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MEETINGS

The next meeting will be the 16th of September ... so save the date ...
time and place to be announced later.....don't forget.....

FLASH!!!!!! The Afghan Hound Club of California received 2nd place in
the All Over Benching competition at Santa Barbara .. also the Wainers
and Burgers received the 4th place Award for their double Benching ..
with the Carl Jardines accepting the fifth place Trophy .. Congratula-
tions .. that is mighty fine WINNING!!! The judges were Mr. Foster of
the SBKC and Mr. Tatly from New York.

The AHCC Fall Sanctioned Match & Futurity will be held October 29, 1961.

The Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club will hold it's Fall Bench Show Sunday,
September 24th at the Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. The Spec-
ial Feature Attraction is to be AFGHAN RACING .. If permission can be
obtained from AKC .. If this occurs it will be the first time this
feature has been presented as a part of an AKC Show in the United States.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The OCTOBER Issue will be the Obedience Issue .. if you have trained
an Afghan at any time and are a member please send in a story of your
experiences, heartaches, joys, wins, etc., and let's have an Excellent
OBEDIENCE ISSUE .. all copy must be received by September 16th.....

Results of the drawing held at Santa Barbara: Laverne Jardine - 1st,
Joyce McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Neprstek, Bob Rafferty and Muriel Treat.

CORRECTION

Georgie Guthrie's Dog Stormhill Szum Czarny should have been third in
the OPEN Class in the Harbor Cities report instead of the Dog listed..

AWARDS AND INSTALLATION DINNER

So many people turned out for this affair held at Henry's Santa Anita Restaurant in Arcadia that there was standing room only .. all business except the counting of the ballots was postponed until the next regular meeting. Those elected to membership are: Ronald and Louanne Howell, Mrs. Norma Becker, Gloria Marple, Marianna Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert V. Mussetter, Joan Fedor and Marianne Hendricks .. welcome!!!!

It was the new President's Birthday so he was presented with a Cake and a drawing (done by Lois Gosner) of his Ch. Bascha - all this by his fellow Club members .. it was John Buchanan's 38th .. so he said.

Specialty Judge, Kay Finch, gave a little resume of the judging (complete text in this issue) and presented the following with Award Trophies:

CHAMPION AWARDS

CH. EL MARI NEELAMANI

Bred & Owned By Mary P. Moss
Dam - El Mari Sheebe Shararain
Sire - CH. Ibn Nekhorro El Khani

CH. CAMMAR'S PA'YUNGA OF GRANDEUR

Owned By Barbara Caminez
Bred By Sunny Shay
Dam - CH. Silver Pearl of Grandeur
Sire - CH. Shirkhan of Grandeur

CH. PATRICIAN KUBAR OF STORMHILL

Owned by Virginia R. Withington
Bred By H. G. Stephenson, Jr. & Virginia R. Withington
Dam - Stormhill San-Dhika
Sire - CH. Crown Crest Kabul

CH. EL MARI MESHACH

Owned By R. E. Souders
Bred By Mary P. Moss
Dam - Smiech Diamond Lucia
Sire - CH. Ibn Nekhorro El Khani

CH. EL KEVIR'S PHEASANT

Owned By Georgianna R. Guthrie
Bred By Mr. & Mrs. Kenyon C. Burch
Dam - El Kevir's Pcompadour of Azad
Sire - CH. Crown Crest Taejallah

CH. AKABA'S KNOW IT ALL

Bred & Owned By Lois R. Boardman
Dam - Genii Al Peraa
Sire - CH. Shirkhan of Grandeur

CH. MIKAI TAI DESERT WARRIOR

Bred & Owned By Virginia S. Mika
Dam - CH. Faith C. D.
Sire - CH. Desert Chieftain of Makai C. D.

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FUTURITY HI-LITES

By

Shirley Wainer

Letters have gone out to Club members who have pups in the '61 Futurity to nominate their judge for the forthcoming show. Be sure you get the consent of your judge so that when the ballots go out, there won't be any last minute scratches.

The date of the show will be Sunday, October 29, at the Cheviot Hills Playground, 2693 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The playground is just south of Pico Blvd. near 20th Century Fox Studios. We plan on starting around 10:00 o'clock in the morning so that we will be finished in time for a lunch break then on to the Fall Sanction Match. There will be Dog Show Signs to follow to the spot of the show.

All nominations should be back to me by August 25, so that I can mail the ballots back to you in ample time, as we then can announce the judge at the September meeting. Don't forget if you breeders have sold any of the pups, please send me the new owners address.

Let me remind you again of payments due on the '62 show. If you got that bitch in whelp, support your Futurity and nominate her! Send for rules, etc., to:

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OFF THE LEASH

DID YOU KNOW THAT .. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schroder and Mr. Stewart Ailor, Club members from Spokane, Washington, drove to California for the Ventura and Santa Barbara Shows .. their Greenbrier Bus was promptly 'nudged' by an Allied Van and they had to rent a car while theirs was being repaired .. Richard Wainer went fishing and brought the fish he caught home in a 'gunny-sack' .. he deposited said sack in an inconspicuous spot for a few moments .. yes, you guessed, Shammy found it and had a very distinctive fish perfume, something that not many Afghans get a chance to wear .. In last months Bulletin there was a bit about Mary Amps and her British Champion Sirdar of Ghazni .. this month there is a letter from Mr. L. W. Amps whose address is :3, High Peak, Sunnydale, Berks, England .. here it is in part ...

Dear Mrs. Finch,

It is very kind of you to have written to my wife. Unfortunately she is now permanently in the hospital, suffering from Parkinson's disease, and is unable to write letters. She has asked me to thank you and to say how much she appreciates your kind thought.

She never forgets her Champion Dog "Sirdar of Ghazni" (known to his friends as 'Riffy') it seems that your Tasson must have had some of 'Riffy's' characteristics - especially that of knowing when a judge is looking at him - even in a long and tiring class.

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Introducing.....

HULLABALOO'S BRIGHT IMAGE

(Picture-top right: Bright, 7 months, with judge Mary Stephenson)

Best Puppy In Match - AHCC Sanction Match

Judge - Mary Stephenson

Best 9 to 12 Month Puppy Match

AHCC Specialty -- Judge - Kay Finch

And

HULLABALOO'S TIGER RAG

Best Of Breed and Group 3 - Orange Empire All Age Match

Judge - Ruby Buchanan

Best 9 to 12 Month Puppy Dog

AHCC Specialty -- Judge - Kay Finch
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PICTURES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OPPOSITE PAGE:

Left:

On the bench is a puppy that has a Dark GREY mask, saddle, tail and feet. GREY is showing profusely on his side coat .. Whelped May 13, 1961 ... The other pup is running to get on the bench in the third picture.

Center:

Nikki of Nahni and his mistress, Anne Nahni Finkel .. Nikki is the son of Ch. Rajah of Namtrah.

Right:

Learning to "stand" is a full cream male pup .. black pigment .. shaded ears and mask. Watching is his brother - a black masked red. Whelped May 13, 1961.

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ANNOUNCING AN EXCITING NEW LITTER

Upper Left

Taz Mahal Zar Isolde ("Zoli") with litter of nine black masked silvers and reds whelped on her fourth birthday, May 8th, 1961.

Upper Right

"Cha Cha Cha of Shamalan congratulates his mate upon a magnificent litter. This young stud has had one BOB over an entry of 40, one BW over 35 and another BW over 24. This black masked red has his majors and needs but a few points to finish for his championship." He's owned by Richard & Shirley Wainer.

Center Left

This is "Grandma", Ch. Mumtaz Mahal of Manterra, fabulously beautiful Taejon daughter.

Center Right

Taz Mahal Lotus Blossom and Taz Mahal Makalu, matching black masked silvers at eight weeks.

Lower Left

Chow time.

Lower Right

This is "Aunt Zari", Taz Mahal Mumzar, beautiful sister to dam of litter.

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86 Dogs

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Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Dezi Fury of Mikai C.D. - owned by
Virginia S. Mika*

Winners Dog & Best of Winners: Kabu of Desertaire - owned by
Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan*

Reserve Dog: El Kevir Breezealong El Mari - owned by Donna Colvin

Winners Bitch: Sashay El Sayyad - owned by Grace E. Beyer*

Reserve Bitch: Tarina Tempest - owned by Patricia & K.P. Savage, Jr.

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Winner of the Koh-I-Baba, U.D. Memorial Trophy for
the highest Afghan Obedience score at this trial:
Bombay's Ebony Escapade - owned by Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Stokes*

Winner of the Stan Dukek Obedience Trophy for the
Afghan making the highest score in Novice Class A
or Novice Class B:
Bombay's Ebony Escapade - owned by Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Stokes*

Winner of the Peggy and Earl Collins Obedience
Trophy for the highest score in Open Class A or B:
Ch. Hurrah - owned by Miles McDermid*

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Puppy Dogs 6 to 9 months

1. The Fyrekraaker of Stormhill - owned by Virginia Withington*
2. Stormhill Al Siddik - owned by Nicole M. Chiapetta*

Puppy Dogs 9 to 12 months

1. Hullabaloo's Tiger Rag - owned by Betty and Earl Stites*
2. Chesull's Lucifer of Dakar - owned by Marion Robinette*
3. Dominator - owned by Gerri Clow Gary

Novice Dogs

1. Kabu of Desertaire - owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan*
2. Kabul's Tim Baktu of Naranjal - owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jardine*
3. Dakar's Saint and Sinner - owned by Virgil Stokes* & J.E.
Robinette*
4. Prince Rhomiyera El Prydemahr - co-owned by R.L. Davies &
G.L. Rowand

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Bred by Exhibitor Dogs

1. Patrician's Beauregard - owned by Hobart G. Stephenson, Jr.*
2. Abu Kazi of Desertaire - owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan*
3. Subadar of Janda - owned by Jean Townsend*
4. El Tigre Del Norte - owned by J.E. Robinette*

American Bred Dogs

1. Dureigh's Jet of Heritage - owned by Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Barnes
2. Rujaha's Dalai Lama of Lhasa - owned by Blanche Garvin*
3. Concert Rudolpho - owned by Grace E. Beyer*

Open Dogs

1. El Kevir Breezealong El Mari - owned by Donna Colvin
2. Van De Nicholas - owned by Frederick and Muriel Treat*
3. Kuri of Maimar - owned by May Bell
4. San-Dhi's Taman of San-Dhihi - owned by Mr. & Mrs. Brandt Houtsma*

Puppy Bitches 6 to 9 months

1. High Lane Lucky Lady - owned by Gordon and Constance Miller*
2. Pandora of Stormhill - owned by Virginia Withington*
3. Patrician Sheba of Sarai - co-owned by Janet Curtis and Hobart Stephenson, Jr.*
4. Bombay's Idol of The Mist - owned by Ronald & Louanne Howell*

Puppy Bitches 9 to 12 months

1. Hullabaloo's Bright Image - owned by Betty and Earl Stites*
2. Karanita of Kalabar - owned by Fred and Millicent Evans
3. Chesull's Anastasia - owned by Patrick E. Sullivan
4. Her Highness Mah Dalh - owned by Blanche Garvin*

Novice Bitches

1. Kabul's Amal of Herat - owned by June Forry*
2. Cherie - owned by William and Dolly Heiman

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

1. Sashay El Sayyad - owned by Grace E. Beyer*
2. Celest of Kaitu - owned by Robert C. Cotes
3. Patrician's Pamela - owned by Hobart Stephenson, Jr.*
4. Ghahyl Sirini Meleke - co-owned by Avis Axelson* & Marianna Burrows

American Bred Bitches

1. Bakaar Kin of Zabul - owned by Reid and Ardoth Livingstone
2. Tarina Whispering Sands - owned by Tarina Reg
3. Tiffany Blue of Nanni - owned by Julian and Anne Finkel*
4. Kabul's Jhuli of Naranjal - owned by Joe & Sabina Blasdel*

Open Bitches

1. Tarina Tempest - owned by Patricia and Kenneth Paul Savage, Jr.
2. El Mari Phoenix Pharaoh - owned by Mary P. Moss*
3. Tarazah of Desertaire - owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan*
4. Stardust of Kashmir - owned by Charles and Robert Cotes

California Bred Dogs and Bitches

1. Ghim's Tai Gher - owned by James A. Larson III*

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AWARDS CONTINUED

CH. MARDI GRAS VENUS VDOM

Bred & Owned By Mrs. H. McKee Dorsey
Dam - CH. Feeks v.d. Oranje Manege of Crown Crest
Sire - CH. Radizar of Azad

CH. PAMIR STORM DAWN

Bred & Owned By Joseph & Ruth Emmert
Dam - CH. Patrician Victoria
Sire - CH. Stormhill Silver Dream

CH. PAMIR MARCO

Bred & Owned By Joseph & Ruth Emmert
Dam - CH. Patrician Victoria
Sire - CH. Stormhill Silver Dream

CH. MIKAI'S AZURE LAZULI

Bred & Owned By Virginia S. Mika
Dam - CH. Kisu Khan of Crown Crest C.D.
Sire - CH. Desert Chieftain of Mikai C.D.

... ..OBEDIENCE AWARDS... ..

CH. HURRAH C.D.

Bred & Owned By Miles J. McDermid
Dam - Azad's Ibbee Khanii
Sire - CH. Crown Crest Taejallah

PATRICIAN'S DAKARI C.D.

Owned By Marion J. Robinette
Bred By Hobart G. Stephenson
Dam - CH. Crown Crest Taejhanne
Sire - CH. Crown Crest Kabul

President Dan Townsend Installed the new Executive Board and Officers amid much joviality .. then the Jr. Past President received a beautiful framed gavel and Afghan Statuette plaque .. plus all the issues of the Bulletin to date in a tan Morocco cover ..

Pictures of the Specialty, taken by Bill Withington, and edited by Virginia Withington, were shown. Never have there been such clear close-ups of every entry .. the most beautiful pictures .. as that 'zoom' lens caught each dog coming toward the camera and all the way back to the judge .. very little people showing .. only dogs .. Congrats for a wonderful job ..

One sad note for the evening .. the announcement that Ch. Ibn Nekoro el Khani (Koko) a son of Taejon passed on to the Ring in the Sky on July 5th ..

The monkey "got fat" this way: John Buchanan for BOW Kabu .. Dan Townsend on general principals .. Kay Finch for Mr. California who was first "out of the box" .. Grace Beyer for WB Sashay .. Jim Larson for WD Jim's Tai Gher at Ventura .. Valerie Stokes for Dido - the highest Obedience dog at SB .. Bill Moss for El Mari Kennels and for KOKO who

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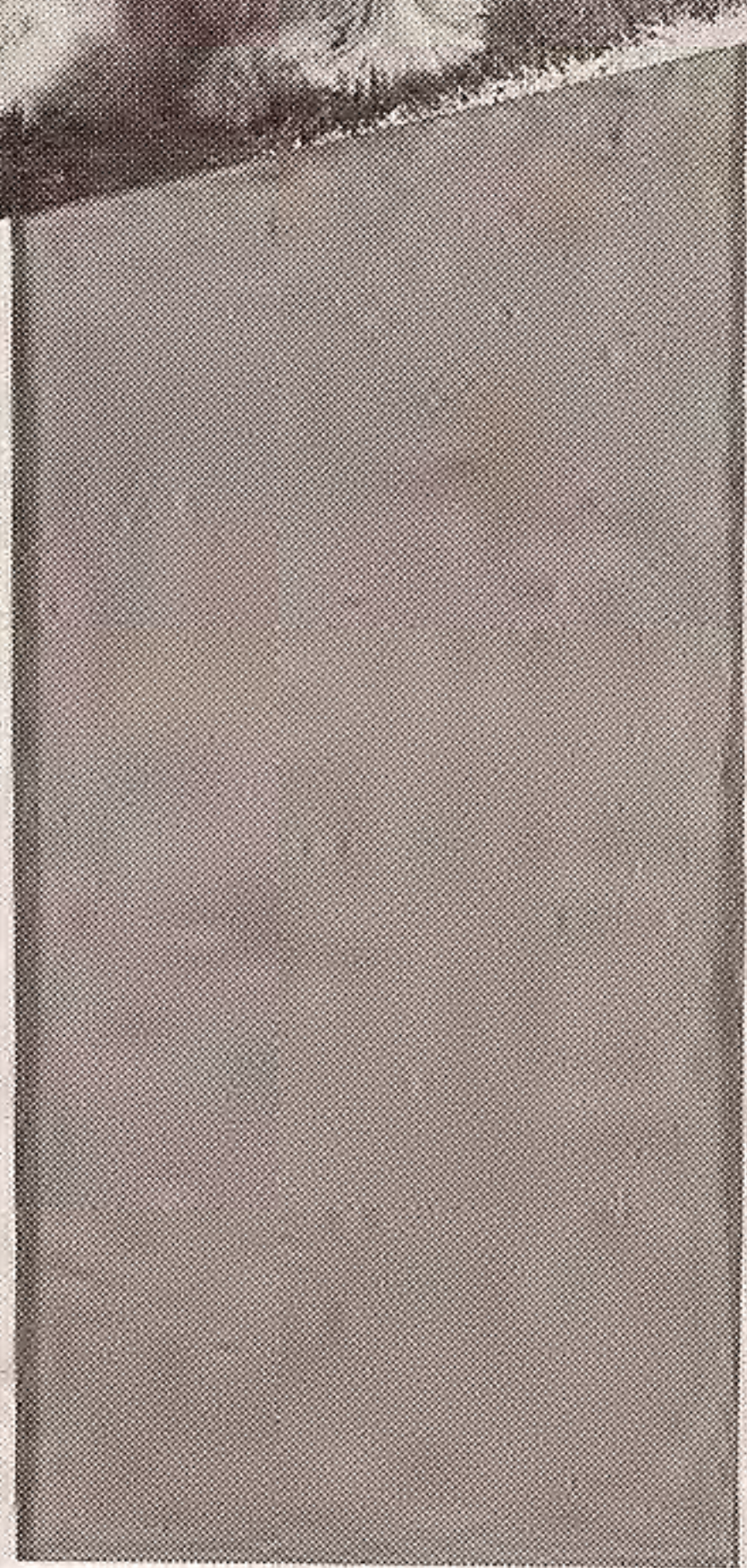
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GREETINGS FROM CROWN CREST

On facing page - Top row, left to right.....

1. Kay Finch and some of her "Hi" litter. Can you guess which one is Mr. Universe???? Crown Crest is the first Afghan Hound Kennel to have bred and reared over 300 puppies. (Mr. U is third from left)
2. American and Canadian Ch. Crown Crest Mr. Universe. First Afghan Hound to win 25 Best In Shows all breed in the U. S. and three out of five Best In Shows in Canada. This picture was taken in New York when he was on the bench. It ran on the front page of all the top newspapers in the nation.
3. Ch. Crown Crest Tae-Joan. Our first black masked silver home-bred. She is first-lady for giving us 14 Champions from two litters with Int. Ch. Ophaal of Crown Crest. Four of these dogs are BIS winners .. Ch. C.C. Rubi, Ch. C.C. Zardonx, Ch. C.C. Kabul and Ch. C.C. Mr. Universe.

Center row, left to right.....

1. American Canadian Ch. Felt's Thief of Bagdad. First silver-blue Best In Show winner. He was a gift to Kay from Braden on their 25th wedding anniversary.
2. Ch. Taejon of Crown Crest. The first Afghan Hound to win the Hound group at Westminster twice in a row. Also the first to win the West Coasts largest show twice in succession (Harbor Cities KC)
3. American, German, Belgian, Holland Ch. Ophaal of Crown Crest. First European titled Champion Afghan Hound to the U.S. First to sire the Best In Show winners of over 45 All Breed shows.

Bottom row, left to right.....

1. American, Mexican, Canadian Ch. Crown Crest Zardonx. First West Coast Champion to win the Afghan Hound Club of America Specialty Show twice in succession. Judge Anna K. Nicolas and Pres. Don Smith presenting Kay and Zar the 1958 honors. In 1957 the judge was Mrs. L. J. Froelich.
2. American, Canadian Ch. Crown Crest Mr. Universe is first Afghan Hound to win Best In Show at same show at which his two daughters also won Best Brace in Show, Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club. In picture are Ch. C.C. Mr. Universe and Kara Zada and Tarazah.

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13th ANNUAL A.H.C. OF C. SPECIALTY SHOW
JULY 30, 1961

By Kay Finch

I am very happy to be asked to give my comments as judge of the recent AHCC Specialty. It will be mainly a personal expression of thanks for the privilege and a discussion of some of my beliefs in regard to breeding and judging show dogs. It will not be an individual critique of any dog or dogs. I have no sympathy with judges who publicly tear down the dogs they judge merely to gratify a grudge or to try to appear superior. I will have no part of such unethical and unsportsmanlike conduct.

Kipling said, "East is East and West is West and Never the Twain Shall Meet" - that was 50 years ago and the world is changing. Anybody who tries to apply this quotation to Afghan Hound breeding and judging simply has a narrow, old-fashioned viewpoint and cannot see the whole world picture. My Best of Breed winner is certainly a blending of the top Eastern and Western foundation breeding lines - a product of many years of hard work in establishing these finest concentrated highly prized bloodlines.

A true student of the breed appreciates the best of his competition. It is a well known fact that I have always been able to see the merit in dogs that belong to other people. If better than mine and needed for the breed, I went out and tried to purchase them. The blood of Thief of Bagdad, Allah Baba, Taejon and the imported Ophaal, each one purchased by me from outside kennels, strengthened my breeding and showing program. The blood of these four great hounds has united to form a pillar of strength in the breed.

We must have the best to produce the best. My motto is even that isn't good enough. A cheap breeding is often the most expensive you can get. If you breed inferior stock because it is cheap or convenient or belongs to a friend, you can set your whole breeding program back five to ten years and you may put yourself out of the winners ribbons forever.

Our annual 13th Specialty Show was not an unlucky one. Number 13 has always been my lucky number and I was highly complimented to have 86 beautiful Afghan Hounds to see and judge. The strongest classes were open dogs and Bitches - and Bred by Exhibitor Dogs and Bitches. This last class is my favorite. It is one to be proud of and breeders should realize this. I found my winning bitch from this class. The Winners Dog came from novice class!!!!!! This is one for the records. I wonder how often this has happened at a Specialty???? But if I think a dog is best in a class, I put it up no matter who bred it, owned it, handled it or how unknown it is. I judge them as though they all belonged to me. And why not? Most every Afghan Hound there had our own late, beloved Taejon as sire or grandsire.

In sentimental tribute to him, I close my speech. He helped us all to love, enjoy and behold the beauties in our breed whose future rests in our hands. Good luck to you all and thank you for giving me the wonderful privilege of seeing so many thrilling hounds.

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MORE OFF THE LEASH

Letter cont'd.

Owing to my wife's long illness we haven't had any Afghan Hounds for many years. We are pleased to know that many are so popular in the States.

Kay Finch has added this information to that included last month: Sirdar of Ghazni was often referred to as "The famous red Dog". He was the sire of Badshah of Ainsdart, Tufan of Ainsdart, Asri-Havid of Ghazni, Omar of Guefron and others.

How about some cards or notes for Mrs. Mary Amps .. would be nice...??

Back to DID YOU KNOW THAT .. an asterick (*) after name in show results designates Club Member .. thanks to past presidents Richard Wainer and John Buchanan who saved their files it has been possible for the Club to have a complete set of minutes from 1957

AWARDS .. AWARDS .. Continued .. died July 5th .. Jim Robinette for RD Dakar's El Tigre at Ventura .. Minna Mott a thank you for the co-operation at SB .. Billy Mott for winning over handler Muller with El Mari Phinx .. Ruby Buchanan as handler of Best Opposite sex, "Fury" .. Pat Savage for Tarina Tempest BOW at Ontario .. Barbara Marcus for 2 litters sired by Ch. Pa' Yunga .. Virginia Withington for Emmert's BOB win with Marco and Storm Song's WB & BOW & BOS at Ventura .. R.E. Sou- ders for the 2nd El Mari Champion Blue Boy which he now owns .. Virginia Withington for the Houtsma's Brace - 5th win in a row

MIDWEST'S LEADING BREED, GROUP & BEST-IN-SHOW AFGHAN

CH. TAJMIR BHUJHUPITER

(Black mask, cream side-coat, deep red saddle)

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** Ranked THIRD nationally (FIRST in Midwest) in Best of Breed wins in '60 - his first year as a Special at 2 years of age

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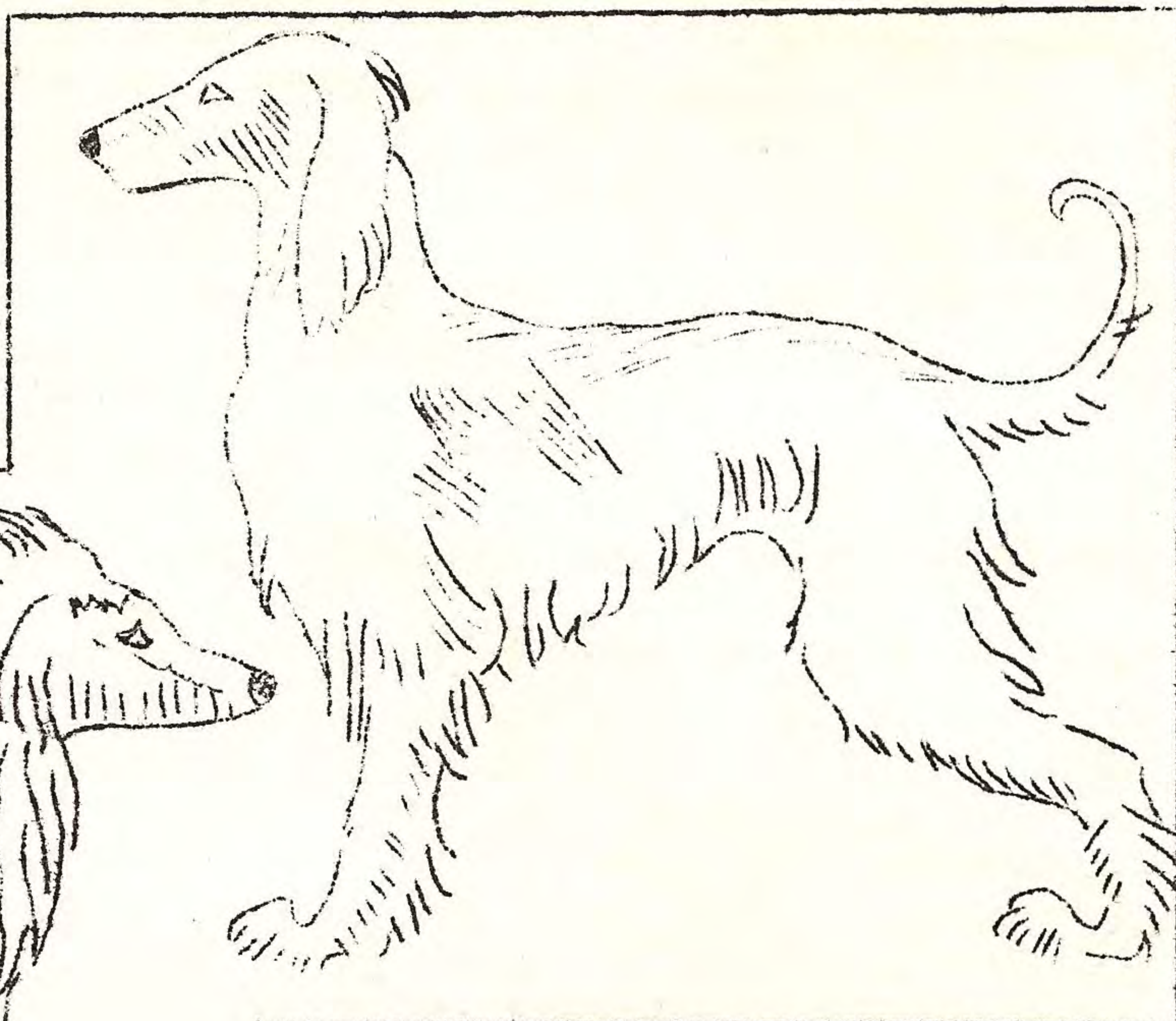
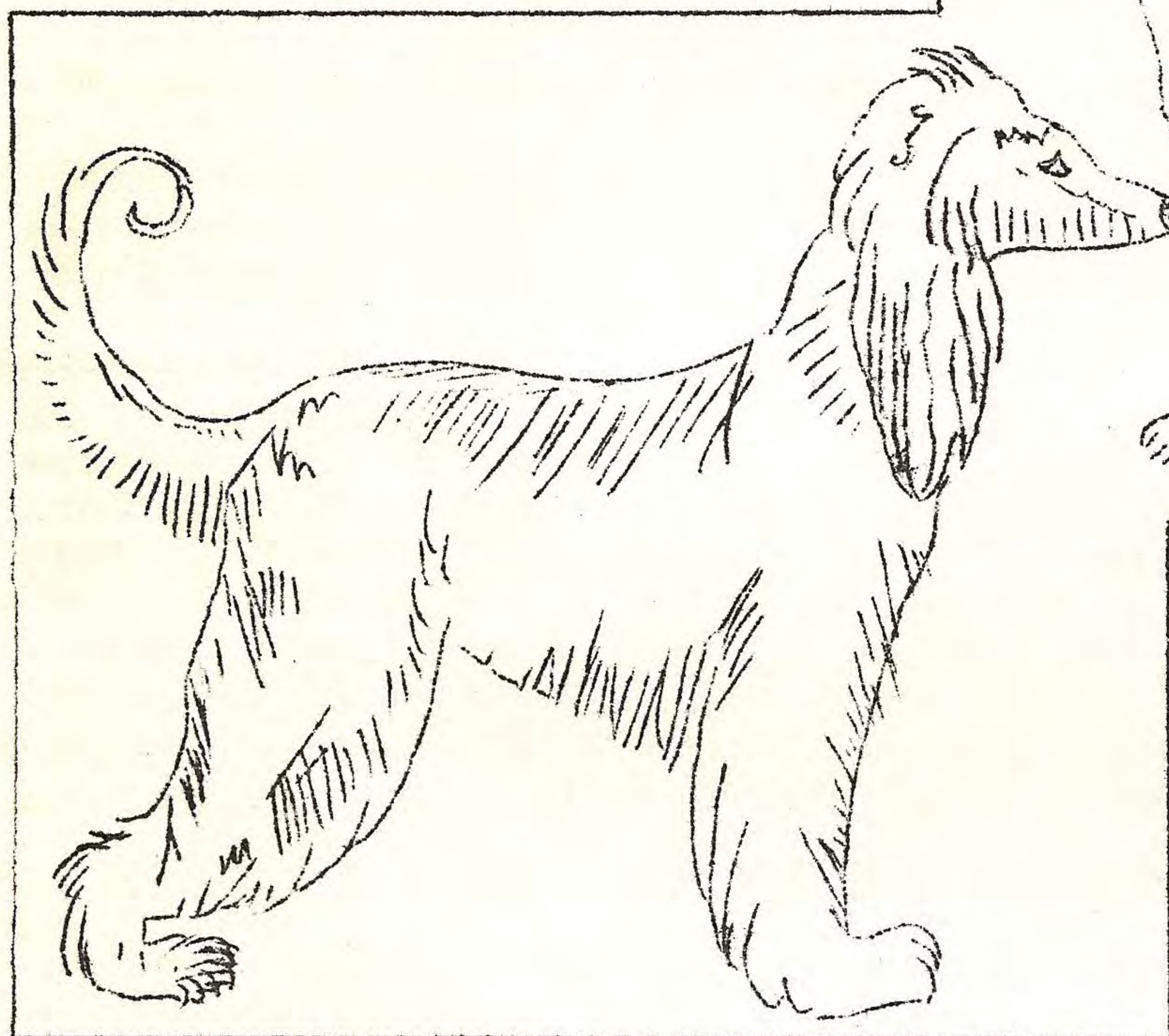
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THE NEW AFGHAN
LOOKS AT THE OLD
By Louis H. H. Glover

Below ... The Afghan of to-day...
...a composite drawing from to-
day's best.



Above ... Yesterday's Afghan-
from Shahzada and old photo-
graphs.

...From the February 27, 1953..
issue of the British Dog
World

(Copies of the drawings are as
accurate as possible)

When a breed is first imported into this country, it takes many years for it to settle down to what we may call, for want of a better term, a national type. Some features acceptable in its country of origin are not admired here, and many features that it possesses in embryo are considered desirable in its adopted country.

By careful selective breeding we arrive at what we consider a type that possesses all the desirable features, and has lost all the undesirable ones. This transformation is either a long or a short process depending mostly on the rapidity with which the breed becomes popular. In Alsations, for instance, or Boxers, both of which enjoyed a very rapid rise to popularity, a settled type has been arrived at quite quickly. In other breeds it may take much longer.

The Afghan Hound's rise to its present popularity has been marked rather by steadiness than speed, and only after about 45 years has what we may call the British type emerged. It might, therefore, be interesting to compare the old with the new, and find out how this development has taken place.

It is certainly better to do this graphically as well as with the written word, as by this means things are generally more easily grasped. This could have been done with photographs, but the photographs available of the early importations would suffer by comparison with those of today, largely by reason of the improvements in photographic techni-

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(Continued) ques. It is, therefore, far better to use drawings which are composite in character, and which incorporate the salient features of a number of Hounds. The first drawing is culled from photographs and drawings of many of today's best Hounds; the second from an old photograph of Shahzada, an early Hound, and from early photographs of other Hounds.

There is some evidence to suggest that the importations into this country in the early days were in some cases of a not very high quality. This statement is not intended to reflect on either importations or importers generally, but it just happened that the breed came from a race of people not interested in losing the best from their packs, and on this we have definite evidence. Many of our early importers have mentioned the resistance that they met with in their bargaining. Naturally enough, like doggy people down the ages, their native owners preferred to keep the best at home. One or two excellent Hounds did, however, enter the country, and were very wisely used in the early days.

Shahzada, now preserved to posterity in the British Museum (Natural History) was only 25½ inches at the shoulder; our contemporary Hound boasts of at least 27 inches, and likes to be thought of as 29 inches or even more. It is doubtful if all this size would be of a great deal of use to the dog in his original role as a hunter. Greyhound racing enthusiasts will bear out the statement that generally when the going is bad the smaller dog has the advantage. The going in the Afghan's own country can most certainly be described as bad, in that it is generally rough instead of smooth, and hilly rather than flat. Under these conditions it is doubtful if the bigger dog would have any advantage.

The fact remains, however, that size has been decreed as desirable in this country and we have seen the dog grow to his present stature slowly and surely, particularly during the past two decades. This does not mean that there were no big dogs in the old days; there were, but the average Hound of today is taller and bigger in every way than his forebears. In many animals, size, and particularly height, are gained only at the expense of quality, but in the Afghan this has not been so.

In skull, foreface and general makeup, our 29-inch dog of to-day is every bit as fine as his 25 inch predecessor. This means that modern rearing and feeding methods have given us a large dog by the development of his inherent qualities, and not by straining those qualities to the limit. To carry this further, it might be possible, by careful selective breeding, to produce Afghans as tall as Borzois, but in doing so an unnatural animal would result. At his present size we have, however, almost certainly reached the natural limit of those inherent qualities.

The next most noticeable change is in coat. In the photographs of the early Afghan shows, the exhibits seem to consist entirely of dogs, so badly out of coat by modern standards that they would not be seen in public nowadays. This development is again partly due to modern feeding and rearing methods, but even more to selective breeding. In their native country there is little doubt that the quantity of coat that we see regularly at present day shows was unknown. This was partly due to the fact that really massive coat was undesirable, and partly that

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(Continued) much of it was run off.

Coat in quantity has however, become desirable in this country, and we thus get Hounds coated to the feet, showing little, if any, break at the ankle which was at one time bare, a very narrow saddle, and enormous ear fringes. It has been hinted at times that discreditable means have been used to get this coat, but this can most certainly be discounted.

The third great change is in the head. It might have been thought that in the search for greater height, the head might have stood still, or even have become smaller, to produce an extremely long-necked, small headed dog of the Greyhound type, but this is not so. The head has developed with the rest of the dog, and has if anything become longer in proportion.

The early dog's foreface was tiny, his stop hardly showed at all, and the Roman nose hardly existed. To-day's Hound has a longer head, particularly in skull; the stop, while still slight in comparison with many breeds, is more pronounced than it was; and the foreface has become elongated with a pronounced Roman nose.

As the result of these developments we now have a noble, outstanding Hound of striking appearance, appealing alike to both expert and the public. A Hound that can hold its own in the fiercest competition, and yet can be equally at home sleeping in the snow or pampered on silken cushions by the fireside. Yet throughout all these changes he remains a running dog, with all the alertness and some of the fire of the real hunter. His conformation is still that of the near-perfect running machine, and, while he might look a little different from the rest of the pack among Hounds of (say) 1920, he would undoubtedly still hold his own with them in the chase.

The Afghan of this country is as fine as, if not finer, than any in the world, and by a steady process that has gone on over the years we have made him so. It has been excellent news recently that in spite of very tempting offers from abroad, some of the best are remaining in this country; they will live long in the pedigrees of the perfect Afghan of the future.

VENTURA COUNTY DOG FANCIERS ASSOCIATION

Ventura, California

July 29, 1961

Judge: Mrs. Villa L. Smith

56 Entries

53 Dogs

Best of Breed: Ch. Pamir Marco - owned by Joe & Ruth Emmert*

Best Opposite Sex: Pamir Storm Song - owned by Joe & Ruth Emmert*

Winners Bitch & Best of Winners: Pamir Storm Song - owned by
Joe & Ruth Emmert*

Winners Dog: Ghim's Tai Gher - owned by James A. Larson*

Reserve Dog: Dakar's El Tigre Del Norte - owned by J.E. Robinette*

Reserve Bitch: Kiki Baghira of Mustagata - owned by Lala Seger*

Brace Class: Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan*

Team Class: Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan*

A CONTINUATION
from page 7

Veteran Dogs

1. Ch. Crown Crest Topaz - owned by Gordon and Constance Miller*
2. Ch. Delhi Downs Duirke El Sayyad - owned by Grace & Glen Beyer*

Veteran Bitches

1. Ch. Crown Crest Taejhanne - owned by Hobart Stephenson, Jr.*
2. Khediviah of Shamalan - owned by Richard and Shirley Wainer*
3. Karma Igigi Ishtar - owned by Beverly and Edwin Webber*

Brace Class

1. Mr. and Mrs. Brandt V. Houtsma's Brace* (5th consecutive Brace win)
2. Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan's Brace*
3. Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Barbato's Brace*
4. Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan's Brace*

Team Class

1. Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan's Team .. Best In Show .. the FIRST time that the same Team has won two years in a row at our Specialty or anywhere else! One member of the Team, winners Dog and Best Of Winners, Abu was sold and shipped to Iowa the day after the Specialty so this was the last performance of this Team.
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OBEDIENCE

Novice A

1. Bombay's Ebony Escapade - owned by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stokes* .. score - 191 .. this is the first leg for this Afghan .. she has been shown before but has refused to perform as well as she could until she saw all those beautiful Trophies .. she was the highest scoring Afghan of the day ...

Novice Class B

1. Sultan's Capriccio - owned by Margaret D. Collins .. won the AHCC Trophy for the second highest score in Novice A or B....

Open Class A

1. Ch. Hurrah - owned by Miles McDermid* .. highest scoring Afghan in Open A or B
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The Best Of Breed Dog was a beautiful big black from Oshkosh, Wisconsin .. we hope that Ch. Sahadi Shirkari and his owners, Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Winters, enjoyed California and our Specialty .. Congratulations! It is said the "lightening never strikes in the same place twice" but it did ALMOST .. after last year's tremendous win the Mikas were back on top again this year with Ch. Dezi Fury of Mikai C.D. (5 years old) winning Best of Opposite Sex .. 'Fury' is a very feminine silver, black masked bitch with the longest set of Mandarins .. These two Afghans were a wonderful sight when they moved the length of the ring - side by side ...

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SPECIALTY

A salute to all the winners for they earned it! Mrs. Finch circled the dogs, moved them singly and in pairs, went over each one, and then circled them again .. didn't see a single Afghan that was tired .. but can't say as much for all the handlers ..

To win at any show is wonderful but the pre-show build up for the Specialty, the large number of entries, and the amazing array of Trophies makes this the glamour placings for the year .. so .. Grace Beyer and her winners Bitch Sashay, and Pat Savage and her Reserve Bitch Tarina Tempest, are the two most excited people one can hope to find .. which makes everyone happy to see them win ..

The Afghans that enjoyed the show the most were those who once again had an opportunity to show .. the Veteran Dogs and Bitches .. how proud and happy they were .. with their beautiful coats .. the excitement of the show and the handclaps made them display even more their pleasure at being there .. Ch. Crown Crest Taejhanne, 9 years .. Karma Igigi Ishtar, 10 years .. Ch. Delhi Downs Duirke El Sayyad, 8 years .. Khediviah of Shamalan, 8 years .. and Ch. Crown Crest Topaz, 7 years ..

There seemed to be no Trophy marked for California Bred Dogs and Bitches class so the winner .. Jim's Tai Gher received a ribbon and the judge picked one of the flowers out of the prone basket in the ring and gave it to him with the ribbon .. said flower was on display at the bench .. hope someone carried that basket away to the dump .. or perhaps .. this condition was caused when a Geomys Bursarius wanted to see what was happening????

Many weeks of work go into the decorations for the benches .. they were

The article, SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVICE BREEDERS, by Edna DuBuis, which was started in last month's Bulletin will be continued in the next issue. She will go into the use of the written standard.

all so clever that the judges had a difficult time making their choice .. 1st place for members went to Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Barbara .. 2nd, to Blanche Garvin .. 3rd, the Richard Wainers and Bob Burgers .. 4th, to Joe and Sabina Blasdel Non-member benching .. 1st, June Forry .. 2nd, Gordon Cremer and Barbara Casanova .. 3rd, John and Helene Jeffrey .. 4th, Pat and Kenneth Paul Savage .. Minna Mott did a wonderful job as Bench Show Chairman and she and Grace Taylor made the arrangements to have the new permanent Bench decorations made

The ring was large .. the weather not as hot as in previous years .. but that little bit of haze was most deceiving as a number of people had 'slightly pink' skin for a few days .. so concludes another successful Specialty .. Congrats again to all the Winners!!!!!! Thanks to all those who worked to make this a wonderful event .. to the judge, Kay Finch Trophy Chairman, Jim Robinette Minna Mott.. and Grace Taylor ...

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DID YOU EVER FEED A MONKEY? John Buchanan did (in honor of his Best In Show Team which will no longer be in competition as a Team. Lots of others fed the monkey too.....be sure to read about it on Page 8!



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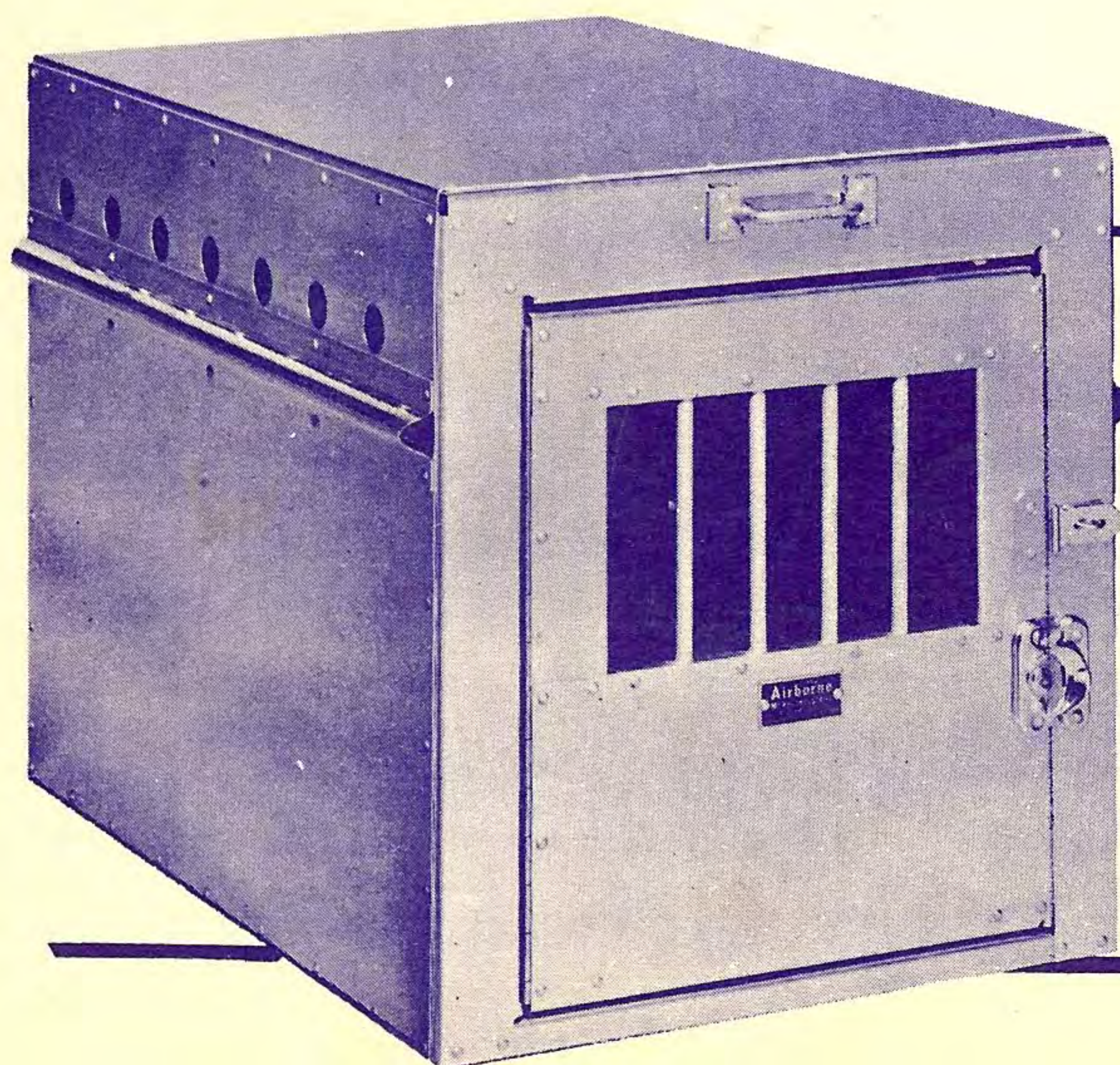
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