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ON THE COVER....

Truly Summer Splash courtesy of our own Diane Chandler. Thanks for allowing us to use this handsome fella on our Summer issue of TOPKNOT NEWS.

Diane's keen appreciation of art and nature is revealed in her art galleries. Her vision of the world is one of textures, patterns, lines, colors and shades of light. Her artist's eye has been trained by extensive studies of Art History, which has united with her deep love and knowledge of people, dogs, other animals, gardening and nature.

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An Editorial Word



Wow! Summer was here with a vengeance! The cool Fall will be most welcome. And with the Fall comes our National! Best of luck to all. Enjoy and have a great time. Don't forget to send me your photos/comments/observations for our next issue!

Welcome to our newest Topknot News recruit, **Devorah Hayman!** She has done a fabulous job in setting graphics for our advertisements. Check them out in this issue. Don't forget her talents are included in the cost of a full page ad.

We can still use more volunteers! We need assistance with soliciting advertisers, reporting, photography and articles. Please consider sharing your talents (as Devorah has) and become a part of our team.

As always, suggestions, comments are most welcome. Reach out to me at editortopknotnews@gmail.com

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Virginia Katilus



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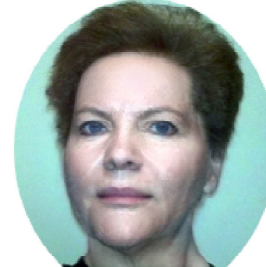
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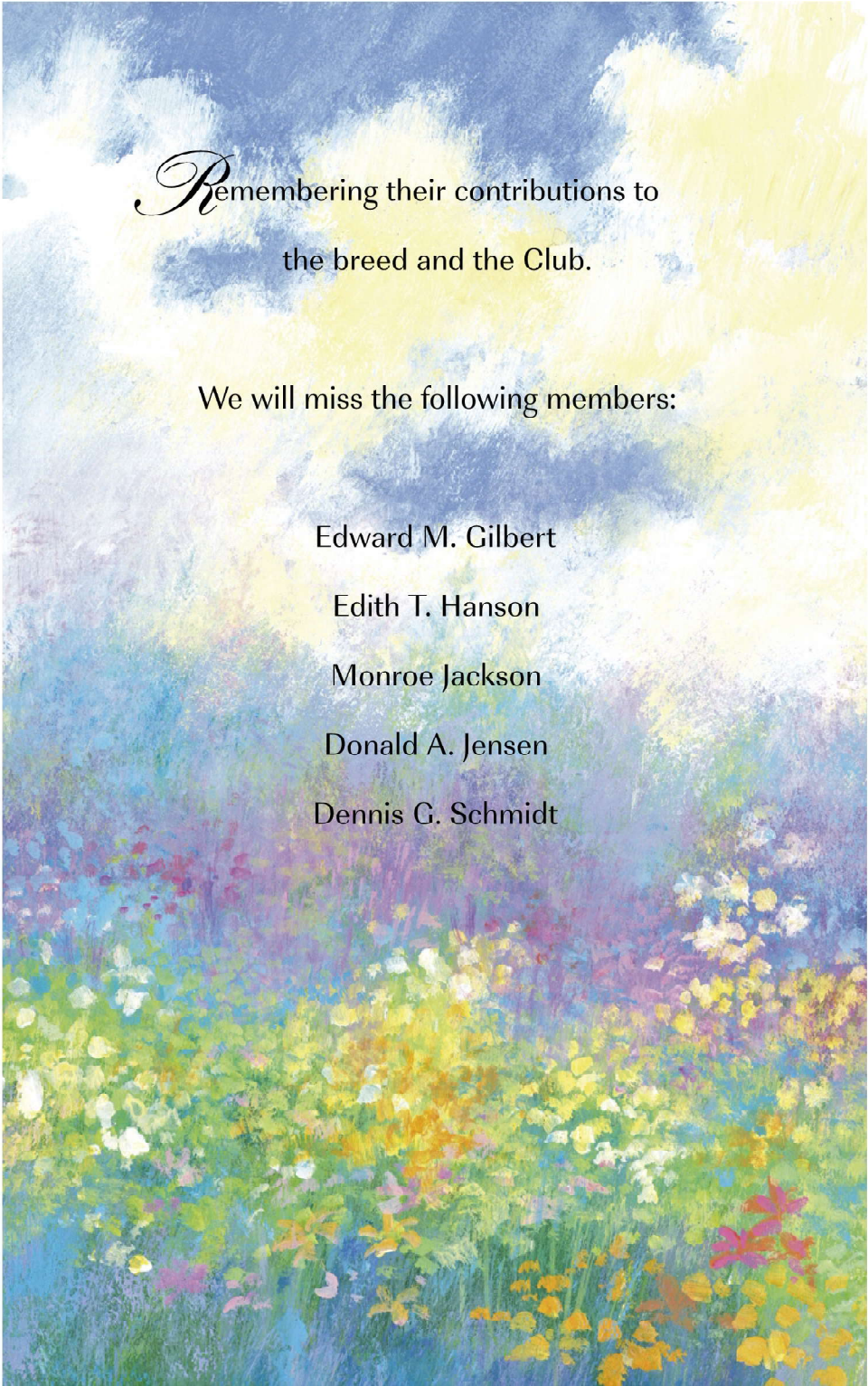
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*R*emembering their contributions to
the breed and the Club.

We will miss the following members:

Edward M. Gilbert

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Dennis G. Schmidt

President's Message

D. Scott Pfeil
AHCA President

Hello Afghan Hound Club of America
Members!

I hope you all have been having a
wonderful summer.

As I write this letter there is already a
tinge of fall in the air as the leaves in
Northeastern Illinois are beginning to change.

Thank you to **Virginia Katilus** and her team for
yet another beautiful issue of Topknot News.
Virginia is always looking for new content to add
to the newsletter, so please contact her with article
submissions, interesting tidbits from our breed
history, and or course ads celebrating your hounds.

The past few months have been busy ones for the
Board and Committee members of the Afghan
Hound Club of America. The National Specialty is
right around the corner, and **Jason Taylor** has
been working tirelessly to plan an event of the
highest order. I would like to thank everyone who
has risen to the occasion by making donations to
the trophy fund, as well as the annual art auction.
These donations are essential to ensure that the
specialty is financially viable. The club
appreciates the support of our donors!

I certainly hope to see all of you at the Robert's
Center as we convene our breed's largest annual
celebration. Please remember to make time to
attend the General Membership meeting while you
are at the National. We have many important
things to discuss, and this is one of the few
opportunities the Board has to interact with our
members in an official capacity. It is critical that
we have a quorum at this meeting.



Claudia Jakus has been leading up the
Nominating Committee, and you will soon see the
announcement of the proposed slate of candidates
for upcoming Board vacancies.
The Board has also appointed two important task
forces to investigate two popular topics of
controversy. One is exploring the possibility and
feasibility of combining the Breeder's Cup and
National Specialty into one weekend. A report
from this group is included in this issue. The other
is considering the necessity of condensing the
schedule of the National, to reduce the number of
days across which the show is spread. While the
Board wants to ensure that we honor our traditions,
we also need to make sure that our current format
is sustainable.

So, for now, enjoy this wonderful issue of Topknot
News, and I'll see you in Ohio!

D. Scott Pfeil
President, AHCA

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

AKC DELEGATE REPORT

By Connie Butherus
AKC Delegate for the AHCA

The AKC Delegates meetings were held June 13 and 14 of this year. True to Tradition (pardon the phrase) it remains the least attended meeting. COVID was in remission at the time of the meetings, however precautions were still observed by quite a few of the attendees. A full report of the two days of meetings will be submitted to TKN as usual. This report will focus on items specifically important for our BOD and mainly from the Parent Cub Committee. There are significant matters that we need to address in a timely manner.

First is the expectations for Parent Clubs regarding the AKC Preservation Semen Bank (aka Semen Bank). Major areas in the successful implementation of this project will depend on these Clubs. The need for this is obvious and may well ensure the survival of many breeds. For example, one fatal genetic bottleneck in a breed and the breeders may need to utilize semen from dogs preexisting the onset of the malady in order to breed around the condition. A few breeds with drastically low registration numbers have established their own semen banks for the preservation of their breed, e.g., the Otterhound Parent Club.

Parent Clubs can begin to implement some of the following items as this project moves forward. Dr. Charles Garvin of the AKC Board, who represented the project, addressed the following recommendations for all Parent Clubs to begin implementing as the project moves forward.

At this time the Legal Department is working on all matters in their scope of responsibility. He stated that they have had this for the past 11 months. He further added that the cost for participation in the bank is not yet known. In response to a question, he firmly stated that semen from existing sires - alive and well - **WILL NOT BE USED**. Parent clubs can begin with these actions.

- Generate interest in the program within their membership. (We might want to engage **Jerry Klein** in this.)
- Decide who and how decisions will be made regarding participation in the program and procedures (e.g. The BOD? Subcommittee? It is recommended that this not be one person.)
- Determine how disputes will be resolved (e.g., co-ownerships)
- Designate a signatory for registrations in the system.
- Begin discussions regarding criteria for acceptance (sire) and distribution (dam) (e.g. health clearances, DQs, (colors) This can be changed as necessary.)
- Decide what information the Club wants on the website (e.g., Pedigree, photos etc.)
- It is urged that the Parent Club establish Study Committee and designate a member as the contact person.

The AKC Parent Club Breeders Development Committee has been very active and productive in addressing the breeding of purebred dogs. Numerous surveys have been distributed with a great deal of important information being gleaned and shared with the participating Parent Clubs.

The following items are for the BOD to be aware of and / or take action on.

EDDY AWARD - The Committee presented this concept to the AKC BOB and it is now approved and ready for implementation. This award will recognize Parent Clubs who have unique or interesting breeders' education programs. There will be three tiers determined by the size and resources of the club making application. The application forms will be sent to each Parent Club with the submission deadline clearly stated. The first of these three awards will be presented on the evening of BIS at the AKC December show in 2023.

BREEDER EDUCATION COORDINATOR - The Committee requested that the position of Breeder Education Coordinator be added to the Officers and Committee chairs that the AKC requires from clubs every year. The addition of the position has been approved. Having this position clearly identified will facilitate the distribution of information in a timely manner.

PUPDATE - The AKC periodically sends informational emails called PUPDATES to participating owners who have registered a puppy with the AKC. Parent Clubs have been given the opportunity to add relevant information to these emails. As of July 1, there were 54 Parent Clubs participating. The Committee will send out a list of those Clubs.

INTERVIEWS OF ICONIC BREEDERS - The Committee is working with various areas of the AKC to capture the knowledge of iconic breeders. The AKC will begin the interviews with the AKC

Breeders of the Year. Parent Clubs are urged to begin their own information collection from these iconic breeders soon/now before these important and significant breeders are no longer available via natural process, illness, or disability. A list of suggested questions to be used is being compiled at this time and will be made available as a starting point for the interviews.

Parent Clubs are urged to identify those who have made a major impact on their breed and Club in order to preserve them as part of their history.

A number of Parent Clubs have lost their significant breeders in the past year and their knowledge is lost as well. The Parent Club is to designate the ones to be interviewed and the individual(s) to do the interview. It is important for Parent Clubs to capture the information via whatever media available for preservation purposes. Some Clubs have started their interviews. It is suggested that approximately five to six of their existing identified iconic breeders be selected for interviews.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding all of this information.

It is a lot to digest, and our agenda is full with many matters. However, the role of Parent Clubs is major within the universe of purebred dogs and thus the AKC. We oversee, preserve, protect and promote the recognized breeds and are the path to the future.

BREEDERS' CUP - Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORT

By Sub Committee: Connie Butherus, Christine O'Connor, Sue Busby

Status Assessment of the AHCA Breeders' Cup

In addressing this event it is important to keep the original goal of the Breeders Cup in focus. The featuring and rewarding breeders was and remains the purpose.

The concept was to hold an AHCA event in differing and alternate geographic areas with the National Specialty. This would provide the Afghan Hound community an additional opportunity to participate in and attend a Parent Club event if unable to attend the National. This would also expand the number of AHCA events and increase access to AHCA events to more of the Afghan Hound community. In addition this would give more local Afghan Hound specialty clubs the opportunity to align with the Parent Club and increase their entries.

The Breeders Cup catalog was designed to include the pedigrees of the nominated litters.

The fee schedule and allocation of the Breeders' Cup - aka money - was to reward the breeders. The CHIC bonus award was added to encourage important health screenings.

Holding the Breeders Cup in the Spring months was considered the most appropriate timing so as to avoid the heat of the Summer, the cold Winter weather and the Fall months in which the Specialty is held.

So—here we are.

It is an apparent conflict however to have one Subcommittee addressing the concern regarding the length of the National Specialty and another assessing the possibility of adding another major event to the National Specialty. Should this be reconsidered?

The lengthening of the near weeklong National Specialty must be of concern. The exhaustion factor on the puppies and yearlings being exhibited multiple times and the length of the events must also be a kept in mind as we go forward.

Many years ago, the BOD was faced with combining the events. There were many considerations on both sides of the matter. Several of these are listed below.

PROS for Combining:

One large event thus conserving effort and expenses for both the Parent Club and exhibitors.

Only one venue to contract with.

Other Parent Clubs combine these events. Thus, the AHCA should as well.

Consistency and efficiency in executing events.

For those with busy schedules only one block of time to use. The same consideration for those with limited leave time from their work, appointments, assignments etc.

CONS for Combining:

The Chair of the National Specialty has another event to coordinate and schedule.

A lessening of the significance of the award as opposed to the major awards of the competing events. (WD, WB, BOB

etc.) The raising of donations for both events, i.e., trophies.

The Breeders Cup as one part of the Specialty events as opposed to its own event.

The breeders of the future generation of Afghan Hounds not featured.

The Breeders Cup loses its meaning and identity as it blends in with the entire national sequence. Assuring the separation of the Breeders Cup money from the other funds.

There are surely more pluses and minuses to be considered. The few noted above are a start. In embarking on this journey, we need to resolve the current length of the National Specialty. What event(s) to be taken out? Added?

CANINE HEALTH REPORT

By Anna Tyler

\$1,000 was sent from the AHCA CHF Donor Advised Fund to support research in oncology-Hemangiosarcoma Grant 02946-"Toward Curative Outcomes in Canine Hemangiosarcoma."

The Balance in the AHCA Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund (DAF Account) as of May 31, 2022 is \$6481.41.

The AHCA Canine Health 501(3)c Checking Account \$6,556.41

AHCA Canine Health Report First Quarter 2022 Results of OFA Health Testing:

Advanced Cardiac
Normal: #0

Basic Cardiac
Normal: #1

Thyroid
Normal: #19
Compromised: #0

Hip
Excellent: #13
Good: #17
Mild Unilateral Right: #1
Fair: #2

Eye
Normal: #17
W/Breeder Option: #1

Elbows
Normal: #18

Dentition
Full Dentition: #1

Blood Kits DNA: 0

Degenerative Myelopathy: 0

INVENTORY /WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

By Dorma Sue Busby

See pages 11 and 12.

JUDGES EDUCATION REPORT

By James Donahue
Judges' Education Chair

My transition into the JEC position following Harry Bennett's retirement has gone very smoothly. On Friday, June 17, I presented the AHCA Judges' Education seminar and hands on workshop in Grayslake, Illinois.

The "Windy City Cluster" sponsored ten days of seminars in conjunction with their all-breed shows. We had four prospective judges in atten-

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5.8 INVENTORY



2014 Breeders' Cup

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Breeders' Cup Items



2020 Breeders' Cup

S-5, M-5, L-7, XL-12, 2X-4 \$5.00



2022 Breeders' Cup Catalogs - 13

M-3, XL-4, 2X-1. 3X-2 \$20.00

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Black Hoodie Sweatshirt Zip Front	S-1, M-1, L-2, 2X-1	\$10.00
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Grooming Aprons Bling	8	\$10.00
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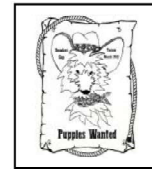
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dance for both the classroom and hands on portions of the program. For the hands-on portion, we had five Afghan Hounds present representing a range of styles and ages. I would like to thank the following people for bringing dogs to the workshop: **Deb Peters, Jordan Confer and Kara Hale**. Also thank you to **Nora Mayfield** and her husband **Don** who came to ensure we had enough people to handle the dogs.

We have at least two more seminar/workshop programs planned for 2022. One will be our annual Judges' study group at the National Specialty, and the other will happen in Orlando at the AKC Advanced Judges' Institute in December (held in conjunction with the AKC/Royal Canin National Championship). For each of these events I will be soliciting volunteers to bring dogs to the hands-on workshops and recruiting AHCA approved mentors for ring side mentoring/tutoring. If you are going to be at either of these events and would like to help, please contact me!

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP REPORT

By Darla Miller

I'd like to share highlights of a new AKC Junior program. Why do I bring this to the attention of those of us who own Afghan Hounds?

I have been following this from initial discussions to the Board finally taking action and see this as a WIN WIN for both Juniors and those of us who have thought of allowing a Junior to show one of our dogs in the ring.

AKC has finally picked up on the European model for Juniors taking off the required co-ownership which has made breeders (as well as owners) hesitate to put a Juniors name on their dog. The AKC Junior website explains in more detail.

Below is a condensed version that touches on the highlights of this program.

At the May 2022 AKC Board meeting, recommendations were reviewed to permit Junior Handlers to show dogs they, or their immediate family members, *do not own*.

After some discussion, the AKC Board voted to support a pilot program that will eliminate the ownership requirement for Junior Showmanship. The program is being adopted for one year and will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

The hope of the pilot is to support juniors and make Junior Showmanship more accessible to kids, teens, and their families who don't own their own dog, or don't have a dog that is up to Conformation standard. This will allow Juniors to show dogs they are borrowing from other competitors for the purpose of being shown, which can be an easier way to try out the sport.

The program also extends to AKC sports including Agility, Obedience, Rally and more.

This allows Juniors to get credit for competing in all events, which will count for the Junior Recognition program, so they can obtain titles on dogs in the Companion and Performance Events.

The goals of the AKC Junior Showmanship program are to guide the future of dog sports and to encourage those under 18 to participate in all AKC sports. Conformation Junior

Showmanship classes are a competitive space where kids and teens can learn and practice handling skills and learn about the sport. Sometimes the barrier to enter these sports can be both daunting and expensive, such that it excludes potential new participants.

In Junior Showmanship classes, the judging is exclusively on the skill and ability of the child or teenager, *not* on the quality of the dog they are showing or how closely that dog matches the breed standard. While the quality of grooming will not be judged, the dog they are showing should be groomed in accordance with what is standard for the breed.

In the ring, Juniors stack the dog, demonstrate movement, and show the dog's bite and teeth.

Although the handler is being evaluated rather than the quality of the dog, they obviously, still need a dog to show. For some junior handlers who don't come from a dog show family, this has been a significant barrier to getting involved and staying involved, but this new pilot program is hoping to close that gap.

I would like to hear from members regarding this program or general questions regarding junior showmanship.

Due to confidentiality, AKC does not release names of juniors so the only names I ever see are those of juniors who have qualified in **Canine Chronicles'** posting by virtue of winning in the ring.

I love to highlight other juniors who are out there! Please send me an email at darlam723@gmail.com

LIBRARY/ARCHIVES REPORT

By Helen Stein

Our fancy has lost many colorful, talented, and lovely people in the last few months. One of these was **Monroe Jackson**.

When Sharon called to let me know that she was donating some of Monroe's jewelry pieces to the Afghan Hound Club of America, I was very touched. Sharon and Monroe have supported the AHCA Art Auctions and Rescue Auctions with exquisite examples of their artwork; Sharon with her paintings and Monroe with his jewelry, for many years. A lovely note from Sharon accompanied what I thought would be few beautiful creations of gemstone and silver.

I could not have anticipated the astounding array of jewelry that Sharon sent to the Club!

Over 40 pieces of Monroe's beautiful gemstone and silver creations featuring his beloved breed, the Afghan Hound.

This very generous and heartfelt donation will be carefully catalogued, and then divided between the AHCA and AHCA Rescue Charity.

Sharon, thank you so very much!

Small sampling of the jewelry is shown on the next page.



Small sampling of the pieces donated by Sharon Jackson and created by Monroe Jackson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Jennifer Taylor

Congratulations and welcome to the following new members who were accepted at the July 2022 Board meeting:

- Gretchen Miller
- Kristina Lengel
- Nicole Machado
- Louis J. Marotta

MENTOR PROGRAM REPORT

By Christine Pinkston

This Committee has had several inquiries for mentoring, and we have made that happen. We are not without good people willing to help the newcomer, the interested party, an owner ready to try out the show-scene etc. But what about the ‘pet home’? What about following up on your own placements? From my perspective, that’s where I find some lacking. Guess what can happen when there is no regular follow up? Nothing good. When there is a problem, that home doesn’t always hunt-you-down. They either make mistakes on their own, maybe the pass the dog off to another party (no matter ‘what’ your contract said.) or get lucky and reach a local person who has to step in for you. Don’t breed so much that you don’t have time to follow up with people. Call them. Check in on them- or find them a local mentor. Be careful where the dogs go two out of two times the homes

were inappropriate. No matter that a contract is in place. Also, it would be helpful if you inform a regional club (when there is one) that you’ve placed a dog in their area.... If you don’t have the time for follow up, don’t breed. Our breed in 2021 was # 114 out of 197 in popularity. Just imagine how busy Rescue would be if Afghan Hounds became seriously more popular and breeders weren’t holding up their end of the responsibility. Sometimes bad things can happen but most of us are doing it the right way.

PERFORMANCE REPORTS

By Lynda Hicks

Companion Events/Title Recognition and Family Dog

AKC approval has been obtained for holding the Companion Events associated with the 2022 National Specialty show.

Date: October 4, 2022

Location: Roberts Centre, Ballroom A (same location as held in 2021)

Judges:

- Agility*
Ms. Cherrie A. Treber
- Obedience & Rally*
Ms. Catherine M. Thompson
- Triathlon Conformation*
Ms. Jennifer Taylor

Schedule:

Agility in morning, followed by Obedience and Rally. Triathlon and Conformation judging will take place in Ballroom C associated with Sweepstakes that evening. Complimentary continental Breakfast ringside in Ballroom A

Draft premium lists have been circulated to the Board for approval, to be released by August 3. There will be a link for electronic entries and payment of entries directly to AHCA.

AKC has now published updated Obedience & Rally Regulations. Electronic copies are available on the AKC website. Hard copies can be ordered from AKC, and a few hard copies will be available at our National for interested parties.

It is exciting to note that, even Post Pandemic, the interest in companion events with Afghan Hounds seems to be thriving. So far this year thru May, Afghan Hounds have earned 41 AKC titles, including: 6 obedience; 6 rally; 6 Agility; 10 CGC; 6 Trick titles; 1 Farm Dog Certification; and 6 have qualified under the new Temperament Testing procedure.

The AKC Board of Directors approved regulation changes at their July 2022 meeting.

Below is a summary of some of those changes:

Rally to Allow More Participation in the Rally “A” Classes

Rally Regulations were modified to allow exhibitors who have earned the Obedience Beginner Novice (BN) title to be eligible to enter the Rally “A” classes (Rally Novice A, Rally Advanced A and/or Rally Excellent A). This change is effective for trials held on or after October 3, 2022.

Obedience and Rally Clubs Allowed to Publish More Prizes in Premiums

The Obedience and Rally Regulation were modified to

allow clubs to publish prizes in the event premium list that are being offered only to members of clubs or owners of specific breeds. This change is effective immediately.

Clarification on Run Off for Best of Breed in Lure Coursing

The Regulations for Lure Coursing Test and Trials were modified to specify when there are multiple stake winners, they must all advance and be randomly drawn into the Best of Breed run rather than be run off against each other first to determine which one dog would be the overall stake winner and advance to the Best of Breed run. This clarification will prevent misinterpretation leading to dogs having the undue burden of running an additional time. This change is effective for trials held on or after August 1, 2022. For comments or questions, contact lurecoursing@akc.org or 919-816-3908.

Virtual Scent Work Test Made Permanent

The Virtual Scent Work Test was launched August 1, 2021 as a pilot program. It has provided exactly what it was designed for which was to serve as an introduction to Scent Work and allow owners to take part in a fun activity they can do from home. In looking at the participation level of this program, 120 unique breeds plus Canine Partners have earned VSWT titles. The program has experienced participation from all 50 states plus Canada, the U.K and Australia. Of the dogs that have earned a VSWT title, 10% were from dogs that have not previously earned an AKC sport title (excluding a CGC title). At the expiration of the

pilot program period, August 1, 2022, the Virtual Scent Work Test will be designated a permanent program. For comments or questions, contact scentwork@akc.org or 919-816-3844.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REPORT

By Lynda Hicks

As of June 15, 2022, Board approved P&P’s updated thru the May 4, 2022, Board Meeting were uploaded onto the Afghan Hound Club of America’s website.

The document includes a great new feature - if you click on a line in the Table of Contents it takes you right to the section. Should be much easier to use.

Our heartfelt appreciation for invaluable help with these updates to: **James Donahue, Claudia Jakus, Erika Jantos, Bob Jordan, Eddie Kominek, Toni King, Amy Mero, and Christine O’Connor.**

This is still a work in progress. If any member sees anything in the updated version you question, PLEASE contact me and we’ll research it.

The P&P Committee continues to work directly with Committee Chairs and Officers to update all the references within the document and make recommendations to the Board and/or General Membership (as appropriate) for clarifications and updates.



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DOB 06/23/2020

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[Sire of FCI World Lure Coursing 2022 Champion Liwa Chali of Synergion]

D: Ishq of Synergion

Breeder: Ernest Abresch Owner and Handler: Devorah Hayman

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REGIONAL CLUBS REPORT

By Amy Mero

Packets received from approved shows for 13 clubs since the last report. Listed in show date order:

Midwest Afghan Hound Club

August 12
Judge: Lex Robertson

Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club

August 12 PM
Judge: James Dalton

Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio

August 13
Judge: Thomas Kirsten

Afghan Hound Club of Columbus

August 14
Judge: JoAnne Buehler

Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club

August 26
Judges: Jamie Souza Bartlett/Russ Hastings

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Denver

September 8
Judge: Nancy Edgington
September 9
Judge: Anna Tyler

Northern California Afghan Hound Club

September 17
Judge: Yancy Russell

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus

October 8
Judge: Jan Swayze-Curry

Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Association

October 9
Judges: Gil Ullom/ Joseph Buchanan

Afghan Hound Club Austin

October 28
Judge: Michael Virgo (UK)

October 29
Judge: Sue Virgo (UK)

Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association

November 18
Judge: TBD

Afghan Hound Club of Omaha

November 26
Judge: TBD

November 27
Judge: TBD

Suncoast Afghan Hound Club

December 16
Judge: Gil Ullom

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix

March 9, 2023
Judges: Desmond Murphy/ Kalen Voogt

Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Association

March 17, 2023
Judge: TBD

STATISTICS REPORT 2021

By Carol Rivette, Lynda Hicks and Claudia Jakus

TOP-PRODUCING SIRE- 5 CHAMPION OFFSPRING

CH Criston Athena Shekinah Alydar 1-Oct-20

oOwner: M. Gilley & L. Stoffels & C. Pinkston
Breeder: M. Gilley & L. Stoffels & C. Pinkston

TOP-PRODUCING DAMS - 3 CHAMPION OFFSPRING

CH Abaca Shylo Margarita Rita 1-Mar-21

Owner: A. R. Shaw & S. P. Fisher & B. S. Clark

Breeder: A. R. Shaw & S. P. Fisher & B. S. Clark

CH Azari Ruzka Twilight Eclipse 1-Jul-19

Owner: K. Irazabal & D. Hichborn & K. Smith
Breeder: K. Irazabal & D. Hichborn

CH Genesis Wicked 1-Aug-18

Owner: S. Cory & M. Quinn
Breeder: L. Guerrero & H. Nave

CH Jolie Palindrome 1-May-17

Owner: J. Taylor & S. Krupp & J. W. Taylor
Breeder: J. Taylor & S. Krupp & J. W. Taylor

CH Pahlavi Itz Good To Be Me 1-Jul-19

Owner: K. Wagner
Breeder: K. Wagner

CH Singh N' In The Rain 1-Oct-20

Owner: T. M. Richmond & L. Stoffels
Breeder: T. M. Richmond

CH Ziv Hii's The Fourth Chakra 1-Jan-21

Owner: C. L. Helm
Breeder: C. L. Helm

FC El Zagel's Arcadian Colors SC 1-Oct-17

Owner: V. Fagre-Stroetz. K. Brougeman & C. Sullivan
Breeder: V. Fagre-Stroetz & B. Schultz

GCH CH Winsong Enchanted 1-Dec-20

Owner: N. Gardner Kueffer & Z. Kueffer
Breeder: E. McCrary, A. McCrary, N. Gardner Kueffer

GCHG CH Pahlavi Itz My Turn!! 1-Dec-17

Owner: P. & S. Ferraro
Breeder: K. Wagner

GCHS CH Kuhlbreze & Designer Whitehouse Blackmarket Dec-20

Owner: K. S. Kujawa & D.

Ridley
Breeder: D. Ridley & L. A. Wennberg

TOP-WINNING DOG IN BREED COMPETITION - 1043

GCHG CH Sunlit's King Of Queens

Owner: T Richardson/P Winkelmeier/A Morrison Jones /J Souza-Bartlett/M Hunter
Breeder: T. Richardson & P. Winkelmeier

TOP-WINNING BITCH IN BREED COMPETITION - 217

GCHS CH Agha Djari's Ultramarine

Owner: Sandra Garner & Claudia Cochran
Breeder: Stefan Boieck & Nico Kersten

TOP-WINNING DOG IN BREED COMPETITION - OWNER HANDLED - 495

GCHB CH Aqua's Leap Of Faith

Owner: Sharon Ferraro
Breeder: Sharon Ferraro

TOP JUNIOR HANDLER - 103

Teah Menough

TOP LURE COURSING DOG AKC- 129 POINTS

FC Kominek's Freya MC LCX2

Owner: Edward & Selma Kominek
Breeder: Edward & Selma Kominek

TOP LURE COURSING DOG ASFA - 42 POINTS

FC Kominek's Ingvar Of Synergon FCh,SC
Owner: Edward & Selma Kominek
Breeder: Michael O'Neill & Ernest Abresch

TOP LURE COURSING COMBINED AKC AND ASFA TOTAL POINTS – 151 POINTS

FC Kominek's Freya MC LCX2
Owner: Edward & Selma Kominek
Breeder: Edward & Selma Kominek

TOP AGILITY AKC MACH AFGHAN HOUND & BEST AGILITY AFGHAN HOUND – SCORE 680

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

TOP OBEDIENCE NOVICE, BEST OPEN & BEST OBEDIENCE AFGHAN HOUND - NOVICE 570 OPEN 584.5 TOTAL 1,154.5

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

BEST RALLY NOVICE AFGHAN HOUND - 298

Pahlavi Northern Dancer RA TKP
Owner: Karen Carter & Karen Wagner
Breeder - Karen Wagner

BEST RALLY INTERMEDIATE AFGHAN HOUND - 269

Bakura's Southern Soul BN RI JC DCAT CGC TKN
Owner/Breeder - Toni D. King

TOP AKC RALLY AFGHAN HOUND SCORE 261 AND BEST RALLY ADVANCED, EXCELLENT AND MASTER

Circle Of Hope UD BN RM RAE
Owner: Gisela Bailey

*Scores: Advanced - 289
Excellent - 307 Master - 313
Total = 909*

TOP NOTRA RACING AFGHAN HOUND – NORC 5.00

Jager Van Hazen Of Synergon
Owner: Michael O'Neill

TOP LGRA RACING AFGHAN HOUND – 8.00

Lagertha Xoransdottir Of Synergon
Owner: Devorah Hayman

ADVANCED CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Le Nobel's Fly Like An Eagle At Overlook CGCA TKN
H. Russell Hastings III & Barbara Hastings & Brian Lenobel & Janet N Lenobel
CH Exquisite Elation Glorious Amber Reign Of Ciera BN RI CGCA
Brigitte M Kroll & Beth Anne Hall & David Hall & Hartley Hall

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Bakura's Music To My Soul CGC
Toni King

Le Nobel's Fly Like An Eagle At Overlook CGC
H. Russell Hastings III & Barbara Hastings & Brian Lenobel & Janet N Lenobel

RAS Run With Me, I'm Sarah Lee CGC
Annette Smith

Kamy's Princess Cookie CGCU
Jessica Marie Hilts & Kurt Hilts

Elg Chase Big Birdie Rose I'm So Fly CGC
Tammy and Mike Swanson & Cathy Chase

GCH CH Spirit Ridge Some Kind Of Wonderful Of Celebre DCAT ACT2 ACT2J CGC - Gary Alligood & Shery Kinley-Alligood & Bobbi Kinley Blewett & William Mines

Wynsyr Azure Sky CGC
Braxton Taylor Hernandez & Conlin Carl Harwood

GCH CH Cayblu Marionette RI NA CGC
Cathy Kirchmeyer & Lynda Hicks & Carlos Chujoy

GCH CH Komar's Storm'N Klouds RN SC CGC
Aisha Jones

Milk And Honey A Touch Of Freedom BCAT CGC TKN
Megan Rice

BCAT

Shou Gerat Limpid Sight BCAT
Joann King & Kathleen Raleigh

Audrias RAS Ahead of the Storm JC CA BCAT CGC TKN
Annette Smith

Bakura's Southern Soul RN BCAT CGC
Toni King

GCH CH Cayblu Suni Kazette RN BCAT CGC TKN
Lynda Hicks

CH Duet Inisfree Sirae Mysterious Ways CA BCAT
Cynthia Byington & Louise Paulson & Lorene French & Ms. Anna C Tyler

Duet Inisfree Sirae Thief Of Hearts BCAT
Louise Paulson & Lorene French & Anna C Tyler & Cynthia Byington

Holdwin's Jack O' Lantern BCAT CGC
Nancy Ebeling & Lynda Hicks & Terilynn Holderman

Holdwin's Mistress Of The Dark For Suni & Sumahari RN JC BCAT CGC TKN
Lynda Hicks & Hans Holderman & Sue Virgo

GCH DC Inisfree Sirae' Duet Crystal Blue Persuasion RN SC CAA BCAT
Anna C Tyler & Louise Paulson & Lorene French

Milk And Honey A Touch Of Freedom BCAT TKN
Megan Rice

Polo's Peach Malibu BCAT
Deborah Randolph

GCH CH Sirae' That's Miss Kitt, To You JC CA BCAT
Suzanne Willis Popson

CH Aqua's Don't Go Breaking My Heart BCAT
Gerald Bazar & Tracee Elwess

Carolina Monarch's Enchanted Dragon BCAT CGC TKN
Sarah Michelle Love

Dream A Little Dream Of Me JC CA BCAT
Kathleen OBrien & Jean Martin

Komar's Smoke 'N Blue BCAT
Megan Louise Fellner

RAS Run With Me, I'm Sarah Lee BCAT CGC
Annette Smith

Xotica By Invitation Only At Pahlavi JC CA BCAT
Shelby Roberts & Boo Donoho & Kristina Lengel

CH Exquisite Crowning Glory Of Elation JC BCAT
Lori Gency & Thomas Gency

Mayuhime Hepworth BCAT
Marjorie Hepworth

Percival-Tazi Knight Of Chandelle SC BCAT
Lisa M Lucas

CH Ashante Windigo St Elmo's Firefly CA BCAT
Valerie J Manning, Deborah S Peters, Sharon Lewis & Jen N Trinqu

Carolina Monarch's Ashen Blue BCAT
Max Keefe

Jolie Forged In Fire BCAT
Chase Gartzke

Absolyut Bombina BCAT
Olga Hislop & Alan Hislop & Nicholas Scroggins

GCH CH Alphaville's Flash Forward SC BCAT
Erica Jantos & Eugene Jantos & Ramon Infante

Bakura's Azzurro Cielo Soul JC BCAT
Clarence E. Johnson III & Toni King & Krista Rae Szaflarski

Bakura's Music To My Soul BCAT CGC
Toni King

Cleopatra CDX BN RI BCAT CGC TKI
Gisela Bailey

Lijolba Love Angel Hadraniel BCAT
Harmony H Gleason-Doolittle

Malisco's One To Many CA BCAT
Kristen Kozminski & Madison Trahan & Ron Tigchon

CH Thaon's Stargate JC CA BCAT CGCA CGCU TKA
Nicole Machado & Jay T. Hafford

Tryall Sundance Jp Dom Perignon BCAT
Erica Jantos & Ramon Infante

CH Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay CD RAE AX AXJ BCAT CGCA TKN
Mikki Razor

Ziv Hii's Dragon Of Ash And Stars CA BCAT
Grace Lossman & Carla L. Helm & Kristina Lengel

Holdwin's Frankenstein BCAT
Terilynn Holderman & Hans Holderman

Holdwin's Howling Good Time V Mazshalna JC BCAT
Donna M Bates & Hans Holderman

Kominek's Hickory BCAT
Terilynn Thomas & Mr. Edward Richard Kominek & Selma Kominek

DCAT

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Gary Alligood & Shery Kinley-Alligood & Bobbi Kinley Blewett & William Mines

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Komar's Sun'N Snow SC DCAT
Rhonda Greenhalgh

CH Napier's Talk Of The Town DCAT
Anthony Colucci & Sandra Redding & Michael Ashley

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CH Exquisite Jewel In The Crown Of Elation JC DCAT
Ann Nicholson & Beth Anne Hall & David Hall & Hartley Hall

Jolie Forged In Fire DCAT
Chase Gartzke

RAS Run With Me, I'm Sarah Lee DCAT CGC ATT
Annette Smith

Zoso's Sweet Sensation CDX BN DCAT CGC
Kate E Maynard

FARM DOG CERTIFIED

Charsada Blood Of My Blood FDC TKA
Diana Berthold & Elizabeth Berthold

FCAT

Kominek's Fia At Kryslaur CA FCAT
Kristi Jones & Edward Kominek & Selma Kominek

GCH CH Boanne's In Hot Pursuit CAA FCAT SDPRO
Becky Reynnels & Anne Evans

GCHB CH Spirit Ridge Some Kind Of Wonderful Of Celebre JC CA FCAT ACT2 ACT2J CGC
Gary Alligood & Shery Kinley-Alligood & Bobbi Kinley Blewett & William Mines

FIELD CHAMPION

FC Hosanna Whispering Drum SC BCAT
Bruce A Klimek

FC Ysanti Notorious Nike SC
Vicki Fagre-Stroetz

TRICK DOG PERFORMER

Komar's Chase N Rainbows CGC TKP
Donna Jean Mcquade Rn

Pahlavi Northern Dancer RN TKP
Karen Carter & Karen Wagner

Joyce & Sita

A model, a movie star
and one of the most
influential Afghan
Hounds you never
heard of

by
Marianne
Elliston

Photos contributed by M. Elliston. Top to bottom: Joyce Morton modeling photo; Movie still Paul Lukas and Lya Lys; 16 yr old Joyce and Bambi



My husband Don and I are retired from the horse transport business, a service that took us to many places. We often hauled show horses for an Arabian breeder named Tara, who is the daughter of our subject, Joyce Morton.

We were visiting their home when I noticed a portrait of an attractive woman with an Afghan Hound. When I inquired about it, Tara told me that it was Joyce's mother, her grandmother, movie actress Lya Lys and their hound Am. Ch. El Mio Bambi of Chamee, taken around 1943/44.

Tara introduced me to her mother and on that day Joyce was happy to have an eager listener to talk 'dogs' with and shared the interesting story of her Afghan Hounds.

When I first met Joyce Morton, little did I realize that I was listening to someone who not only owned an important early Afghan Hound, but that Joyce personally knew Venita Oakie (Oakvardon), Marion Florsheim (Five Mile) and Sunny Shay (Grandeur). Since this initial contact with Joyce I had largely communicated with her via her daughter Tara. (Joyce rarely talked via the telephone, or wrote letters, or used a computer).

Joyce was born in 1932 and had become ill and feeble and sadly passed in 2017. I am grateful to Tara who has kindly provided additional information. Joyce certainly had a colorful background. Her mother was born in Berlin as Nathalie Margoulis. When she became a model, Nathalie changed her name to Lya Lys.

Through professional connections Lya was able to come to New York and get into the film industry. From there she went to Hollywood. She was glad to escape the turmoil in Europe at that time. But one

couldn't really escape it. Over the course of her career Miss Lys would work with such well known performers as Edward G. Robinson, Maureen O'Sullivan, Janet Gaynor, Humphrey Bogart and even the future President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

One of her films was called "Confessions of a Nazi Spy". Even though she came to the United States to get away from the politics the movie plot caused Lys to fear for the safety of her family in Berlin. The sad fact was that some members of her family would actually disappear before peace came again to Europe.

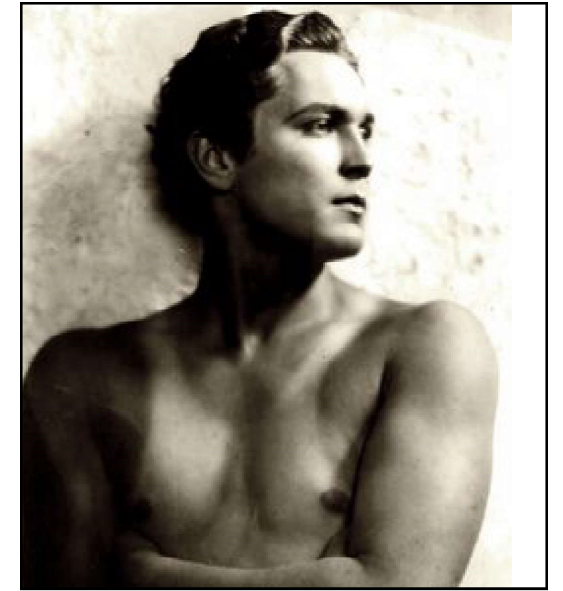
In 1931, the "Statuesque Blond 1930s leading lady of Hollywood films" as Lya was called, married the handsome silent film actor and "hunk" of his day, Charles Morton and in the spring of 1932 they became the parents of Joyce Morton

Joyce told me that after they were married, her parents began to have differences of opinion. Lya wanted Charles to quit the silent movies and work in modern films where he would make more money, but he refused, and they got a divorce right after Joyce was born.

Joyce and Sita Of Oakvardon

Joyce's mother was a friend and business associate of Jack Oakie and when the Oakies moved to California her mother took her on a visit to Venita and Jack's Oakvardon kennel where she fell in love with the Afghan Hounds.

In December 1937 Venita Oakie and Lya decided to give Joyce an Afghan Hound as a Christmas



Charles Morton, Warner Bros publicity still

present. Joyce was just five years old at the time. The Afghan Hound puppy was named Sita Of Oakvardon a four month old fuzzy white bitch. The little girl was delighted! Sita and Joyce became inseparable.

Joyce and her hound would play in the backyard of their Beverly Hills home for the next three years. In fact Joyce talked about Sita with tears in her eyes. She called her the love of her life. In 1940 Joyce's mother was in an unhappy marriage to John Gunnerson, a controlling man who didn't like children. The last straw came while Lya was busy on a film set John sent Joyce away to boarding school at a convent.

When Joyce returned in 1941, the situation at home had really deteriorated. She was heartbroken to discover that her mother had given

Editor's Note: The article contains recollections of recollections. Ms. Elliston emailed photos and text independent of what is currently published on AFGHAN HOUND TIMES where this article, in part, also appears. www.afghanhoundtimes.com



Venita Vardon Oakie - photo courtesy of M. Elliston

Sita back to Venita and was taking Joyce to New York. Lya promised Joyce that Sita would be shipped to them when they got settled but that never happened.

Joyce and her mother lived at the Mayflower Hotel on Madison Ave across from Central Park where Joyce remembered laying on the bed listening to the news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Her mother was worried about her. She had gone into a deep depression when Sita didn't arrive as promised. Neither of them knew it at the time but they never would see the dog again.

Though Joyce was unhappy Venita had plans. Sita was bred to Venita's imported stud dog from India - Umberto. The ensuing litter included Am. Ch. Oakvardon Charon who would become a prolific stud for Dr. William Henry Ivens Jr. (Ivardon). In particular Dr. Ivens used him on his bitch Adera. The litter was whelped 1949. Enter Sunny Shay who obtained two bitches - Mahdi and Zillah of Grandeur. Sunny then bred Mahdi to her Blue Boy of Grandeur in 1954. From that cross came Kalli and Shir Khan of Grandeur and as they say, the rest is history!

Sita, from a little girl's beloved pet to a contributor to the pedigree of one of the most famous Afghan Hounds in the world. 🐾

Shir Khan of Grandeur
(Photo from Afghan Hound Times www.afghanhoundtimes.com by Steve Tillotson)



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Junior Spotlight



By Darla Miller
AHCA Jr. Handler Chair

Young handler catches the eye of the media and the hearts of spectators alike! Here is the story of Miss Olivia Batancourt six years old written by Sheila Billings with the permission and assistance of her parents Rosario and Elyades Betancourt .

It was February 20th, 2022 at the American Kennel Club Shows in Lakeland, Florida where a quiet storm was brewing around the Afghan Hound ring. In a flash, a few candid shots and video went viral on Social Media. Highly respected Afghan Hound Breeder Judge Mrs. June Penta was judging Afghan Hounds that day. Presenting was a darling Afghan Hound Puppy and her even more adorable handler and from appearances, they were creating quite a stir.

Sitting ringside - icons in the breed, Lee and Michael Canalizo of the Grandeur fame. They looked pleased as did this young lady's parents and the others competing in the ring with them.

Miss Olivia Betancourt, age six was showing six-month-old Jorogz Zia Mia for the first time.

To quote her mother, Rosario Pineiro Betancourt, "This was a very special for our daughter Olivia, her first time

showing a puppy Afghan Hound. She wanted to show her since she arrived home. I couldn't be more proud of her. She did a wonderful job, like always!"

Olivia has quite a pedigree herself. Her parents are breeders of Smooth Fox Terriers and Great Danes. They are owner handlers as well as being professional handlers. Her mother Rosario began showing at age six herself and her first Afghan Hound at age ten. Her grandmother, Rosario's mother, Maria Adela Barbadori is AKC and FCI accredited judge of Brazil; breeds Great Danes and will be on the judges panel at the World Dog Show this year.

Elyades Betancourt, Olivia's father, started showing Great Danes at age ten. Olivia has quite a gift! So much talent at such a young age. According to mom, she really loves showing the dogs. They love her and it shows!!! As a toddler, age three, she showed and finished her Brussels Griffon in the regular ring (at age 3!!!). Huge congratulations and continued best wishes Olivia. I know I wish I had an Afghan puppy you could show.🐾

- Sheila Billings

Credit to: Rosario P. and Elyades Betancourt for sharing your story and for allowing the photos of Olivia to be published in Topknot News



Ch Jorogz Zia Mia
Breeders: John Roger Morton & Billie Wilson
Owners: John Roger Morton & Gregory J. Byfield
Photography: William Pearce and Diane Han



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2022 Buckeye Bash Debut!

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puppy available that was destined to become Jeff's future service dog.

The puppy is Whitney (Singh Shekinah Waiting to Exhale), and she has developed a tight bond with Jeff, as well as the rest of the family.

by Jeff and Whitney and much fun was had by all.

Jeff and Whitney were presented with a lovely rosette and a framed piece of Afghan art presented by Mr. James Dalton and Ms. JoAnne Buehler.

It is my hope that an "Event Participation" class for special needs folks can be part of all Afghan Hound specialties going forward. This addition would truly make dog shows a family sport for everyone.🐾

I would like to take a moment to recognize a newcomer to our breed.... Jeff Hillman.

Jeff came from a military family and grew up on Long Island, New York. He has special needs that were not being properly cared for when his sister, Jan Plank and her husband, Scott, stepped in and brought Jeff to their home in upstate New York, to be part of their family.

Since moving in with Jan and Scott, Jeff has thrived! He has lost 50 pounds, developed an outgoing personality, and developed interests in wood working, crafts, and most importantly with Jan's family of dogs.

When Jeff's service dog developed cancer, Jan reached out to Toni Richmond, who, along with Leslie Stoffels, had a litter of Afghan Hound puppies out of BIS SBIS GCh. Singh Nazira Some Enchanted Evening, bred to Ch. Sharja Sunset. There was one

Jeff and Whitney made their debut in the PeeWee class at the Greenville Kennel Club. It was the first time Whitney had even been near a dog show and without any apprehension, Whitney with her buddy Jeff, rocked it. Jeff is so proud of all of the dogs, but he is especially proud of his new puppy, Whitney. We would like to recognize Jeff and his new service dog, Whitney.

The clubs of the Buckeye Bash would like to thank the following judges for their participation in our "Event Participation" class for Jeff Hillman and Whitney.

Our judges Mr. James Dalton and Ms. JoAnne Buehler put Jeff and Whitney thru their paces in the ring. It was a job well done



JoAnne Buehler, Jeff, Whitney and Jan Plank

