Has it been resolved? (from minutes of 3/31/20):

New 830.4 The Auction Chair will establish the necessary control plan to assure that any item sold will not be allowed to be physically removed from the immediate auction area until the amount the item was sold for has been paid to the AHCA Treasurer and a receipt has been issued by the AHCA Treasurer. The control plan must be reviewed with, and approved by, the AHCA Treasurer prior to the beginning of the event. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Submitted by Helen Stein

1. This item is in P&Ps. Why is it necessary?

308.2 The Inventory Sales Table at the National Specialty Show will adjoin the Show Secretary Table. (B3/1/2013) (note to Lynda: referenced at 308.2 and also at 840.0)

2. I will ask for a motion to revisit this item (from

STATISTICS

Top-Producing Sire 6 Champion Offspring

- **GCHP Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura**
-Owner: Suzanne J. Neill, Jamie Souza Bartlett & Christine O'Connor
-Breeder: S. Boieck

Top Lure Coursers

Dog AKC - 78 Points

- **FC Kominek's Lucius MC LCX2**
-Owner: Mike Terry
-Breeder: E & S Kominek

Dog ASFA - 14 Points

- **Hosanna Whispering Drum JC BCAT**
-Owner: Bruce Klimek;
-Breeder: Lynda Farley

Combined AKC & ASFA - 78 Points

- **FC Kominek's Lucius MC LCX2**
-Owner: Mike Terry
-Breeder: Edward & Selma Kominek

Top Obedience

Highest Point Total in Obedience - Score 567.5

- **Zoso's Sweet Sensation CDX BN BCAT CGC**
-Owner: Kate E Maynard
-Breeder: Jerze Ford

Advanced Canine Good Citizen

- **GCH CH Jorogz' Party Patrol FDC CGCA**
-Tiffany Rapiere & Richard Teunis
- **Blu Hill's Love Is Strong CGCA**
-Debra Smith
- **Pure Joy's Spaghetti And Meatballs BCAT CGCA TKN**
-Megan Rice

Trick Dog Performer

- **GCH CH Sootaan's Let's Give Them Something To Talk About OA OAJ NF BCAT TKP**
-Ms. Sue McDonald & Ella Carson & William D Carson

Top-Producing Dams 3 Champion Offspring

- **CH Belexander Coco Crush**
-Owner: P. D. Matteo & C. Alexander & C. Belt
-Breeder: S. Cory & M. Quinn & C. Belt
- **CH Calloway Monkey Shine Of Mihdian**
-Owner: P. Brannock & Dr. J. Klein & M. Rumpf
-Breeder: P. Brannock & M. Zehner & J. Schoolcraft
- **CH Prophecy Carnis La Vie En Rose**
-Owner: D. G. Schmidt & M. A. Bell & D. Kelly
-Breeder: N. J. Shandre & D. Kelly

Top Racers

Top NOTRA Racing Afghan Hound - NORC 3.00

- **Ysanti Triton Surfing The Wave**
-Owner: Annaliese Kallod & Kathi Bruggeman
-Breeder: Vicki Fagre-Stroetz & Kathi Bruggeman & Deann Britton & C & J Sullivan

Top LGRA Racing Afghan Hound - 4.00

- **Hosanna Whispering Drum JC BCAT**
-Owner: Bruce Klimek
-Breeder: Lynda Farley

Top Rally

Top Rally Afghan Excellent - 294

Top Rally Afghan Master - 286

Top Rally Afghan Advanced - 269

Top AKC Rally Afghan - Score 79

- **MACH Popovs Purrfection At Cayblu CD RM SC MXG MJC RATO**
-Owner: Cathy Kirchmeyer
-Breeder: Regina & Faye J D Tromp-Pruyn

Top Rally Afghan Intermediate - 284

- **Cayblu Coquette RA NAP NJP**
-Owner: Cathy Kirchmeyer
-Breeder: Cathy Kirchmeyer

Best in Novice Rally - 291

- **Shining Mountain's Tempest BN RN**
-Owner: Gisela Bailey
-Breeder: Nancy J Shandre & Brian Wood

FCAT

- **Exquisite Crown Prince Of Elation FDC SC CA FCAT3 CGC TKN ATT**
-Terilynn Thomas & Beth Anne Hall & Hartley Hall & Christopher Thomas

Top-Winning Breed Competition

- **Dog - 338**
- **GCHB CH Sunlit's King Of Queens**
Owner: T Richardson/P Winkelmeier/A Morrison Jones /J Souza-Bartlett/M Hunter Breeder: T. Richardson & P. Winkelmeier
- **Bitch - 190**
- **GCHG CH Sura Tell Me Lies Zanza**
Owner: M Gilley/S Neill Breeder: W. & S. Neill & J. & P. Norsworthy
- **Owner Handled - 270**
- **GCHB CH Pyramyd's Don't Stop Believin' CA** -Owner/Breeder: Lynda Marx
- **Top Junior Handler - 23**
- **Kylie Luckinbill**

Top Agility

AKC MACH Afghan Hound - Score 246

- **GCH CH MACH Stormhill Cosifantutte She B'Dazzl'N MXB MJS MXF T2B2 BCAT**
-Owner: Robin Kohen Robin Kletke & Sandra Frei
-Breeder: Lynn Vining & Sandra Frei

Farm Dog Certified

- **GCH CH Jorogz' Party Patrol FDC CGC**
-Tiffany Rapiere & Richard Teunis
- **Exquisite Crown Prince Of Elation FDC SC FCAT2 CGC TKN**
-Terilynn Thomas & Beth Anne Hall & Hartley Hall & Christopher Thomas
- **GCH DC Suni's Prairie Rose At Stardrift RA FDC SC BCAT CGC TKN**
-Claudia Jakus & Lynda Hicks

Field Champion

- **GCH DC Suni's One Time Affair V Mazshalna RA SC BCAT CGC TKN**
-James Hicks & Vanessa J Gaines & Donna M Bates & Lynda Hicks
- **FC Kominek's Freya SC**
-Edward Kominek & Selma Kominek
- **FC Waru-Shah's Ghislaine Setareh SC CA**
-Devorah Hayman

New Canine Good Citizens

- **Cayblu Suni Kazette CGC**
- Lynda Hicks
- **Exquisite Elation Glorious Amber Reign Of Ciera BN RI CGC**
- Brigitte M Kroll & Beth Anne Hall & David Hall & Hartley Hall
- **GCH CH Jorogz' Party Patrol CGC**
- Tiffany Rapier & Richard Teunis
- **Ledgehill's Iceman CGC**
- Jennifer Martin & Patrick Martin
- **Jacinthe Dega Afghans CGC**
- Robin Aaseby & Jaime Ganoza
- **Aqua's Written In The Stars JC CGC**
- Jennifer Casola & Sharon Ferraro
- **Holdwin's Mistress Of The Dark For Suni & Sumahari CGC TKN**
- Lynda Hicks & Hans Holderman & Sue Virgo
- **Holdwin's Jack O' Lantern CGC**
• Nancy Ebeling & Lynda Hicks & Terilynn Holderman
- **Sharja Something Wicked This Way Comes CGC**
• Linda Shipley & Ken Amos
- **Sharja Summer Of Love CGC**
• Linda Shipley & Roger Brown & Ken Amos & Patty Kageals
- **DC Suni's Stardriff'N Cowboy SC BCAT CGC**
- Lynda Hicks & Debra Howard & Ruth Booker & James Hicks
- **Bakura's Southern Soul CGC**
- Toni King
- **Komar's Chase N Rainbows CGC**
- Ms. Donna Jean McQuade RN
- **Haven's Bunny Trail CGC**
- Braxton Hernandez & Jean Miller & Conlin Harwood
- **Carolina Monarch's Enchanted Dragon CGC**
- Miss Sarah Michelle Love

BCAT

- **Dragonfly Caribbean Ginga BN RN BCAT THDX CGCA TKN**
- Mr. Steven W. Barkmeier & Dr. Maria V Barkmeier
- **Sura Fabelhaft The Fifth Element BCAT**
- Nina Munoz & Suzanne J Neill
- **GCH CH Polo's Chanson Noire A Bakura BN RA BCAT CGC TKI**
- Toni King
- **Pure Joy's Spaghetti And Meatballs BCAT CGC**
- Megan Rice
- **DC Suni Asia Starburst By Sumahari SC BCAT**
- Hector Hernandez & Lynda Hicks & Sue Virgo & James Hicks
- **GCHS CH Exquisite Sign Of The Mermaid SC BCAT**
- Beth Anne Hall & Hartley Hall & David Hall
- **GCH CH Jorogz' Party Patrol FDC BCAT THDX CGCA CGCU TKA ATT**
• Tiffany Rapier & Richard Teunis
- **CH Agha Djari's Niagara JC BCAT**
- Margit Amsbury & Brent Amsbury
- **Hosanna Whispering Drum JC BCAT**
- Mr. Bruce Klimek
- **Kominek's Fia At Kryslaur BCAT**
- Kristi Jones & Edward Kominek & Selma Kominek
- **CH Napier's Talk Of The Town BCAT**
Anthony Colucci & Sandra Redding & Michael Ashley
- **GCHB CH Pyramyd's Don't Stop Believin' CA BCAT**
- Lynda Marx
- **CH Sirae Lipstick On My Collar JC CA BCAT**
- Claudia Sue Hilbert & Cynthia Rae Byington & Suzanne Popson & Andy Popson
- **GCH CH Spirit Ridge Some Kind Of Wonderful Of Celebre BCAT ACTi**
- Gary Alligood & Shery Kinley-Alligood & Bobbi Kinley Blewett & William Mines

BCAT cont.

- **CH Exquisite Jewel In The Crown Of Elation JC BCAT**
- Ann Nicholson & Beth Anne Hall & David Hall & Hartley Hall
- **GCH CH Komar's Wild Violette Skye SC BCAT CGC TKI**
- Beth Anne Hall

DCAT

- **DC Komar's Kiss N Tell MC LCX DCAT**
- David Desalvo & Vincent Vu
- **GCH CH Boanne's In Hot Pursuit CAA DCAT SDPRO**
- Becky Reynnels & Anne Evans
- **Canine Legend Sephora DCAT**
- Megan Rice
- **Kominek's Fia At Kryslaur DCAT**
- Kristi Jones & Edward Kominek & Selma Kominek
- **FC Tiara's U Got The Look SC DCAT**
- Debbie DuVall
- **Pure Joy's Spaghetti And Meatballs DCAT CGCA TKN**
- Debbie DuVall

2020 Competition Statistics
Compiled by: Carol Rivette,
Mikki Razor, Lynda Hicks
and Claudia Jakus

minutes of 3/31/20)

New 800.1.1 (a) The Show Superintendent/Show Secretary contract will require that an employee of the Show Superintendent/Show Secretary will be physically on the show site and available during all hours of the show. Russ motions to accept, Linda seconds. Scott is concerned about additional costs with contractual obligations, would like to discuss more. Says that package deals don't have people on site, and that's normal. Sue says that her responsibilities were changes of entries, change of classes. Scott again says that the package deals are like this and it is in their contract and up to the host club to deal with difficulties. Sue: yes, Connie: yes, Beth Anne: no, Russ: yes, Linda: yes, Bob: yes, Eddie: no, Christine: no, Scott: no, Jennifer: no, Anna: yes, Helen: yes. Motion carries.

3. Discuss obtaining bids for Show Secretary/Show Superintendent for 2023

4. Discuss lottery procedure for Regional Clubs to hold specialties with the National in 2023 and future years, if staying at same show site every year.

5. Do we need to clarify this item for P&Ps? (from minutes of 3/31/20):

New 802.3 (a) The show chair will provide to the Treasurer, at least one hour prior to the start of any event, a detailed list of individuals who have made reservations to attend the event. The list will contain at a minimum the Name of the individual, status as far as having paid or still owing for the event, any appropriate information pertaining to reserved seating, and any other pertinent event specific information.

Discussion about prior difficulties allowing entries to the event. Russ motions, Linda seconds. Bob would like the list one week before. Sue would like to amend it to be the committee chair. Helen says the buck stops at the show chair. Sue would like it 2 weeks prior, Bob agrees. All aye.

6. Discuss management of the Art Auction

a. Disruptive and aggressive behavior will not be tolerated

b. Responsibility of Art Auction chairman?

c. Bench Show committee involved?

7. Need updated list of National Specialty Committee Chairmen including Bench Show Committee members

8. Approve show dates for National Specialty 2022.

Suggestion to have regional specialties at the beginning: How does this affect timing of Performance and Companion events? Can we schedule so that a Board meeting is not held at the beginning? Looks like there is free time during the week for a split session Board meeting.

9. Review and approve Roberts Centre contract

10. This needs to be updated, because we have been accepting paid advertisements with photos:

318.2 Paid classified advertisements may be accepted in the Topknot News (articles for sale, etc). 1/8 of a page will be offered at \$50/issue or \$125/year. (11/81, B 6/16)

11. This appears on page 86 or 88 of P&Ps and refers to the Regional Clubs book:

IMPORTANT: *When your Club elects new Officers and Directors, please submit this information, within 30 days of your election, to the*

AHCA Corresponding Secretary. (Be sure to include each officer and director name, address and telephone number, along with fax and email address) This will help the AHCA maintain current information on who to contact in your Club and where to send your Club's copy of the AHCA publication Topknot News.

Helen question: Are copies of Topknot News being sent to Regional Clubs?

12. Judge Nominations for 2023 — notice should go out ASAP after the Board meeting. Helen to review document before mailing

13. Discuss AHCA mailing lists — for events and for club business. We need ONE ACCURATE database that all people can work from.

14. Sue will have Premium List for review by Board; Helen to approve final copy before mailing

15. Appoint Nominating Committee

16. Discuss changing P&Ps so that judges for National Specialty are hired two years prior

17. Suggestion: Our show catalogs always list Best of Breed (conformation) winners. It has been suggested that Performance Event and Companion Event winners also be included in National Specialty and Breeders Cup catalogs. This would not add that many pages to any catalog.

18. Confirm the election of the AKC Sportsman Award for 2021. To be announced at Annual Awards Dinner.

19. I will ask for someone to make the following motion to add to P&Ps Document 200; This section of the policies and procedures volume is used to record general standing rules not readily applicable to other sections or

subjects. It should also be cross referenced under Duties of the Treasurer and in other places as Board deems appropriate:

The AHCA, its Board members, officers, or representatives shall not accept any form of transactional payments for the benefit of third parties, including members. This includes, but is not limited to: processing credit or debit card payments for the benefit of a third party, cashing checks for individuals or vendors, purposely accepting checks for more than the amount of purchase with the intent to give "cash back" to the purchaser and/or third party.

20. If appropriate, suggestion #19 should also be added to the operating procedures of the AHCA Rescue account. I've reached out to Martha to get her approval/opinion.

21. Need to notify regional clubs to bid on hosting the 2023 and 2024 Breeders Cup event. Board first needs to discuss getting back on track with the rotation. Please include map with regions in the Board packet.

22. I believe that Anna Tyler's attendance at the 2021 Canine Health conference has been approved. If not, please add that to the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

CH Simoon Feathers
in Flight at Twylike JC...

Swiffer

For Diane Bauman



Criston When the Moon is Low...

Tori

For Gretchen Miller
and Christine Pinkston



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Rio
For Joanne Sternhell

GCH Komars Smok N' Denali...

Lily

For Sandra Marcus



Are you Helping to Fulfill

Dreams?



By Erika Peters

What did you dream about as a child? Was it to be an astronaut, vet, ballerina, cowboy, or something else? Some children dream in the dog show world, specifically in Junior Showmanship. It could be to have their parents get a dog they can show, to get a different breed than they have, to have successes at Westminster or Royal Canin, to rankings; the possibilities are endless.

I was one of those kids with a dream. Mine was to show a different breed in Junior Showmanship. My parents were breeders/owners/handlers of Norwegian Elkhounds, which I showed in Juniors. At that time, Junior Showmanship classes were huge in size, and while I was placing, I wanted to be better. I was tall, long legged, skinny teenager, and at 14, I approached

my parents asking for an Afghan Hound. I was honestly surprised when they said, "okay, but you must do your homework". We spent six months watching Afghans at shows, meeting people, learning the breed, and looking for a mentor. It was much harder than I had expected. How do you convince an adult you are serious and can be trusted with a dog's well-being and care?

I was struggling to find someone, when a friend working for a handler, knew of an Afghan breeder willing to help. I was introduced to Duane and Connie Butherus. They had a young bitch named Ch Ararat's All Hot and Bothered, "Rosie". They allowed me to have her for a year until they were ready to breed her. Duane and Connie were fantastic mentors and treated me like extended family. With their help, I learned all

about Afghans both in function and care. They also included me in Afghan activities. One of my all-time favorite memories was attending a fun match at Roger Rechler's house. I had won my class the winning exhibitor got to judge the next class. Since I was young, they asked if I wanted someone to judge for me. I knew I could totally do this! That experience was so much fun and I truly think that level of involvement, as a young age, may have hooked me on judging.

Thanks to the Butherus' my dreams of showing an Afghan Hound in Juniors came true and led to numerous successes. These included: qualifying for Westminster, winning Best Junior at a World Series of Junior Showmanship qualifying show, and numerous national rankings. Even beyond my original goals, I started showing Afghans in regular classes and was co-breeder on a litter.

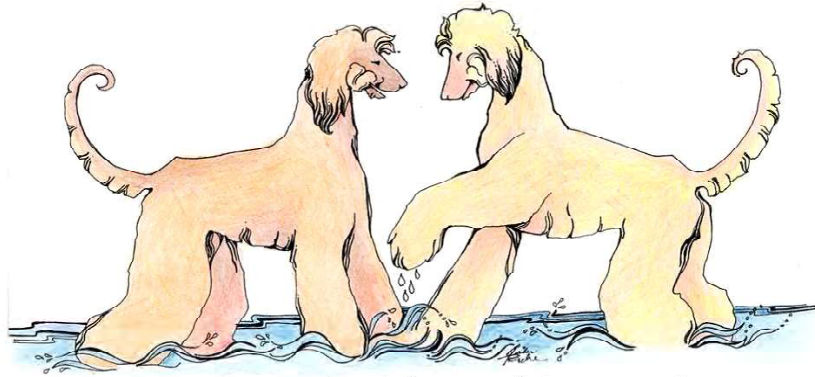
Now, 25 years later, I still have an Afghan, I've had numerous successes in the ring, and I am approved to judge the breed. But the most important question is, would I be here if the Butherus' hadn't taken that chance and included me in so much of their Afghan dog show life? I'm positive the answer would be no.

When is the last time you watched Junior Showmanship? Have you mentored a Junior lately? Have you given a Junior an option to assist and learn about the Afghan? Ask yourself, are you helping the future of the sport, and perhaps someone's dreams in Afghans? If not, please make it one of your goals to do so. You never know, you might shape that Juniors future, like Duane and Connie did for me. I will be forever grateful for their time, knowledge, and trust.

Photos of Erika Peters and "Rosie" courtesy of Erika Peters



32nd Annual Breeders' Cup



Summer Splashin' With Puppies! June 18, 2021

Amy Mero
2021 Show Chair

I find myself wandering around the now empty rooms of my house that many days ago were filled with boxes of prizes, trophies and swag items. It IS nice to have my rooms back but it's a reminder that the show is over.

WHAT a success it was! We had a total of 40 entries from Texas, Ohio, Florida, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, as well as local East Coast states.

I cannot thank the breeders enough for entering your beautiful puppies and showing us where the future of our breed is heading. I do believe it's heading in a good direction.

First off, I must thank the Board members of the Afghan Hound Club of America for allowing this weekend to happen just out of the normal 'date range' for the Breeders Cup and out of the normal location 'order'. Your approval and support meant a lot. I also want to thank a number of people and hope I don't forget anyone – **Erica Jantos**, Trophy chair; **Billy Webb**, Chief Ring Steward; **Christine DiRienzo**, Vendor Chair; **Dorma Sue Busby**, Show

Secretary, all members of the Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club, the Colonial Afghan Hound Club and the Afghan Hound Assoc. of Long Island. Without ALL of you and your support, the 2021 Breeders Cup/Summer Splash 2021 weekend would not have been so successful. My only complaint is with Mother Nature who did NOT grant my request for partly cloudy, no humidity!

I did not envy **Tony Saia** having to sort through all those beautiful puppies to find the two best that represent where our breed is heading.

Best In Breeders' Cup went to the beautiful 9-12 month bitch, **Winsong's Resurrection**, bred by **Nikki** and **Zac Kueffer** and owned by **Nikki, Zac** and **Eileen Wolfe**. **Best of Opposite Sex in Breeders' Cup** went to the handsome 12-18 month dog, **Spice Hill The Wise One**, bred and owned by **Teri Tevlin**.

Congratulations to all involved in the breeding of these beautiful Afghan Hounds!

Thanks to Show Secretary Dorma Sue Busby for the following results

Dog Classes

6-9 Months Dogs

2 KOMINEK'S HEATH

11/18/2020 Breeder: Eddie and Selma Kominek By: Alaqadar Btxd N Btw DC x Kominek's Celaeno MC LCX2 FCH Owner: Mike Terry & Eddie & Selma Kominek

1 KOMINEK'S HICKORY

11/18/2020 Breeder: Eddie and Selma Kominek By: Alaqadar Btxd N Btw DC x Kominek's Celaeno MC LCX2 FCH Owner: Terilynn Thomas & Eddie & Selma Kominek

AB SUNLITELAN THE MONARCH OF SUNSET

10/07/2020 Breeder: Tara Richardson, Alicia Jones, Jamie Sousa Bartlett and Rachel Irvin By: Ch Elan Sebring The Matrix x GCh Sunlit's Queen of Everything CGC Owner: Tara Richardson & Rachel & Pete Irvin & Alicia Morrison Jones

9-12 Months Dogs

4 ZIV HII'S DRAGON DOG

8/26/2020 Breeder: Carla Helm By: CH Tifarah's All Star Performer x Ziv Hii's The Fourth Chakra Owner: Amy & Colton Mero & Carla Helm

1 ABACA SHYLO SANTIAGO

8/18/2020 Breeder: Abbe Shaw, Stephen Fisher, Bruce Clark, Unger & David Sorey By: CH Shylo Thunderball x CH Abaca Shylo Margarita Rita Owner: Abbe Shaw & Bruce Clark, R. Ungar, David Sorey

AB ZAVIN'S STARRY NIGHT

6/24/2020 Breeder: Steve Cory

& Michael Quinn By: CH. Jovan Cruise Control x GCH Zavin's Roar Owner: Steve Cory & Michael Quinn

AB JOLIE RENEGADE

9/13/2020 Breeder: Jason & Jennifer Taylor & Linda Korstad By: GCH Jolie Show N Tell Sharja x Jolie Magnolia Owner: Patty Kageals & Jennifer Taylor & Linda Korstad

2 WINSONG'S PURPLE HAZE AT KYSLAUR

6/26/2020 Breeder: Nikki Gardner Kueffer & Zac Kueffer By: CH Winsong Big Bang x GCH Winsong Enchanted Owner: Kristi Jones & Nikki Gardner Kueffer & Zac Kueffer

3 AZARI RUZKANUTTIN BUT NET

8/04/2020 Breeder: Darla Hichborn, Karen Irazabal & Kathy Smith By: GCH Ruzka Azari Victory Is One x CH Just Do It Ruzka of Meadow Valley Owner: Karen Irazabal & Darla Hichborn

RUZKA'S VICTORY IS SWEET AT SORUBI

8/04/2020 Breeder: Darla Hichborn, Karen Irazabal & Kathy Smith By: GCH Ruzka Azari Victory Is One x CH Just Do It Ruzka of Meadow Valley Owner: Kathy Smith & Darla Hichborn

12-15 Months Dogs

1 SPICE HILL THE WISE ONE

5/15/2020 Breeder: Teri Tevlin By: CH. Criston Athena Shekinah Alydar x GCH. Spice Hill Genesis Owner: Teri Tevlin

SPICE HILL RIDE THE WIND

5/15/2020 Breeder: Teri Tevlin By: CH. Criston Athena Shekinah Alydar

Best in Breeders' Cup
Winsong's Resurrection



Best of Opposite Sex in Breeders' Cup
Spice Hill The Wise One



Win photos courtesy of show photographer Bryan Sirotkin

x GCH. Spice Hill Genesis Owner: Patricia Silverman & Dick Hafner & Teri Tevlin

MC LCX2 FCH Owner: Eddie & Selma Kominek

CGCAK, CGCU Owner: Beth Erisman-Thomas

3 KAMY LET ME FLY

5/07/2020 Breeder: Srinagar Knl & Kazuyo Miura By: GCH Mahali Ensign x Srinagar Sabaoon of Kamy Owner: Masahiko Shimamura.

1 KOMINEK'S HELENIUM

11/18/2020 Breeder: Eddie & Selma Kominek By: Alaqadar Btxd N Btwn x DC Kominek's Celaeno MC LCX2 FCH Owner: Lisa Killian & Eddie & Selma Kominek

2 EXIMUS ROOTIN' TOOTIN' AT SALAZAR

9/16/2020 Breeder: Beth Erisman, Steve Cory, Michael Quinn & Tabitha Thomas By: CH Zavins Captain Fantastic x CH Zavin's Fast Love RI, JC, BCAT, CGCA, CGCU Owner: Madaline Brown & Jennifer Anders & Beth Erisman-Thomas

15-18 Months Dogs

2 AZARI APACHE GOLD

2/25/2020 Breeder: Karen Irazabal & Garret Games By: CH Raffica's Lady Killer x CH Azari's Jeweled Star of Raffica Owner: Karen Irazabal

3 XZOTIKA'S SOMEWHERE IN TIME AT LEDGEHILL

11/26/2020 Breeder: Jarnell Carter, Gary Wimberley & September Pollack By: Ch Xzotika's Nevermore x Xzotika's Reclaiming My Time Owner: Kelly Fitch & Jarnell Carter.

ABACA SHYLO SANTARIA

8/18/2020 Breeder: Abbe Shaw, Stephen Fisher, Bruce Clark, R. Unger & David Sory By: CH Shylo Thunderball x CH Abaca Shylo

1 ABRIAS ALLIANCE

3/06/2020 Breeder: Dr. Lothar & Dr. Karin Hessling By: Agha Djari's Blue Steel x Agha Djari's Killimanjaro Owner: Tara Richardson & Alicia Morrison Jones, Jamie Souza Bartlett & Bree

WINSONG'S RESURRECTION

6/26/2020 Breeder: Nikki Gardner Kueffer & Zac Kueffer By: CH Winsong Big Bang x GCH Winsong Enchanted Owner: Nikki Gardner Kueffer & Zac Kueffer & Eileen Wolfe

RUZKA'S VICTORY IS MINE

8/04/2020 Breeder: Darla Hichborn, Karen Irazabal & Kathy Smith By: GCH Ruzka Azari Victory Is One x CH Just Do It Ruzka of Meadow Valley Owner: Darla Hichborn

RUZKA'S STAR PLAYER

8/04/2020 Breeder: Darla Hichborn, Karen Irazabal & Kathy. Smith By: GCH Ruzka Azari Victory Is One x CH Just Do It Ruzka of Meadow Valley Owner: Marissa Gillispie & Darla Hichborn

18-21 Months Dogs

1 HOLDWIN'S HOWLING GOOD TIME V MAZSHALNA JC

10/13/2019 Breeder: TeriLynn & Hans Holderman By: GCHDC Suni's One Time Affair & Mazshalna, RA, SC, BCAT, CGC x GCH Nopera's Sunday Driver Owner: Donna Bates & Hans Holderman



2 HOLDWIN'S FRANKENSTEIN

10/13/2019 Breeder: TeriLynn & Hans Holderman By: GCHDC Suni's One Time Affair & Mazshalna, RA, SC, BCAT, CGC x GCH Nopera's Sunday Driver Owner: TeriLynn & Hans Holderman

AB SANFLAUAS MOST MANLY MAN

9/29/2019. Breeder: Julia Kashuba By: Shou Gerat Gipnoz x Sanflaus Extra Spicy Owner: Jennifer Casola

12-15 Months Bitches

2 SPICE HILL I'M A HOOT

5/15/2020 Breeder: Teri Tevlin By: CH. Criston Athena Shekinah Alydar x GCH. Spice Hill Genesis Owner: Ulrike Reinisch & Teri Tevlin

1 CRISTON NOCTURNE OF SPICE HILL

5/15/2020 Breeder: Teri Tevlin By: CH. Criston Athena Shekinah Alydar x GCH. Spice Hill Genesis Owner: Christine Pinkston

3 SINGH SHEKINAH PIROUETTE.

5/11/2020 Breeder: Toni Richmond & Leslie Stoffels By: CH Criston Athena Shekinah Alydar x CH Singh N' in the Rain Owner: Toni Richmond & Leslie Stoffels.

AB SINGH SHEKINAH MINUET

5/11/2020 Breeder: Toni Richmond & Leslie Stoffels By: CH Criston Athena Shekinah Alydar x CH Singh N' in the Rain Owner: Helen Stein

BITCHES

6-9 Months Bitches

4 KOMINEK'S HONESTY

11/18/2020 Breeder: Eddie & Selma Kominek By: Alaqadar Btxd N Btwn x DC Kominek's Celaeno MC LCX2 FCH Owner: Lenore Gallo & Eddie & Selma Kominek

AB KOMINEK'S HIBISCUS AT WINDCREST

11/18/2020 Breeder: Eddie & Selma Kominek By: Alaqadar Btxd N Btwn x DC Kominek's Celaeno MC LCX2 FCH Owner: Bob & Linda Jordan & Eddie & Selma Kominek

2 KOMINEK'S HEATHER

11/18/2020 Breeder: Eddie & Selma Kominek By: Alaqadar Btxd N Btwn x DC Kominek's Celaeno

9-12 Months Bitches

4 ZIV HII GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO

8/26/2020 Breeder: Carla Helm By: CH Tifarah's All Star Performer x Ziv Hii's The Fourth Chakra Owner: Carla Helm

ZIV HII THE DRAGON'S SHADOW @ DRAGON FIRE

8/26/2020 Breeder: Carla Helm By: CH Tifarah's All Star Performer x Ziv Hii's The Fourth Chakra Owner: Mary T Morris & Carla L. Helm

3 EXIMIUS LILIES 'N' PEARLS

9/16/2020 Breeder: Beth Erisman, Steve Cory, Michael Quinn & Tabitha Thomas By: CH Zavins Captain Fantastic x CH Zavin's Fast Love RI, JC, BCAT,

Margarita Rita Owner: Abbe Shaw & Bruce Clark, R. Ungar, David Sorey

ZAVIN'S WOMAN WITH PARASOL

6/24/2020 Breeder: Steve Cory & Michael Quinn By: CH. Jovan Cruise Control x GCH Zavin's Roar Owner: Steve Cory & Michael Quinn

AB JOLIE COURTESAN

9/13/2020 Breeder: Jason & Jennifer Taylor & Linda Korstad By: GCH Jolie Show N Tell Sharja x Jolie Magnolia Owner: Jennifer & Jason Taylor & Linda Korstad

WINSONG'S DARK SIDE OF THE MOON AT KYSLAUR

6/26/2020 Breeder: Nikki Gardner Kueffer & Zac Kueffer By: CH Winsong Big Bang x GCH Winsong Enchanted Owner: Lauryn & Matt Conway & Nikki Gardner Kueffer & Zac Kueffer

18-21 Months Bitches

1 HOLDWIN'S TRICK OR TREAT

10/13/2019 Breeder: TeriLynn & Hans Holderman By: GCHDC Suni's One Time Affair & Mazshalna, RA, SC, BCAT, CGC, x GCH Nopera's Sunday Driver Owner: Jill Miller & Hans Holderman, TeriLynn Holderman

AB HOLDWIN'S MISTRESS OF THE DARK FOR SUNI & SUMAHARI RN,CGC,TK

10/13/2019 Breeder: TeriLynn & Hans Holderman By: GCHDC Suni's One Time Affair & Mazshalna, RA, SC, BCAT, CGC, x GCH Nopera's Sunday Driver Owner: Lynda Hicks & Sue Virgo & Hans Holderman



Summer Splash Candid
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AKC has extended its Virtual Rally Class to include titles for Advanced and Excellent, and expanded the program through December, 2021. They have also now included two levels of Virtual Obedience Classes - Beginner Novice (BN-V) and Novice (CD-V). For information on both programs, visit the AKC website at: <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/> and <https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/virtual-obedience-test/>

By Lynda Hicks

I chatted with owner/handler Dr. Libby Nesvold who shared her experience.

This is Paso Doble. She recently earned her BN-V (Virtual Beginner Novice) title.

Finding obedience trials during the pandemic has been a challenge. I found this a safe and fun way to earn an AKC Obedience title.

AKC has designed five different courses, from which you must choose three. The maps are very specific as to where each exercise is executed. There are also very specific rules for each exercise.

Criston Paso Doble RN BN-V. Paso Doble is owned and was piloted to her title by Dr. Libby Nesvold. Bred by Dr. Nesvold and Anna Stromberg.



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or when to start or finish each exercise.

The scoring I thought was tough but fair. One hint I picked up along the way is to be certain to keep yourself, your dog and

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Give it a try. It's lots of fun!

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Spotlight on the Future



Photo courtesy of Ella's Mom Teri Thomas

By Darla Miller

We welcome **Erika Peters** to the Junior Handler committee! As a previous Junior handler and now a breed and junior showmanship judge, I know Erika will bring a welcome prospective to our group. With that in mind, I asked her to write an article to put a spin on how being a junior handler shaped her present and future in the Afghan Hound world. Hope everyone enjoys the article and pictures of her past.

With this edition of Topknot News we highlight **Ella Thomas**, our #1 Junior Lure Coursing Junior in the nation.

Like **Annalee Milam***, Ella is out making a name for our beloved breed! Hope everyone enjoys her story and pictures!

Plans are underway to get more juniors in the know. I have been reaching out to juniors about our specialties and national in hopes to get more involved. **Bobbie Kinley Blewett** will sponsor a seminar but I want juniors decide what they want to gain from her years in the show ring.

If you know of a junior coming to our national, please email me information so I can contact them. As to specialties, I ask that show chairs make every effort to find judges and include

junior showmanship in your plans. If you need help, please contact me or **Helen Stein** for help. Our committee has proposed an application for junior handlers to join AHCA. To date, no action has been taken.

Shout out to **Chris Belt** and **Chad Alexander** for sharing their Afghan Hound "Jose" with a very deserving young lady, **Teah Menough** up in Ohio! We need more junior handlers...the future of our breed.

**Canine Chronicle lists Annalee Milam - our previous Jr. Spotlight - Topknot News Spring Edition 2021 - as #10 Best Junior Showmanship Hound Group top 10 stats in the nation! Congrats Annalee!!*

By Beth Anne Hall

Ella and Magnus have much in common.

At first glance, the beauty of this High School Sophomore fills the eye. But just like her beloved Afghan Hound, Magnus, there is so much more to this dynamic Afghan Hound enthusiast than her striking good looks.



To talk to Ella, you would never hear her brag about being on the Honor Roll or about her success as a fierce competitor on the Volleyball Team. She is not likely to bring up the recognition she has received for her photography. But given the chance, this modest, soft spoken, over achiever will gladly share the history-making accomplishments of her 4-year-old Afghan Hound, “Magnus” **Exquisite Crown Prince of Elation FDC SC CA FCAT3 CGC TKN ATT.**

When Magnus joined the Thomas family as their first Afghan Hound, he completed Ella’s life-long dream of owning a magnificent sighthound. Her mother still has the Afghan Hound book report Ella wrote when she was in elementary school! With Ella by his side, Magnus has taken the Thomas family on a journey that exceeds even the loftiest expectations!

Magnus began his performance career with lure coursing and earned the coveted “Annie” Trophy by winning the ASFA Region 8 two years in a row. With a big dose of natural talent paired with the conditioning and training provided by Ella, this team continues to earn recognition.

Last year, Magnus made history by becoming the first Afghan Hound to earn the advanced title of FCAT. His success led to an invitation to represent the breed at the National FCAT “Fastest Dog

in the USA” in Orlando. The ESPN nationally televised event featured Magnus finishing in the top 15, with Ella and her mother, Teri catching and releasing him on his glorious runs!

Over the last two years, Ella has become very proficient in releasing and catching Magnus—a difficult task when dealing with a very excited sighthound! Given the chance, she prefers to “catch” Magnus at the finish line so she can cheer for him as he runs to her!

Last year, Ella finished as the top AKC Junior Handler in coursing for all breeds! This year, she is currently ranked as the number one coursing Junior Handler for Afghan Hounds and the number three for all breeds. She will continue to train with Magnus and his new Afghan Hound housemate, Mandar—who is certain to follow in the family tradition!

For Magnus and Ella, it has been a quick rise to the top—just the kind of fast recognition you might expect for this speedy hound and his best friend!



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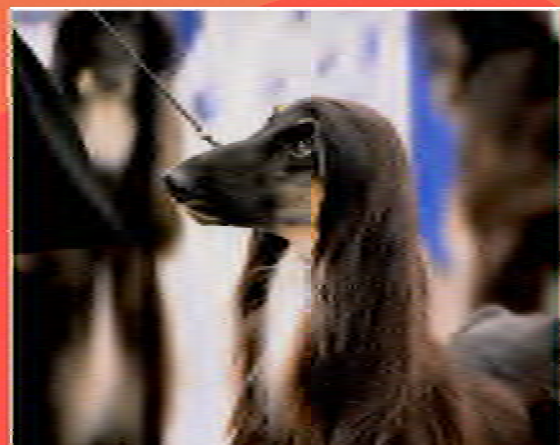
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From Tazi ...



... to Afghan Hound

*From Hunter's
Friend...*



*...to Silken-Haired
Pet*

Winter is the time when Afghan hunters go up into the snowy mountains with their dogs, known as tazis. These are lean, graceful creatures who use speed and keen sight to catch their prey. To the outside world, they became known as the 'Afghan hound' after officers in the British colonial army brought individual dogs to London a century ago. They were immediately popular; one of the first dogs, Zardin, was taken to Buckingham Palace for the queen to view and after he died, was stuffed and put on display in the British Museum. The Afghan hound has since been bred for its long coat, which is groomed to look like silk. AAN's Kate Clark, considers the place of the tazi, as hunter in Afghanistan and lustrous-haired pet in Britain, as well as its appearance in art, poetry and modern genetics, with interviews in Afghanistan by Sayed Asadullah Sadat and Fazl Muzhary.

The Afghan Hound is an aristocrat, his whole appearance one of dignity and aloofness with no trace of plainness or coarseness. He has a straight front, proudly carried head, eyes gazing into the distance as if in memory of ages past. The striking characteristics of the breed-exotic, or "Eastern," expression,* long silky topknot, peculiar coat pattern, very prominent hipbones, large feet, and the impression of a somewhat exaggerated bend in the stifle [1] due to profuse trouserings – stand out clearly, giving the Afghan Hound the appearance of what he is, a king of dogs, that has held true to tradition throughout the ages.

**The Club gives no definition of 'Eastern expression', but the UK's Afghan Hound Association defines the "Eastern or Oriental expression... typical of the breed" as the dog looking "at and through one."*

The Afghan Club of America

Tazis, like all dogs, are descendants of wolves which came to be domesticated when living near and with humans. Uniquely among animals, dogs were domesticated before settled agriculture – several thousand years before – probably, as genetic archaeologist **Greger Larson** has described, when "Free-ranging wolves attracted to the

refuse generated by human camps most likely followed a commensal pathway to domestication that was neither deliberate nor directed." [2]

Over the millennia, humans have bred dogs selectively to make them suited for different activities. The result was dogs specialised in guarding, herding, retrieving, hunting – using sight, hearing or smell, to catch different prey and in different landscapes – and for companionship. Humans also bred to select different sorts of behaviour, such as aggression, hyper-friendliness and boldness. Such artificial selection has made the dog the most variable mammal on earth, with huge divergences in colour and type of coat, shape of tail, skull and body, and size – from a tiny poodle weighing less than a kilo to a 90 kilogramme mastiff.

Among this variety of dogs are the sighthounds, and the tazi is one of them. Bred to hunt, relying on keen eyesight, rather than scent or sound to find their prey, the tazi is typical of this group of dogs – lean, deep-chested and long-legged, intelligent and fast in the chase.

The Tazi a Greatly-Prized Hunter

In Afghanistan, hunting with tazis is a popular winter pastime in many areas of the country. One

owner, **Qari Amanullah**, who lives in the Nawar area in the Andar district of Ghazni province, bordering Paktika and has two dogs, described the tazi as fast, clean and intelligent.

"In our area which is mountainous, a rabbit which knows itself to be seen, will always try to get to the highest part of mountain; its larger back legs mean it can run uphill very quickly. But the tazi that has hunting experience knows the escaping ways of the rabbit and will run to the top of the mountain first to block its way. Once that way's blocked, then the rabbit will try to come back down, but its small forelegs means it can't run fast downhill and is easily caught."

"They are intelligent, obedient dogs," Amanullah said. For example, once the tazi is familiar with travelling out to hunt in a car, when it sees its owner preparing to hunt, it will immediately jump into the back of the vehicle. "The tazi stands calmly," Amanullah said, "and will not create any noise or mess." It will also always let the driver know if it needs to get out to go to the toilet and, before it

gets back in, "The tazi cleans its feet and then gets back inside the vehicle." He described the tazi's faithfulness, recounting when one of his dogs was stolen. When it heard the sound of his motorbike, one day, he said, it started barking madly from inside the home of the thief:

"I heard my tazi's bark and banged on the gate very hard. The owner came out very angry at the disturbance, but when he opened the gate, the tazi immediately rushed up to me and started bounding about in front of me. You see how smart and loyal the tazi is!"

Another hunter, **Gul Ahmad** from the Qarabagh district of Ghazni, who is now in his mid-40s, said he had been hunting since he first "grew a moustache," together with his Uncle Farid, who is 70. In his district, every village has three to five hunters who own tazis. He explained both why hunting is a winter sport and why it is popular with local farmers in Hazarajat where the two men go to hunt:

"In February, rabbits have their litters and people then stop hunting until October when the babies have grown into adult rabbits... The

Contributed to TKN by AHCA Member Susan H. Hamlin
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Tazi in Zurmat. Photo: Shafiullah, Sabiri

Hazaras are really fed up with these rabbits. They nibble the bark of newly-grown saplings – almonds and apricots – destroying them, so people are happy when we come to hunt the rabbits.”

When asked whether they ever hunted foxes, he replied: “What would we hunt foxes for?” Fox furs used to sell, he said, but not any more, whereas rabbits are hunted for food. Even so, he said the main aim is still enjoyment, he said, not business.

Another hunter, **Momin Khodayar** from Zurmat in neighbouring Paktia province, said there was less hunting than in the past. Partly, this was because there is less snow on the mountains these days – snow makes prey more visible and also drives animals down to lower, less steep ground, which helps a sighthound by giving it a longer line of sight. Momin also said the decline in hunting was because the war had left people exhausted and anxious: “People’s hearts are broken [by the war],” he said, “but they still try to keep their traditions.” Young men especially, he said, would still get together with friends to go hunting rabbits or any other animal they saw. He echoed **Gul Ahmad** in Qarabagh, saying the aim was not really the

hunting, but getting out and enjoying winter days when they were free from farm work. Hunting, he said, attracts not only villagers, but also people who drive out from the city:

“All those who go hunting collect whatever they have killed. They give it to one person to take home to cook and then all the others gather at his home and stay, eat and tell stories.”

Amanullah said the properly trained tazi knocks a fox or rabbit to the ground and holds it until the hunter arrives: “This allows the owner to slaughter the animal, which makes the meat halal for human beings.” Even if the dog does bite the rabbit, said Gul Ahmad, the meat is still halal: “The mullahs say that, whenever you want to release your tazi after a rabbit you should say ‘Allah-u Akbar’, which means that, even if the tazi bites the rabbit, or even kills it, the meat will still be halal. That this was the case was also mentioned by the Zurmati hunter who quoted a Quranic verse. [3]) He also said they give any meat of an animal banned for human consumption to the dogs – or hunters may use it in another custom:

“They throw the haram meat into a friend’s compound

and then that friend must prepare halal food and invite all friends over for dinner. But if he catches the person who’s thrown the haram meat, he beats him and it is he who has to throw the party.”

A properly-trained tazi, the hunters said, will also – unlike other dogs – never sniff or steal food if it is in their vicinity. Along with dogs trained and kept for herding or guarding, the tazi is not considered impure. **Momin Khodayar** from Zurmat again cited the Quran and an account of a group of young men persecuted for their faith and advised by God to take refuge in a cave who were guarded by their dog lying across the entrance (Al-Kahf 18:18).

Training a tazi is a serious endeavour and begins when the dog is still a small puppy. Gul Ahmad said it takes about two years and a great deal of commitment, but if this is not done “The tazi will act like a stray dog, immediately eating the rabbit it’s hunting.” Tazis are well looked after, as Momin Khodayar described:

“In the time of hunting, hunters give three to five hens eggs to their tazis every morning so that they are in a good condition for winter hunting. They keep the tazis at home

in a warm place, sleeping near the oven in the house... The hunters have trained the tazi so that it will go outside and come back in when it needs to.”

The hunters’ affection for their tazis is clear, as is their keen appreciation of the different varieties. Amanullah, for example, keep the longer-haired bakhmali (velvet) strain, suitable for his mountainous area of Ghazni: “The longer the tazis’ coats are,” he said, “the healthier they are, because in Wardak, Nawar, Bamyan and other cold areas, they are able to run and live longer. The tazis that have less hair cannot live long in cold areas and will die young. Momin Khodayar called the long-haired variety a tiger tazi. He also spoke about the variations in coat colour – white, golden, red, grey, or black – and singled out a particularly lively variety known as the Irish tazi.

Its coat is red with white spots with sometimes a narrow line down the centre of the skull. The coat is smooth, shiny and beautiful, longer on the chest, ears, tail and hind legs and short on the head and forelegs. It has a long, slender head, he said, that is at least twice the distance between the ears.

The tazi is faster, by far, than other dogs, and unlike other dogs, it never gets fat. When we’re out hunting, the rabbits hear us [humans] walking. But the tazi understands the situation and runs ahead and, being so lean, it makes no noise, not even on snow.

Qari Amanullah, Andar district of Ghazni

In Zurmat, most tazis have a long body and a narrow, elongated head. The nose is black. The eyes are dark and almond-shaped. The neck is long and strong and the legs long and straight; the hind legs larger and covered with hair. The tazi has long, silky hair. It is a dog with grandeur, not always sociable, but sweet, lovely and loyal.

Momin Khodayar, Zurmat district of Paktia

Irish tazis hunt birds, but tazis in general may be used to hunt rabbits, wild goats, jackals and foxes. In Afghanistan, however, it is the tazi that can hunt deer which is most prestigious, as one saying puts it:

“The snouts of the tazis that have killed deer are black.”

In other words, a brave, accomplished dog, who is able to hunt even the quick and elusive deer, can be recognised by the blood on its snout. This saying is used to describe brave people capable of accomplishing difficult tasks.

None of our interviewees mentioned hunting deer, but maybe that is because of the lack of deer in Afghanistan these days, not the lack of skill in their tazis. [4]

The Tazi in Art and Poetry

The tazi or *sag-e tazi* – the tazi dog, where ‘tazi’ in old Persian is a synonym for Arab, possibly a nod to its shared origins with the saluki, another sighthound originating in the Fertile Crescent – features occasionally in poetry. For example, in “The Conference of the Birds”/ Mantiq al-Tair by Fariduddin

Attar (1145-1220 CE):

خسروی می رفت در رشت شکار
گفت ای سگبان سگ تازی بیار
بود خسرو را سگی آموخته
جلدش از اکسون و اطلس دوخته
از گهر طوقی مرصع ساخته
فخر را در گردنش انداخته
از زرش خلخال و دست ابرنجش
رشته ابریشمین در گردنش
شاه آن سگ را سگ بخرد گرفت
رشته آن سگ به دست خود گرفت

A king was going to the hunting ground

Said, O dog-keeper! Bring the hound!

The king had a trained dog

Covered in a black elegant attire

A collar dotted with gems

Was the pride around its neck

Golden and bronze anklets adorned its legs

A silken cord around its neck

Regarded by the king as intelligent

The king held its leash in his own hand.

Unfortunately, the dog is distracted by a bone and pulls up short. The king is so

furious he lets loose the “rude brute into the world,” a fate, asserts the poet, worse than swallowing a hundred needles. The dog wanders off, allowed to go still decked out in all its gems, so that, when it comes to his senses, it will remember how it once had a king for a master and be sorry. For the poet, the story is a warning to those who have found real friendship not to lose it through negligence, but to fully throw themselves onto the path of true love.

Dogs that look like tazis or salukis can also be seen in art across the region. See, for example, this depiction of a

hunter and his hound from Herat from around 1555, the strange 1799 drawing of a hound accompanying a ‘peri’, a winged woman who is riding a horse, all three composite images made up of lions, sheep, snakes and animals and even a girl, and this early seventeenth century portrait of a nobleman with a dog, attributable, wrote Sotheby’s when the painting was sold in 2013, to a follower of the “well-known Perso-Mughal-Deccani artist Farrukh Beg,” possibly Muhammad Ali “who was active at the Mughal court.” Yet, there are far older depictions of dogs that look



Tazis ready to hunt in Nawar area of Andar district, Ghazni. Photo: Qari Amanullah

like tazis. One hand-painted vase from Susa in what is now Iran, shows stylised wading birds and beneath them, running hounds. It is about six thousand years old. More accurately, it can be said of all these depictions that the dogs look like sighthounds, which all resemble each other wherever this function has been selectively bred for.

How the Tazi became the Afghan Hound

Eventually, the tazi came to the west, its arrival in Britain inextricably linked to empire and class. Individual dogs were first brought to Europe, along with other varieties of sighthound, by officers and the wives of officers in the British colonial army from India, Afghanistan and Persia in the late nineteenth century. [5] Over that century in Britain, dogs, which previously had been working animals, become popular as pets and brought into the home. This was also when

dogs began to be categorised by form – what they looked like – rather than what they did. Over the millennia, dogs bred for different functions – herder, guard-dog, lap-dog, fighter (with other dogs or bulls or bears), retriever, hunters of different prey and in different terrain and specialising in sight, hearing or smell – had inevitably produced a wide variety of appearances. In late nineteenth century Britain, people rushed to categorise dogs based on their form, to name and standardise them as ‘breeds’. The fashion to have dogs as pets, it has been argued, came after farm animals were banned from city streets because of sanitation concerns. For the then burgeoning middle class: “... the pet dog filled a vacuum. Dogs (or at least certain ‘polite’ dogs) were invited in from the cold of the backyard, or kennel, to join the family at the fireside. In the intimate space of the domestic world, the dog was precious rather than productive, even child-like in its reliance on the humans that surrounded it.” [6]

The “demand for purebred dogs as domestic companions” snowballed, driven by the fears of the expanding bourgeoisie that owning a non-pedigree dog would “compromise [their] social status.” [7] Dog shows, with ‘best of breed’ competitions, became popular and the first organisation to rule on what a breed should look like and register bloodlines was established in London in 1873 (the Kennel Club), along with clubs to promote



A drawing of a peri riding a horse with hound in the Mughal style, 1799. Photo: © The Trustees of the British Museum

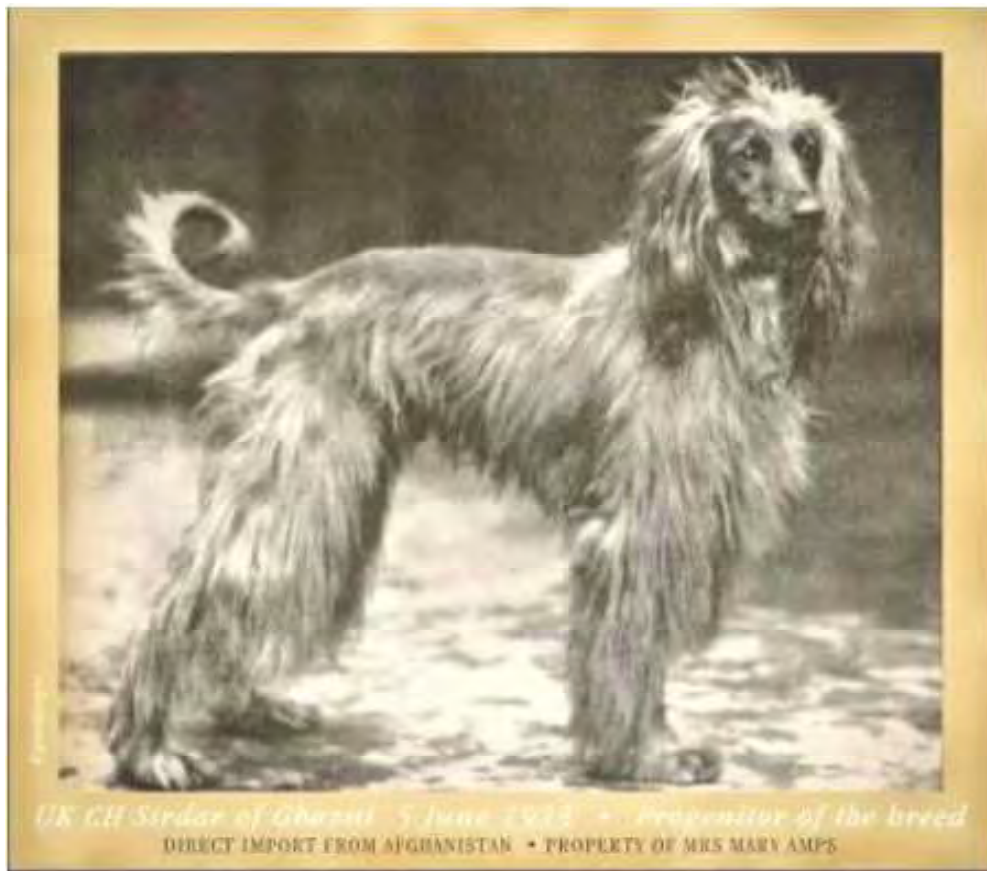
different breeds and register dogs as ‘purebred’.

It was amid this unprecedented ‘dogs-as-pets’ trend, that the tazi arrived in London. [8] That it came was also, of course, made possible by Britain having an empire from which it could extract wealth and resources, including greatly-prized local dogs. Part of the context, as well, was the often strange relationship between colonisers and animals, where greater respect was often paid to animals than the people subject to the British empire – a phenomenon with echoes in post-2001 Afghanistan. [9]

The first tazis to arrive in Britain were exhibited under the name of ‘Barukhzy hound’ – a mangling of ‘Barakzai’, the tribe of the Afghan monarchy – or ‘Persian Greyhound’ (the greyhound is a type of sighthound found in Britain). [10] Only later would the breed acquire the

name ‘Afghan hound’. One particular tazi, stirred the national interest. **Zardin** was brought from Afghanistan in 1907 by a **Captain John Banff** (also written as Barff). [11] Zardin was considered to be a ‘mountain’ or ‘Ghazni’ strain of the breed – presumably the same bakhmali (velvet) or tiger tazi still common in Afghanistan today. [12] He was first displayed to the public in a dog show in 1907 where he took first prize in the Foreign Dog category. Zardin took the dog-lovers of Britain by storm; Queen Alexandra requested he be brought to Buckingham Palace for her to see, and after he died, his body was embalmed and put on display at the British Museum. One of the early enthusiasts of this breed, **Evelyn Denyer**, said he was “taken as the accepted model of the perfect Afghan hound.” In her book, “Anthology of the Afghan Hound,” she quoted a descrip-





to the Institute of Canine Biology.

The Afghan Hound Grows its Coat

Today, the Afghan hound is one of about 450 breeds of dog recognised globally. The controlled breeding of the last hundred years to keep breeds true to, typically, a handful of founding ‘dams and sires’, has meant that, a 2004 study of dog genetics found, breeds are highly distinctive: in 99 per cent of cases, breeds could be correctly identified solely by their genes. [13] The study also found that nine breeds were genetically divergent from all the rest, occupying basal positions in the dog’s genetic family tree. [14] They include the Afghan hound and its closest relation, the saluki, another sighthound. [15] The

tion of Zardin by the “Indian Kennel Gazette” (in then British colonial India), his “very long punishing jaw of peculiar power,” “keen, dark” eyes and protective hair “thick and fine in texture.”

In the 1920s, another British officer, **Captain Bell-Murray**, imported a taller, finer-boned tazi, which was less hairy and more uniformly-coloured, and was thought to be a lowland or desert variety of the breed. This was followed by maybe two dozen more dogs, including one called **Sirdar of Ghazni**, brought over by the wife of another British officer, **Mary Amps**. According to Denyer, Sirdar had come from the royal kennels of **King Amanullah** in Paghman.

These two women, Evelyn Denyer and Mary Amps, set up rival clubs to promote the breed: the Afghan Hound Club in 1925 which largely sponsored the lowland tazis and the Afghan Hound

Association in 1927 which sponsored the mountain type.

“There was great rivalry between the two factions for quite some time,” owner and champion breeder of Afghan hounds for almost fifty years, **Jill Cross**, told AAN. “It was only really after the war years that all of this died down and therefore there was more amalgamation between the two types,” although, she said, you can still see throwbacks to the two earlier varieties. Of the two clubs, it was the Afghan Hound Association alone that survived and is still promoting the breed to this day.

Of all the ‘founder’ dogs of the breed, **Sirdar of Ghazni**, was ultimately the most important, providing nearly 30 per cent of the gene pool of the modern breed, according



Sirdar and Mary Amps
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The tazi, Zardin, brought from Afghanistan and exhibited in London in 1907, created a national sensation.



author of this report got excited at the thought that the Afghan hound might be an ‘ancient breed’, as some have contended. However, genetic archaeologist **Greger Larson** of Oxford University said the genetic distinctiveness of these so-called ancient – or the term he says is more accurate, basal – breeds just means they were part of dog traditions outside western Europe and predated the rush to name and standardise breeds in the late nineteenth century. He and co-authors have described how the “lack of recent admixture with other breeds likely facilitated by geographic and cultural isolation” is what makes them divergent from other modern dog breeds.

Once in Britain and elsewhere in Europe and North America, where Afghan hounds quickly spread, they came to look very different from the tazi, even the bakhmali (velvet) variety because of their extraordinary, long-flowing, silky coats. Not all Afghan hounds have them, but this came

to be the archetypal Afghan hound look. The especially long hair is the result, Greger Larson, told AAN of selective breeding “for novel and extreme traits including long hair.” Breeder Jill Cross also described the “explosion of breeding” in the UK between 1960 and 1980s where breeding lines characterised by “a more profuse coat” were followed as they were “seen to be more glamorous.” She said, however, that even more important for giving Afghan hounds their distinct appearance is owners following a “dedicated grooming regime.”

She described the shampoos, conditioners and equipment developed to show the coat off to its full glory.

Modern, coifed Afghan hounds look so other-worldly, one wonders if they would still recognise a rabbit if one jumped out in front of them. Yet the hunting instinct cannot be bred out so quickly, as indicated by one of the side activities run by the Afghan Hound Association – lure coursing. This is a sort of hunting game designed, writes the Association, to allow sighthounds to “use the speed and turning power” which they were bred to possess:

Lure coursing takes place within a large, well fenced field and uses an electrically powered motor to pull a plastic bag lure round a series of pulleys to simulate prey running at speed in a zigzag pattern. The lure is driven at a speed which is appropriate to the breed of dog. At the present time Afghan Hounds are one of the top breeds taking part in lure coursing in Britain and are also well represented on the Continents of Europe and North America.

In Britain, the number of people keeping Afghan

hounds has declined, probably, thinks Jill Cross, because they require such dedication; in the 1980s, there was a problem with owners abandoning their difficult-to-look-after Afghan hounds. The “large breeding kennels,” Cross said, have now more or less gone. She herself has only bred nine litters in almost fifty years:

“We feel this is a breed not suited to everyone and because all [the dogs are] so special, we want the very best for them. After all, we are responsible for their happiness for the rest of their lives. They are high maintenance, highly intelligent and can’t just be left to their own devices, so we would have to be sure of the commitment involved [before selling one].”

Afghan hounds need a lot of exercise, Cross said, walking five to six kilometres a day, along with ‘free running’. Most are bathed and groomed well on a weekly basis and need “comfy bedding,” care and respect. Grooming and vet services makes the Afghan hound one of the most expensive breeds to keep: “Expect to spend £27,100 – £30,800 [\$36,600 – \$41,600 USD] over the dog’s lifetime.”



Barukh's Hounds Muckmul and Mooroo II B.A. Hyland artist 1888

Bell Murray/Cove Afghan Photo Gallery 1 (The Sketch, August 1922)
(Posted by Steve Tillotson Nov 2017) Afghanhoundtimes.com



the sales website, UKPets, warns. As for buying an Afghan hound, it can cost between £300 and £1000 (\$400-\$1300 USD).

However, they can be even more expensive in Afghanistan. **Momin Khodayar** said prices can reach 400,000 afghanis (\$52,000 USD) for a dog, based on its bloodline, training, hunting ability, speed and beauty – with long hair, long ears and long legs prized. The price also reflects scarcity: hunters do not generally want to sell their dogs. In words that echo Cross's, Gul Ahmad said that people in his district sell cows and other animals, but only very rarely their tazis. It is not just that a trained dog represents so much work and time, but also because they “keep tazis for pleasure, not business.”

A post-script: Tazi and Afghan Hound Reunited?

In 1971, the then Afghan king, **Zaher Shah**, made his first and only state visit to

London. **Queen Elizabeth** met him in a carriage and he and other members of the royal court were driven back to Buckingham Palace.

On The Mall, the tree-lined avenue leading to the palace, were twenty or so Afghan hounds, waiting with their owners, and forming, as one British children's programme described it, a “guard of honour” to provide “a very special Afghan way of greeting the king.” Presenter, **Valerie Singleton**, provided a commentary:

“It was an exciting moment when the carriage drew near and when the queen pointed us out, the king of Afghanistan seemed delighted to see us. For the first time in their lives, British Afghan hounds were

seeing people from their own country... It was well worth bringing them out because their appearance must have made the king feel very much at home on his first visit to London.”

The king certainly looks

delighted and appears to recognise the Afghan hound. Yet, when I started to look into this subject, I did wonder if the breed had anything to do with Afghanistan because I had never seen anything resembling the silkily-coated Afghan hound in Afghanistan. Was its name just a mistake? It became, gradually, clear that selective breeding in Britain and elsewhere, as well as grooming, has changed the appearance of this dog so much that it is not at first obvious that these are tazis. Yet, the two dozen or so dogs brought from Afghanistan a century ago – Sirdar of Ghazni and the others – look like the modern tazis pictured in this report and they are the dogs from which all the Afghan hounds in the west are descended. Moreover, hearing British Afghan hound enthusiasts and Afghan hunters speak about their dogs, it also became evident that the nature of the dog is basically unchanged. All the owners described their dogs using a similar collection of words: loyal, sweet-natured, aloof, requiring care and respect. **Momin Khodayar**, for ex-



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Three of breeder Jill Cross's Afghan hounds in the British countryside.



ample, summed the tazi up, as follows:

“They are calm, loving and loyal and usually get used to one person only. Their education and training should be done with patience and love, and because of their very thin bodies, they should be exempted from doing hard things. They are loyal, sweet and eager to please their owners.”

Jill Cross described them as:

“... very loving and happy in their general disposition, needing security and safety, [but] very independent in nature and quite stubborn at times, highly intelligent and also clownish in their antics at times... They maintain their lean look as they are so active, as most hounds are. An Afghan hound needs a lot of attention and because of their independence, aren't necessarily always suited as a family pet,

although the people that are educated and dedicated to this breed wouldn't have any other!”

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Translation of the excerpt from “The Conference of the Birds” by Shirazuddin Sidiqqi.*

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you have trained as instructed by God. So eat what they catch for you, but mention the Name of God over it.” And be mindful of God. Surely, God is swift in reckoning. *Al-Ma'idah* (5:4

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9 There is a long tradition from the time of the East India Company to today of British (and other westerners) adopting hunting dogs, street dogs and

other animals, even when the practice was offensive to some local people, either because the animals were regarded as unclean or because it suggested a greater care for animals than humans living in abject conditions. See, for example, a dog rescue centre set up in 2007 by a former British soldier: "Afghan shelter reunites dogs and cats of war with soldiers back home." Criticism of the sentimental care lavished on dogs when many people went hungry was also made in nineteenth century Britain. See, for example, the Cambridge University Research News' review of Howell's book on the rise of the pet dog (see footnote 5):

The Times scoffed at the sentimentality evident in the provision of a facility for homeless dogs. The newspaper commented that it "expected that human benevolence would have its limits, and that those limits would be marked somewhere within the regions of humanity, as far as mere sentimental interference was concerned". Why should there not be a home for rats, it wondered with tortured logic. For more on how British colonial forces imposed their ideas about animals in multiple occupied territories, as with other cultural norms, see, for example, Vanja Hamzic: "The (Un)Conscious Pariah: Canine and Gender Outcasts of the British Raj," *Australian Feminist Law Journal*, 40 (2). She noted how British colonial powers applied the word 'pariah' to Indian lower castes and Indian street dogs, though "the canine pariah was in

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12 The full quote from the "Indian Kennel Gazette" (in British colonial India) describing Zardin is: He is a light-coloured hound, almost white, with a black muzzle. He has a very long punishing jaw of peculiar power and level mouth; his head resembles that of a Deerhound, but with skull oval and prominent occiput, surmounted by a top-knot; ears

fairly large, well-feathered, and hanging to side of head rather than carried to front. He has a keen, dark eye, and little or no stop. A long, strong, clean neck, fairly well arched, running in a nice curve to shoulder, which is long and sloping and well laid back; his back is strong, loin powerful and slightly arched. He, as well as all this class of hound, falls away towards stern, which is set on low, almost destitute of hair, and usually carried low. He is well ribbed, tucked up under loin; forelegs straight and strong and covered with hair; great length between elbow (which is straight) and ankle. The forefeet are long, fairly broad, and covered with long hair. Not too narrow in brisket, which is deep, with good girth of chest. Hind quarters very powerful, furnished with plenty of muscle; great length between hip and hock, which is low and strong, a fair bend in stifle, hind feet not so long as fore feet, but fairly wide and well protected with hair. The hind quarters, flanks, ribs and fore quarters are well clothed with protective hair, thick and fine in texture, showing some undercoat. The coat on the back is shorter. "He is a very handsome, strong and active-looking hound, and can, I think, be regarded as a typical specimen. The characteristics are that he is smart and upstanding, a combination of speed and power. Great length of head, length and breadth of feet, which should be well protected with hair, and graceful outline. The height of Zardin, I should say, is about 28

inches, or nearly so."

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Dogs will ignore you if they know you are lying ...

Dogs know when they are being lied to on the subject of food

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Dogs tend to ignore suggestions from people who are lying, hinting that – unlike human infants and some non-human primates – they might recognise when a person is being deceptive.

“We thought dogs would behave like children under age 5 and apes, but now we speculate that perhaps dogs can understand when someone is being deceitful,” says **Ludwig Huber** at the University of Vienna in Austria. “Maybe they think, ‘This person has the same knowledge as me, and is nevertheless giving me the wrong [information].’ It’s possible they could see that as intentionally misleading, which is lying.”

Huber and his colleagues trained 260 dogs of various pure breeds to find hidden food in one of two covered bowls. The dogs learned to follow the suggestion of a person they had never met – the “communicator” – who would touch the food-filled bowl, glance at the dog, and say, “Look, this is very good!” Dogs appeared to trust this new person when they were reliably following the signal, says Huber.

Once that trust was established, the team had the dogs witness another person move the food from the first to the second bowl. The communicators were either in the room, and also witnessed the switch, or were briefly absent and so apparently unaware that

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the food had been switched. In either case, the communicators would later recommend the first bowl – which was now empty.

In previous versions of this experiment with children under age 5, Japanese macaques or chimpanzees, the participants reacted in particular ways. If a communicator had been absent during the food switch, it would appear that they couldn't know where the treat really was. As such, the children, chimps or macaques would typically ignore a communicator who gave honest – but misleading – advice on where the food was, says Huber.

However, if the communicator had been in the room and witnessed the switch, but still recommended the first (now empty) bowl, young children and non-human primates were actually much more likely to follow the communicator's knowingly misleading suggestion to approach the empty container.

This may be because the children and non-human primates trusted the communicator over the evidence of their own eyes, says Huber. The dogs in the new experiment, however, weren't so

trusting of lying communicators – much to the researchers' surprise, says Huber. Half of the dogs would follow the communicator's misleading advice if the communicator hadn't witnessed the food switch. But about two-thirds of dogs ignored a communicator who had witnessed the food switch and still recommended the now-empty bowl. These dogs simply went to the bowl filled with food instead. "They did not rely on the communicator anymore," says Huber.

"This study reminds us that dogs are watching us closely, are picking up on our social signals, and are learning from us constantly even outside of formal training contexts," says **Monique Udell** at Oregon State University, who wasn't involved in the study.

The fact that half the dogs trusted the communicator who seemed to have made an honest mistake could reveal a lot about how dogs process social information, says Udell. "There is both genetic and behavioural evidence that dogs are hypersocial, meaning that many dogs have a difficult time ignoring social cues even when another solution might be more advantageous," she says. "This is a really striking example of just how often this may occur."

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