

**Afghan Hound Club of
America, Inc.**



**Guidelines
&
Recommended Practices
For
Regional Specialty
Show
Approval**

The Afghan Hound Club of America Regional Club Division has designed this guide for use by Regional Clubs to understand the AKC and AHCA Guidelines for receiving Specialty Show Date Approval.

Amended May 2020

Regional Specialty Show Date

Approval

How it Works

The Afghan Hound Club of America is licensed by the American Kennel Club. The American Kennel Club asks all Parent Clubs to define areas that will assist Regional Clubs in representing their breeds in their given areas. This includes, as in our case, promoting education, participating in the welfare of the Afghan Hound as well as holding a Specialty Show annually under the AKC Rules and Regulations. (*See AKC Rules Applying to Dog Show, Chapter 2, Section 12.*)

The AHCA Board of Directors, in cooperation with the AKC, established these guidelines for Specialty Show Date Approval. In 1995, the AHCA membership endorsed these guidelines for all Regional Clubs. Each Regional Club must submit an information packet to the AHCA in a timely manner to adhere to AKC deadlines. This packet should detail that club's activities over the previous twelve (12) month period and include information for the upcoming Specialty Show of which date is being requested.

This packet is reviewed by the AHCA Regional Clubs Division and a ***PARENT CLUB CONSENT FORM*** is sent out to the named Specialty Show Chairperson. The PC consent form, the completed show application and the applicable fee are sent by the Show Chairperson to the AKC. AKC Application for Show/Trial (event Fees are on page 6) can be obtained at:

<http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/AEVT02.pdf>

Once Parent Club Approval for specialty show date (s) is received by the Regional Club, they may proceed to advertise those plans in public venues.

The AHCA offers a medallion for **Best of Winners** at a Regional Specialty Show upon Request. Along with the consent form the AHCA Regional Clubs Division (RCD) will send an application form for this award. The Regional Club Specialty secretary must send this application and a Premium List SHOWING THIS AWARD LISTING:

(**Best of Winners** - The Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. offers a Silver Plated Medallion (2") Depicting the Club Emblem Suspended from a Red, White & Blue Ribbon) to the AHCA Pins & Awards Chairperson to receive this medallion.

THE AHCA offers a medallion for **Best in Junior Showmanship** at a Regional Specialty Show upon Request. If a Regional Club is offering classes in Junior Showmanship a letter of instruction will be sent along with the consent form and Best of Winners request form and the Parade of Rescue form. This letter instructs that the Regional Club secretary notify the AHCA RCD chairperson after entries for the Specialty are closed showing, that there are **2 or more juniors competing the day of the show** in Junior Showmanship. The RCD chairperson will send to the Regional Club a certificate for presentation to the Junior in the ring as well as a letter for the redemption of the medallion as there are **2 or more juniors competing the day of the show**. The Best Junior will send this letter to the AHCA Pins & Awards chairperson to receive the medallion.

The AHCA offers medallions for each **Parade of Rescue** entry at a Regional Specialty Show upon Request. Along with the consent form the AHCA Regional Clubs Division will send an application form for this award. The Regional Club Specialty secretary must send this application and a copy of the **Judging Program, SHOWING THIS AWARD LISTING**, to the AHCA Chairperson to receive the number of medallions needed.

*Note: A sample of the *Parent Club Consent Form, Best of Winners Medallion Trophy Request Form, Parade of Rescue Medallion Trophy Request Form, Junior Showmanship Classes Acknowledgement Form and Compliance form* are found in the back of this booklet. **Exact language to be printed in the premium can be found on the trophy application letters in this booklet.**

AHCA GUIDELINES FOR REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATE APPROVAL

The AKC and the AHCA are aware that Regional Clubs may not always have a productive year. If a Regional Club decides not to hold a Specialty Show in a given year or even if the Specialty Show Approval is denied, that show date is protected for one (1) calendar year. A Regional Club must not allow a Specialty Show to lapse for two (2) consecutive calendar years. In this case AKC may give the Regional Club's show date to another club if it is applied for. In the event of a Regional Club's decision to not hold a Specialty Show in a given year, that club must still submit an information packet to the AHCA Regional Clubs Division.



AHCA GUIDELINES FOR REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATE APPROVAL

The show/trial application is due to AKC 18 weeks prior to the CLOSING DATE of the Specialty Show. The closing date is two and one half weeks prior to the Specialty Show. The Regional Club information packet must be sent to the AHCA Regional Clubs Division Chairperson, at least 28 weeks prior to the CLOSING DATE, allowing enough time for review and return mailing of forms, so the Regional Club will meet its deadline with the AKC as well as any superintendent/show secretary. The Regional Club will be responsible for any additional fees imposed (extra postal fees, AKC faxing fees) because of lateness. **THE AHCA WILL IMPOSE A FINE OF \$50 ON ANY REGIONAL CLUB THAT HAS NOT PROVIDED ITS INFORMATIONAL PACKET TO THE AHCA REGIONAL CLUBS DIVISION CHAIRPERSON AT LEAST 28 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE. APPROVAL FORMS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL SAID \$50 FINE IS PAID**

The Regional Club should not hold up its application to AKC because of an incomplete judging panel. The judging panel is required by AKC 18 weeks prior to the CLOSING DATE of the Specialty Show (for the club to be in compliance with Chapter 2, Section 9 and Chapter 4, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, respectively).

It is important that the Regional Club supplies appropriate documentation on the information submitted. Photographs are welcome and will be returned upon request.

GUIDELINES:

- 1.) **The Name of the Regional Club.**
- 2.) **AHCA Statement of Compliance. (This form can be reprinted from AHCA website)**
- 3.) **Up-to-date Membership List with names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers. Please note who are Officers & Board members.**
- 4.) **Number of active members in the Regional Club, number of meetings per year and average number of members in attendance per meeting.**
- 5.) **Current bank statement, submitted by the Regional Club Treasurer.**
- 6.) **Changes in the Regional Club Constitution and By-laws, if any.**
- 7.) **Minutes of at least three (3) membership meetings held within the past year. Include the meetings containing the nomination and election of Officers and Board of Directors.**
When a club is sanctioned by the AKC, it is expected to run its meetings according to its Constitution and By-Laws. Minutes are a form of record and must be taken accordingly.
- 8.) **List the name of all judges: Sweepstakes, Regular Class, Jr. Showmanship and Obedience.** *This information will be included in the next issue of the AHCA Topknot News to assist your Club with publicity information.*

- 9.) **List the Show Chair for the upcoming Specialty Show. Include address, email address and phone number.**
- 10.) **List the name, address, email address and telephone number of your Show Secretary.**
- 11.) **Show Location and Date.**

Additional Information:

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 directors name, address, telephone number, 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*.

SUBMIT REGIONAL CLUB INFORMATION PACKET FOR SHOW DATE APPROVAL TO, AND FOR INFORMATION ON REGIONAL CLUBS, PLEASE CONTACT:

The AHCA Regional Clubs Division (RCD)
Amy Mero
1181 Pleasant Street
Brockton, MA 02301
508-584-8411 - tel
508-517-7839 - cell
maxmero@comcast.net

**AHCA Statement of Compliance:
Education Activities for Clubs & the Public**

Please check off the items that your club has participated in during the past year.

CLUB NAME: _____

	ACTIVITY	DATE
	Offered AKC National Owner Handled Series at your Specialty	
	Offered 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Show	
	Independent Conformation Match	
	Obedience, Rally, Agility, Lure Coursing. Match or Trial. Circle all that apply	
	Offered a Canine Good Citizen Test	
	Judges Education: National or Regional	
	Offered a New Exhibitor Briefing	
	Conformation, Obedience, Rally or Agility training classes. Circle all that apply	
	Rescue: Foster, Transport, Monetary Donation. Circle all that apply	
	Meet The Breeds. Where:	
	Put on a Health Clinic. Where, what type	
	Use of Permit (provisional) Judge – one approved for no more than 1 Group	
	Education Program at Club Meeting. What Type:	

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:

AHCA Corresponding Secretary

Dorma Sue Busby
11950 Plumbrook Rd.
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312
810-241-2529 - cell
586-933-5682 - home
barakiafs@peoplepc.com

AHCA National Pins & Awards Chairperson

James Donahue
27722 W. Brandenburg
Ingleside, IL 60041
847-436-0275 – cell
chicagoflutist@gmail.com

AHCA Web Master

Eddie Kominek
123 Glendale Road
Limestone, TN 37681
205-757-0290 - cell
eddie@kominekafghans.com

Suggestions to aid Regional Clubs build a well rounded, interested and strong membership.

Membership Programs:

The purpose of membership programs is to educate, entertain and cultivate a continued interest in the Afghan Hound.

Discussions on the Afghan Hound Standard of Points.

Grooming discussions and grooming demonstrations for the novice.

Programs on Veterinary Medicine. *Ask a local veterinarian to speak at one of your meetings on general health care and how to care for the aging Afghan Hound.*

Invite a state legislator to one of your meetings to get them acquainted with the sport of pure bred dogs.

Utilize the AHCA Library. *The AHCA Library contains several interesting films and videos available for only a small rental fee and the cost of mailing. A list of AHCA Library Material can be found on the AHCA website:*

<https://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org/index.php/regional-clubs/media-library>

Obedience, Agility and Conformation training classes.

Mini Seminars on The Afghan Hound Standard, Obedience, Agility and Lure Field Trials.

Programs on genetics, inbreeding, line breeding, etc.

A program on frozen semen and artificial insemination.

Internet Clinic. *Show members how to use the Internet and locate dog related information.*

***Supply documentation of these events.** *Flyers, meeting notices containing the Membership Program, photos, etc.*

Public Education:

It is important that Regional Clubs become Canine Ambassadors for the sport of purebred dogs. The American Kennel Club has stressed the importance of Public Education and has booklets and pamphlets available on how to promote Public Education.

*AKC Clubs Development Department
8051 Arco Corporate Drive
Raleigh, NC 27617
(919) 233-3718*

<http://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/promote/media-resources/club-media-templates-and-ideas-for-publicity/>

Afghan Hound information booths. *Set up information Booths at local fairs, Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows and have a Welcome Booth at your Specialty Show. Advertise your events in the Newspapers and hand out Afghan Hound information Packets to newcomers and interested persons. Include a write up on your club to include in all your Afghan Hound packets.*

Invite a public legislator to be a Trophy Presenter at your Specialty Show. *Contact the media. The media is always interested in what state legislators are doing!*

Therapy – *Take your Afghan Hounds to Nursing Homes, Hospices, Schools, Hospitals, etc.*

Grooming and Health Care Seminars for the general public. *Advertise in the local newspapers and spend a day in the park talking to the public providing helpful hints on successful grooming and health care.*

AKC Breed Flyer. *This form can be downloaded from the AKC website. <https://cdn.akc.org/afghan-club-flier.pdf>*

***Supply documentation of these events.** *Copies of flyers, newspaper ads, photos, etc.*

AKC Breed Information.

<https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/afghan-hound/>

Rescue Involvement:

Regional Club breed involvement includes the responsibility for the welfare of the Afghan Hound.

Hold a Rescue Match or Event. *Acquaint persons interested in the Afghan Hound with the value and pleasure of owning a rescued Afghan Hound.*

Hold an Art Auction. *At your Specialty Show hold an art auction and donate the proceeds to your club's rescue treasury or to AHCA Rescue.*

Each year the AHCA will provide your Regional Club, free of charge, 20 copies of the booklet "Introduction to the Afghan Hound" to be used in your club rescue program. *Write to the AHCA Librarian, Helen Stein BeanieSue@aol.com to receive your 20 copies. Your letter requesting the 20 copies must specify they will be used only in rescue.*

***Supply documentation of these events.** *Copies of flyers, newspapers ads, photos, etc.*

For more ideas on rescue contact:

AHCA RESCUE

Martha Powell

251 Warwick Lane.

Alabaster, AL 35007-3161

205-588-9189 - cell

affierescue@aol.com

RESCUE HOT LINE: 877-237-3728

AHCA LIBRARY FOR REGIONAL CLUB USE

Regional Clubs may wish to use the AHCA Library as part of a Regional Club activity program. This material allows clubs to view AHCA National Specialty Shows and presents useful information on the sport of purebred dogs as well as videos on the Afghan Hound.

For a complete listing of material available for rental, please visit the AHCA website:
<https://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org/index.php/regional-clubs/media-library>

All rented materials are sent Insured, Priority Mail with proof of Delivery.

***IMPORTANT NOTICE: It is a condition of Rental that all material is RETURNED to the AHCA Library via Insured Priority Mail with proof of Delivery.**

Rental Fee & Postage must accompany order.
Regional Clubs are asked to make all checks payable to AHCA.
Please include contact information for the rental (name, address and phone number).

Send Check or Money Order (payable to the AHCA) to:

AHCA LIBRARY
Helen Stein
13360 Campanile Ct.
Venice, FL 34293
702-592-1062
beaniesue@aol.com

AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA
INCORPORATED



Parent Club Consent Form

Regional Club Name _____

Hereby requests permission to hold our Specialty Show on: _____

Including (Check each line as necessary) _____ Sweepstakes
_____ Junior Showmanship
_____ Parade of Rescue
_____ Obedience/Rally

Show Secretary: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Approval Granted _____, Advisory Chairman
(On behalf of the Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. Regional Club Division)
Date: _____

This Consent Form must be accompanied with the proper AKC Specialty Show Forms and your Club check made payable to the AKC (see AKC application for fee).

Please make a copy of this form for your Club Records

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Best of Winners Trophy Application

Date: _____

Club: _____

Show Date(s): _____

The AHCA offers a trophy for Best of Winners at your Specialty Show. Application for this trophy must be received at least one month before the date of your show and must be accompanied by your Premium List which contains a description as follows:

Best of Winners – The Afghan Hound Club of America offers a silver plated medallion (2") depicting the club emblem, suspended from a red, white and blue ribbon.

If your Premium List refers to a separate trophy list available upon request, a copy of the trophy list containing the above Best of Winners description must be included with your Premium List and this Best of Winners Trophy application.

Please send your Premium List (and trophy listing, if necessary) along with your trophy application to:

James Donahue
27722 W. Brandenburg
Ingleside, IL 60041
847-436-0275 – cell
chicagoflutist@gmail.com

Name & Address where your club wishes this trophy mailed:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Sincerely,

The AHCA Regional Clubs Division
Amy Mero, Advisory Chairman

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Parade of Rescue Trophy Application

Date: _____

Club: _____

SHOW DATE: _____

The AHCA offers a trophy for Parade of Rescue at your Specialty Show. Application for this trophy must be received after entries close for your show and must be accompanied by your Premium List which contains a description as follows:

Parade of Rescue – The Afghan Hound Club of America offers a white enameled plated medallion (2") depicting the club emblem, suspended from a red, white and blue ribbon.

If your Premium List refers to a separate trophy list available upon request, a copy of the trophy list containing the above Parade of Rescue description must be included with your Premium List and this Parade of Rescue Trophy application.

Please send your Premium List (and trophy listing, if necessary) along with your trophy application to:

James Donahue
27722 W. Brandenburg
Ingleside, IL 60041
847-436-0275 – cell
chicagoflutist@gmail.com

Name & Address where your club wishes this trophy mailed:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

How Many Medallions needed: _____

Sincerely,

The AHCA Regional Club Division
Amy Mero, Advisory Chairman

AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA



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Dear _____

We are pleased that your Regional Club is offering classes in Junior Showmanship at your upcoming Specialty Show. The AHCA offers a BEST JUNIOR AWARD CERTIFICATE and a 2" Bronze Medallion to the winner. After entries close and in the fact that there is an entry in the Junior Showmanship classes, please notify the AHCA Regional Clubs Division Advisory Chairman at which time the Certificate as well as a letter of redemption for the Medallion will be sent to your Club Show Secretary. There must be at least 2 juniors who actually compete the day of the show to receive the medallion.

Sincerely,

The AHCA Regional Club Division
Amy Mero, Advisory Chairman

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CONGRATULATIONS JUNIOR:

To receive your Afghan Hound Club of America Medallion awarded for Best Junior Handler at the _____ Specialty Show
(Name of Specialty Show)

on _____ please fill out the bottom portion and send to:
(Insert Date of Show)

Afghan Hound Club of America, Pins & Awards
James Donahue
27722 W. Brandenburg
Ingleside, IL 60041
847-436-0275 – cell
chicagoflutist@gmail.com

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Please send Best Junior Handler Bronze Medallion Award to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your Email address: _____ Your Phone Number: _____

Name of Specialty Show: _____

Date of Show: _____

Sincerely,

The AHCA Regional Club Division
Amy Mero, Advisory Chairman

Helpful Hints

1. Have a current copy of the "AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows" on hand. This will clarify *all* AKC requirements for your Club Specialty Show paperwork and deadlines concerning the AKC.

2. Do not include your AKC Paperwork, or the Show Fee, with your Regional Club Information Packet. It is the responsibility of the Regional Club Secretary to mail your Specialty Show application paperwork, and show fee, directly to the AKC.
3. Check off each Guideline as it is applicable in the Regional Club Information Packet. This will eliminate omissions. If you mark up your *Guideline Booklet*, let us know this and we will send you a new one for next year.
4. Develop a Club Scrapbook containing The Regional Club's activities and events during the year. Make it fancy. Include flyers, photos, etc. Bring it to the AHCA National Specialty Show for display. Be proud of the Regional Club by showing off to people from across the country and around the world!
5. The AHCA Web Site has a very Special Section for Regional Clubs Activities and events. Submit photos, slides or negatives of these events and activities and we will list your Club Name and Event/Activity with the photo. The AHCA wants to showcase our Regional Clubs to the world! (All photographic material submitted will be returned to your Club upon request.)

SUGGESTED READING

ONLINE RESOURCES

THE AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA WEBSITE

Information about Afghan Hound clubs, health, events, and much more
The web address is <https://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org>

Videos of previous National Specialties can be viewed here:

<http://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org/index.php/national/videos>

THE AKC GAZETTE (online magazine) www.akc.org/pubs/gazette/

The Afghan Hound column appears Quarterly (Feb., May, Aug., Nov.) but each issue contains valuable information about dogs of all breeds

AFGHANS ONLINE WEBSITE: www.afghansonline.com

AFGHAN HOUND REVIEW

<https://www.facebook.com/afghanhoundreview>

AFGHAN HOUNDS INTERNATIONAL

THE PEDIGREE DATABASE <https://afghanhoundpedigrees.com>

SUGGESTED READING

BOOKS

INTRODUCTION TO THE AFGHAN HOUND *Published by the Afghan Hound Club of America. An "Owners Manual" for the new or aspiring Afghan Hound owner. \$5.00 per copy (includes postage) Available from*

Afghan Hound Club of America, 13360 Campanile Ct., Venice FL 34293
e-mail: AHCALibrary@aol.com

THIS IS THE AFGHAN HOUND *By Joan McDonald Brearly (1965)*

THE COMPLETE AFGHAN HOUND *By Miller & Gilbert (1966)*

YOUR AFGHAN HOUND *By Sue A. Kauffman (1965)*

The above 3 books are out of print but may be found at online sellers

ARCHITECTURE OF THE AFGHAN HOUND *By Barb Bornstein*

Published by Trims International, 1995

\$25 Includes Postage. Available at 9622 N 52nd Lane, Glendale, AZ

85302 or inquire by e-mail: DancingTree@trims.com

VISUALIZATION OF THE AFGHAN HOUND *Written & published by Janis Reital, Sandy Frei & Julie Roche. \$10 plus \$3 Postage. Available from Jan Reital, P.O. Box 998, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 (858)-945-6587 or from Sandy Frei, P.O. Box 1245, Woodinville, WA 98072 (425)-788-4794*

DIGITAL MEDIA

DVD: A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW OF AFGHAN HOUNDS IN AMERICA

1940-1980 \$10.00 including Postage Available from Afghan Hound Club of America, Helen Stein, 13360 Campanile Ct., Venice, FL 34293 e-mail: AHCALibrary@aol.com

A KEY TO MOVEMENT *By Karen G. Armistead*

This video includes many examples of Afghan Hound movement \$49.95 plus Postage. Available from the American Dog Show Judges, Dr. Gerard C. Penta, 200 Lakeside Way, Greensburg, PA 15601. e-mail:

Cpenta1@att.net

THE HERITAGE OF THE AFGHAN HOUND *By Pat & Ed Gilbert*

Excellent Power Point CD detailing the history of the Afghan Hound and how he was adapted to living in the terrain of Afghanistan. Order from Pat & Ed Gilbert, 6726 Woodland Dr., Paradise, CA 95969 e-mail:

k9gilbert@gmail.com.

Helpful Links:

Junior Showmanship Regulations

<https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/REJRSH.pdf>

AHCA Regional Club Guidelines

<https://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org/index.php/regional-clubs/guidelines>

AKC Searchable Judges Directory

https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/judges_directory/index.cfm

AHCA Library

<https://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org/index.php/regional-clubs/media-library>

AKC Club Resources Department

<https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/clubs/resources/>

AKC Education Resource Center

<https://www.akc.org/public-education/resources/>

AKC Club Development

<https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/clubs/about-club-development/>

and

<https://www.akc.org/public-education/education-summit/club-development-resources-2/>

and

<https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/promote/media-resources/club-media-templates-and-ideas-for-publicity/>

AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows

<https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RREGS3.pdf>

