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The Newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America

Winter 1999-2000

From the President 98-99.....

The two years of this term have absolutely flown by. I feel very privileged to have been able to work with a great board for the benefit of the club.

I've had the opportunity to meet and work with many members that I knew by name only. We've seen the beginning of several new committees and competitions and have grown and expanded our rescue operations. Rescue has grown so much in fact, that our Chair, Amy Peake, could use some volunteers to take over a few of the individual projects. Anyone that would like to help, please contact Amy.

Over the years I've had many people ask me "Why should I join AHCA?, How would it possibly benefit me?" I am always amazed to hear these questions. The very fact that there is a club benefits us all. If no one joined the club there would be no AHCA, and if there were no parent club to foster the breed there would be no local specialty clubs. Not only does our club put on a great National Specialty, but we hold a Breeders' Cup every year, have held many health and breeder seminars, sponsor an award at the Art Show at the Dog Show, and donate to the Morris Animal Foundation and the Canine Health Fund. AHCA supports an incredible rescue network throughout the country and we oversee 33 regional clubs and 3 clubs in formation. We also maintain a fabulous web page and library, put out an expanded newsletter and in general, support our breed in every way possible. It is obvious that many people banding together for the good of the breed can do far more than any one individual could ever hope to.

It is with much confidence that I turn over the reins to an extremely capable and caring new President, Duane Butherus.

The past two years have been filled with many highs and a few lows, but I've always been partial to roller coasters!

Thanks for the ride!

Linda Shipley

THE AHCA 1940 - 2000

by Donald Smith to 1973

In 1926 - presumably at the urging of those who became the first registrants - the American Kennel Club opened its Stud Book to Afghan Hounds and adopted a brief, descriptive standard from British sources.

In the first five years thereafter, the breed showed every sign of zonking out in this country by the end of the first decade, however, annual registrations were soaring into the 80's, the breed clearly seemed here to stay and both the AKC and the fancy increasingly felt a need for some sort of national sponsoring body.

Toward that end an organizational meeting was held at the Westminster show in 1937, with about a dozen leading fanciers in attendance. A slate of officers was elected but reportedly there was no other activity or event (except for the disappearance of the treasurer) until five of the group met a year later. These held another election, and from that point things began to move forward fairly rapidly.

In May, 1938, the club formally adopted a set of by-laws which placed the management in the hands of a seven member "Executive Committee", which was elected by the membership and which, in turn, elected the club officers from within its own members.

The next major step of the infant AHCA was to apply for membership in the AKC. The application was accepted by the AKC early in 1940, and Dr. Eugene C. Beck was named Delegate. The AHCA held its first match at the Florsheims' Five Mile kennels in Darien, CT, with handler John "Harry" Hill as judge. Later in 1941 the first issue of the club's "Bulletin" was published, featuring a story and pictures of the match.

Although at this time the air was filled with the perennial complaint of "outs" that the club was doing too little too slowly, actually a great deal was accomplished in the first few years - at a what far faster pace and in reverse order of

by Karen Armistead 1974-

1997 would be possible under today's more highly structured rules, regulations and policies.

This is not to say all went smoothly and serenely. For the first dozen years, in fact, the scene was generally stormy and the existence of the club often hung by a thread. Among the members (and fanciers outside the club) there seemed to be a penchant for forming into factions and doing battle on almost every issue that came along.

A committee was set up to draft a new set of by-laws. When the draft was submitted there seemed to be no doubt that the proposed by-laws were much clearer and more business-like than the rather loosely written ones adopted in 1938. The committee and its supporters, however, managed to confuse the issue by linking the new by-laws to an advocacy of moving the club meetings and shows to places other than New York City. For both partisan and non-partisan reasons, there was considerable opposition to this, and when the by-laws came to a vote at the meeting of February 1949, the club found itself split right down the middle. The proposal was defeated through use of a parliamentary technicality based on one of the loopholes in the old by-laws, but the aftermath was so bitter that it was another twenty years before anyone dared propose major changes in the by-laws.

In the interim the old by-laws provided a workable basis for club management and operations under the conditions which generally prevailed throughout the 50's and 60's, when there was an almost unanimous desire for peace and non-partisanship above all. At its meetings, the Board of Directors was almost invariably able to arrive at a consensus on policies and other decisions through informal discussion. The joint efforts of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer in handling day-to-day operations were generally harmonious.

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Regional Specialties-2000

Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club, Inc.
February 12, 2000
Sweeps – Janet Lenobel
Regular Classes Jacquelin Quiros-Kubat

Afghan Hound Association of Long Island
February 13, 2000
Sweeps – Pam McQueen
Regular Classes – Ute Lemartz (Germany)

Tidewater Afghan Hound Club
March 11, 2000
Sweeps – Joanne Jones
Regular Classes – Betty Richards

Richmond Afghan Hound Club
March 12, 2000
Sweeps – Terry Chacon
Regular Classes - Pat Trotter

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Houston,
Inc. March 17, 2000
Sweeps – Vicky Robison
Regular Classes – June Boone

Tara Afghan Hound Club, Inc.
April 16, 2000
Sweeps – Mary Jean Odron
Regular and Jr. Showmanship Classes –
Shelley Hennessy

Potomac Afghan Hound Club
April 21, 2000
Sweeps – Mary Ann Giordano
Regular Classes – Steve Kelley

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus,
Inc. April 22, 2000
Sweeps – Karen Carter Zacek
Jr. Showmanship – Pending
Regular Classes – Mrs. Avery Gaudin

Afghan Hound Club of Northern New
Jersey May 5, 2000
Sweeps – Sam Ewing
Regular Classes – Rita Figg

Afghan Hound Club of Dallas
May 13, 2000
Sweeps – David Osuna
Regular Classes – Dr. Gareth
Morgan Jones

West Michigan Afghan Hound Association
May 19, 2000
Sweeps – Michael Liss
Regular Classes – Roberto Veleh-Pico

Colonial Afghan Hound Club
June 2, 2000
Sweeps – Louise La Brun
Regular Classes –

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Chicago
June 9, 2000
Sweeps – Harry Bennett
Regular Classes – Lou Guerrero

Afghan Hound Club of America
Breeders' Cup
June 28, 2000
Judge to be announced

Afghan Hound Club of California
June 29, 2000
Sweeps – Cindy Chandler
Regular Classes – Richard Sousa

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland
July 7, 2000
Sweeps – Harold Greensill (Australia)
Regular Classes – Stephan Wheeler
(Australia)

Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club Inc.
July 7, 2000
Sweeps – Russell Hastings
Regular Classes – Tom Cozzoni
Obedience – James R. Grimm

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Milwaukee
July 28, 2000
Sweeps – Jane Gaines
Regular Classes – Karen Armistead

Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club
August 11, 2000
Sweeps – Bruce Clark
Regular Classes – Sandy Frei

Afghan Hound of Greater Denver
August 18, 2000
Sweeps - Terry Chacon
Regular Classes – Reggie Nesbitt

Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club
August 25, 2000
Sweeps – Mary Kelson Le Febvre
Regular Classes – Ingeborg James

Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club, Inc.
September 1, 2000
Sweeps – Pam McQueen
Regular Classes – Kent Delaney

Greater Pittsburg Afghan Hound Club
October 6, 2000
Sweeps – Laurie Goodell
Dogs & Intersex Classes – Mara Lynn
Mercer
Bitch Classes – Jane Jantos

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A huge ring, plenty of parking, 2 grooming areas, an event almost every night, motels used to dogs, even a bathing facility with towels made the National at Purina Farms easy to enjoy.

If it had rained - but it didn't. Show Chairmen Jim and Sharon Roseland had ordered good weather and it arrived right on time.

**river – n – blues
1999**

october 5 - 9

purina farms

TUESDAY - COURSING
by Laurie Goodell, Chairman

It all started in March of 1999. Sharon Roseland had called all over the U.S. trying to find someone to handle the coursing at the national. She called AGAIN and said I was her last resort. Would I please do it. Now I haven't coursed actively in many years. I realized that the rules had probably changed, that things wouldn't be as easy as they were in 1985 when I was Coursing Chairperson for that National, and now the AKC was involved. So I said, I would IF Ruthie Reynolds would be the Field Trial Secretary.

I called Ruthie. I begged, I cried, I groveled at her feet. I promised her the moon. Finally she accepted. For those that don't know, Ruth Reynolds is our ASFA Delegate. She is up to date on absolutely EVERYTHING that pertains to Coursing. I just knew with Ruthie on board, I couldn't fail!

We were put in contact with SLASH, which is a St. Louis Coursing Club, and a Mike Ferris. Being as the AHCOA does not have coursing equipment, we hired them. Mike is very familiar with Purina Farms, and I felt comfortable hiring him. He set the courses for us, ran the equipment, just about did everything.

Last August I was with Reigh Abram, and told her of the Field Trial. She asked if she could do anything to help. Well she had stationary and pedigrees and offered it to the participants. I was on a snood making frenzy, and decided that EVERYONE that entered the Field trial would go home with something. Maybe they weren't bringing home coursing points, but they would be bringing home memories! So all that were there for roll call got pedigrees and stationary (from Reigh) and crochet snoods from ME.

We were at the field at 7:15. To say it was cold is a gross understatement. I was worried! There was frost on the ground. As the day progressed it turned out to be a more than delightful day. The field is probably one of the most wonderful fields I have ever been a part of, whether coursing, or running a trial. It truly tested the animals.

Our judges were Phyllis Roe from Michigan, and Ed Granger from Canada. I had grumblings from people about judging (what else is new), but I told people. This is the Afghan Hound Club of America National. I wanted AFGHAN BREEDER JUDGES!!!! People that know and understand the breed. I guess you can't please everyone.

I have to say, that I felt the entry was sensational. A great group of running dogs. Smart, agile, fast, it made me proud to be part of this breed. I want to thank Ed, Phyllis, Mike Ferris, Johanna Granger, Archy Clot, Dean, DeeDee Paulson, Claudia Jakus, Jim and Deb Coudriet, Janie Getz. Big thank yous to Jim and Sharon Roseland, I asked that they bring some of their sweatshirts, and bags, just a sampling. Well they were super. I think it makes the coursing people feel a part of the national when things like this are done. I believe we also, made quite a bit of money. Doing this we covered our bases! Thank you to Neil Brody and Sue Busby for selling and keeping track of everything.

ASFA TRIAL

Open

1. Larson (Tamrick Grand Larceny)
 2. Molly (Pam-Mel's Pretty in Pink)
 3. Guilty (Tamrick Zanadu High Treasury)
 4. Emmy (Safari Emmy Nomination)
- NBQ. Dragon

Field Champion Stake

1. GrisGris (Utchoti Exotica)
 2. Twiz (Ch. Pahlavi Total Indulgence)
 3. Dylan (Horizon Mahli Midnight)
 4. Tabriz (Llacue's Sedona)
- NBQ. Sabra (Sebring Elan Sabra)

Veteran Stake

1. Stormy (Jenfield Ishkur Cloud Comanche)
 2. Olive (Elzagal Sabra Olive Sunrise)
- ASFA FIELD TRIAL BOB--LARSON

AKC TRIAL

OPEN A STAKE

1. Paula (Llacue's Karamoor Amapola)
2. Guilty (Tamrick Xanadu High Treason)
3. Sabra (Sebring Elan Sabra)

OPEN B STAKE

1. Molly (Pam-Mel's Pretty in Pink)
2. Blue (Tamrick's Forgery)

CONFORMATION CLASS

1. Quickie (Ch. Summerwind Paladin Moment in the Dark)

VETERAN CLASS

1. Stormy (Jenfield Ishkur Cloud Comanche)

2. Orissa (Sabra Scheherazade)

FIELD CHAMPION STAKE.

1. GrisGris (F.ch. Utchati Exotica SC. F.Ch.)

2. Liz (FC Elite Ahlizabitch S.C.)

3. Pandy (FC Llacue's La Traviato F.Ch.)

4. Dajan (FC Tamrick Papandajan)

AKC BOB Gris Gris

BEST IN FIELD COMBINED ASFA

AKC

FCH UTCHATI EXOTICA, SC. F.CH

owned by Lynn Miller

We had a total of 97 entries. 25 ASFA entries, 39 AKC entries and 33 test dogs. Everyone involved deserves hugs, kisses and Kudos!!!! From the smallest detail to the largest, everything was perfect. Special thank yous to Jim and Sharon Roseland, they always smiled, were gracious, kind, and helpful. Most important thank you goes to Ruthie Reynolds. Without Ruthie, there would NOT have been a trial. We would NOT have been successful. It just wouldn't have happened! I will never be able to put into words how gracious Ruth is, how smart, how wonderful. She finished the "Cake." Everyone else was part of the ingredients, Ruth was the Icing. Thank You Ruth from the bottom of my heart.

Wednesday - Obedience

Thursday - Agilit

by Claudia Jakus, Chairman

The first ever Afghan Hound Agility Trial was held at the Afghan Hound Club of America's National Specialty on October 9, 1999 in St. Louis, Missouri. What a terrific place to hold our first trial - at Purina Farms - host to all events of the National. Purina Farms is experienced in holding agility trials and not only provided a beautiful ring - used only for Agility - but also supplied all the equipment needed to put on such an event. I was so thrilled to see a total entry of 26. This is pretty amazing in that Afghans are just starting to enter into Agility.

I have to thank the many "men" who helped with course building at this trial. Without their muscles and help, it would have taken much longer to set up the courses - to all those that helped- again a sincere "thank you."

Obedience was quite exciting! We had a total entry of 15. Much of this is due in part to the second Triathlon event that was being held. , We were so happy to see all of the Obedience dogs turn out to support this event..

We had two that qualified earning a leg toward their titles. From the Novice A class Ch. Jubare's Talisma Syah, JC (Magic) owned by Ken Hudson and Barry Deitch and from the Novice B class Ch. Utchati Unforgiven, JC owned by Lynne Miller.

Wednesday - Saturday Conformation /Triathlon

Sweepstakes - Judge Julie Roche
Best in Sweeps - Cobra Carpe Diem
Owner B & J Crowe & L Stoffels
BOS in Sweeps - Polo's In the Air Tonite
Owner Lorraine Amadeo

Dog Classes - Judge Jay Hafford
Winners Dog - Yantra's Some Like it Hot
Owner Jeff Bracken
Reserve Winners - Boanne's Dragonheart
Owner A & G Evans

Bitch Classes - Judge Chris Kaiser
Winners Bitch - Moving Think Twice
Owner D Broucek & Mjacobsen
Reserve Winners - Aljazir Candida x-Rated
Owner S Culbertson& R Brown

RIVER – N – BLUES 1999

OCTOBER 5 - 9

PURINA FARMS

I must really commend Shelley Hennessy for getting the ball rolling on this event and being Show Secretary - if it were not for her it may not have happened.

Our entries ranged from 1 excellent dog all the way down to Novice which was the class most of the dogs were entered in and also Jumpers with Weaves.

We did have 2 qualifiers, Karen Shapiro and Fury from the Excellent class with a perfect score of 100, and Sebring Majic Angel Face owned by T & S Anderson qualified from the Novice class to earn a leg toward their Novice title.

Karen Shapiro and Fury were High in Trial with their perfect score of 100 .

It was wonderful to see Karen get Fury "pumped" and ready to run. It was so exciting to see Karen put Fury through her paces both the standard class and the Jumpers with Weaver.

High in Trial went to Ken Hudson and "Magic". Again it was a thrill to see all of the Obedience participants.
My only wish being that more would

have qualified in each event - but they are dogs - and Afghans at that - and we can train and train as much as we want, but there is no guaranteeing what they will do on any given day.

The trophies were beautiful, the same trophies as were awarded in Conformation classes. It's nice to see we are finally getting all of the National on par.

These 2 events were very well received by the spectators and I think all who viewed them agreed it was most entertaining. Agility and Obedience will again be offered in 2000 in Jacksonville. Hopefully in the next issue I will be able to give you some suggested reading material for picking your next performance-event puppy training and some good web pages.

Start training You have less than a year For an Afghan that's not a long time!

Intersex - Judge Chris Kaiser
BOB - Ch. Calais Sunrise at Stormhill
Owner R & D Schwebke & Stormhill
Best of Winners - Winners Dog
BOS - Ch. Cobra Copy Cat
Owner B & J Crowe
Awards of Merit –
• Ch Xandali Issabeau of Boanne
Owner A & G Evans
• Ch. Nazira's On a ClearNight
Owner J Banker & LStoffels
• Ch Kashara First Impression
Owner L Nelson & D Broucek
• Ch. Fabelhaft Zoot Suit
Owner K & L Valimaki & J Dalton
• Ch. Genesis-Ambelike Black Ice
Owner R & M Brown & H Nave & L Guererro

Triathlon - Ch. Jubare's Talsima Syah, JC
Owner Ken Hudson Barry Deitch

Come to Jacksonville in 2000. We'll try to make it at least as enjoyable as St. Louis in 1999.

Seminars

The 1999 AHCA Breeder's Symposium was held on Thursday evening at the Ramada Hotel following dog judging at Purina Farms in St. Louis, MO. We had over 200 attendees at this year's event come to listen and see Wally Pede's three-screen presentation on the standard and Betty Stites presentation of "Where have we been and where are we going?" Special thanks goes out to Wally and Betty for giving of their time and putting on such excellent presentations. To Terry and Linda Polson for helping with all the audio/video equipment that was needed for these presentations. To Sharon Roseland for helping with the dinner. And to Cindy Chandler, Paula Keller, Denise Schwebke, Terri Vanderzee and Mary Vanderzee for their help at the door in checking the attendees into the event. We are looking for suggestions for topics for next year's symposium that will be held with the 2000 National in Jacksonville, FL. Please address your suggestions to the committee chairpersons:

Sandy Frei
Jan Reital

Items for Sale (Ways & Means)

The National this year offered 150 duffel bags with the AHCA logo in 5 colors. There are 3 left to be sold or auctioned off the Hound Show weekend in CA.

Also at the National were sweat shirts, T-shirts, and warm-up suits. Interested?

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Suggestions for 2000:

AHCA logo embroidered towels
AHCA logo embroidered polo shirts (members only)
Christmas ornaments

Brenda Brody, Ways & Means, will welcome any input:

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1998 AWARDS

Awards for 1998 given at the Awards Dinner in St. Louis, MO

October 1999

Top Winning Bitch & Dog in Breed Competition

Ch. Rings True of Grandeur

Owner R, E, & B Rechler

Ch. Yours Truly of Grandeur

Owner R, E & B Rechler

Top Lure Coursing Dog

Combined AKC & AFSA

FC Agre Phoenix of Yantra LCM

Owner Gerry Cunningham

Michelle Giasone

Obedience Dog with Highest Point Total

FC Twyla Twist CDX

Owner Diane Bauman

Top Producing Sire 1998

Ch. Qamari's Flying Colors

Owner Emmett & Julie Roche

18 Champions

Top Producing Dam 1998

Ch. Karamoor Beachbrook Sioux

Owner Gene Givens

Ch. Tifarah Moonlight Mardi Gras

Owner Jan Reital

Ch. Visions Pardon Me Boys

Owner P Whitaker & R Franklin

4 Championss each

Top Junior Handler 1998

Valerie Beckwith Norris, SC

Afghan Hound Breeders' Cup

Puppies under the Palms

June 28, 2000

Long Beach, CA

Show Chairman

Chris Kaiser

The first entries are in and the judge will be announced in February. Final entries close April 28, 2000.

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Attention Regional Clubs

"The Afghan Hound Club Of America, Inc Guidelines For regional Specialty Show Approval" booklet is available now and we recommend that all regional clubs review this and use it for direction. We are confident you will find this reading to prove beneficial. We have already seen great results from its usage.

Copies were originally sent to all Club Secretaries but they may not have been turned over to the person in charge of submitting the Club Information Packet for your Specialty Show Approval. It is very important that this booklet is followed. If you need an additional copy, please contact either Barb Bornstein, Corresponding Secretary or Harry Bennett, Regional Club Advisory Chair and they will send you a copy. It is also suggested to clubs that you use this booklet as a program at one of your club meetings. A discussion of this booklet will let all members know exactly what the AKC and AHCA guidelines are for receiving show approval on an annual basis. Submit photos of your yearly activities as well. These may be put on the Official AHCA web site and will help interested persons know of your availability and activities in their areas.

Please remember that all club information packets must be submitted to the AHCA Corresponding Secretary NINE MONTHS PRIOR to your next show date.

Attention Teachers

From Harry Bennett:

I am working on a project for which I need to find a teacher of an elementary grade or member of an art department. If you would like to help, please contact me at (904) 720-0691 or at harryonly@aol.com.

AKC Delegate's Report Dec'99 from Connie Butherus

Several items of interest were addressed at the December meeting:

1) The board approved a program for voluntary listing and registry of professional handlers.

2) Parent clubs are invited to place their web pages on the AKC site. I think our board should investigate.

3) The delegate from Ramapo KC has some good suggestions growing out of a veterinary emergency at their October 99 show. I recommend that these suggestions be considered by our specialty show committees for their upcoming shows.

Directions for the vet on call and a local 24-hour animal emergency hospital be printed under directions to the show on the judging program.

Copies of these directions should be available at the superintendent's office in case of emergencies the day of the show.

If a vet is on site, he or she should have release forms to be signed by the individual requesting service,

If the vet on the grounds recommends a dog be taken to the emergency hospital and the owner or handler refuses, the release form should have a statement that the owner/handler accepts full responsibility for such action.

4) There is an upcoming TV show to be aired on NBC Dateline in February covering the scandal of puppy mills and possibly blackening the eye of the AKC and the sport of purebred dogs as part of the expose'.

Excerpt from an AKC press release:

"AKC is alarmed at the approach NBC has taken with this story. By her own admission, its producer, Susan Barnett, fraudulently registered a litter of puppies. Through its investigations, AKC discovered that producer worked in collusion with the president of the Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS) - a group that takes credit for the "20/20" piece, a 1995 Philadelphia Inquirer story and the 1999 Reader's Digest article. The vice president of CAPS had been suspended from all AKC privileges in 1982 for fraud involving an AKC litter registration."

National Health Conference Emphasizes Need for Breed Health Survey

In October, the Canine Health Foundation held its 3rd Bi-annual National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Parent club delegates, doctors, scientists, and dog enthusiasts from around the world gathered at the gala event held by Ralston Purina and the AKC. The Conference is conducted in an attempt to share information and concerns about canine health and disease, and to educate the attendees about the current advancements in research sponsored by the Canine Health Foundation.

The Foundation's mission is "to develop significant resources for basic and applied health programs with emphasis on canine genetics to improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners." Some of the goals of the organization are: to help dogs live longer, healthier lives; to identify health issues of concern to dog owners and breeders; to seek ways to integrate the observations and knowledge of dog owners, breeders, veterinarians and other scientists for the purpose of advancing the health of dogs; and, to identify and sponsor research and educational programs with particular emphasis on canine genetics.

Parent clubs, such as AHCA, are the partners that the Foundation depends upon to identify these health issues, raise funds to assist in research, and aid the research work by gathering samples and pedigrees. Without this, none of the studies could go forward. It was made particularly evident that those clubs and organizations that have been active in these tasks were those the current research most benefits. Almost all research projects are sponsored by one or more of these groups.

It is long overdue that the Afghan owners, breeders, and AHCA members live up to their stated objectives of preserving and protecting the breeding of pure-bred Afghan Hounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection; urging members and breeders to be guided by the standard of the breed; and do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Afghan Hound.

It is time to actively pursue the formation, distribution, and compilation of a Comprehensive Breed Health Survey, that will identify and establish health and disease conditions current to the Afghan Hound of today. As keepers of the breed, it is our duty to gather accurate histories, pedigrees, and identification of truly affected dogs that will aid in the identification of the major health concerns that should receive priority research support.

In the year 2000, it will be the goal of the Afghan Hound Club of America Canine Health Committee to accomplish just that. As chairman of this committee I invite all of those interested in sharing information on the subject of a health survey to contact me by phone, fax or mail. Additional information on the proceedings of the 1999 National Parent Club Canine Health Conference will be offered at the general membership meeting in Florida in the fall of 2000. I hope to see you all there.

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Legislation — from JoAnn Alft

Update to my annual report:

Senator Lautenberg, D-NJ - the following is taken from the official AKC web site. "Chief among the Lautenberg requirements is that airlines retrofit all class D cargo holds, the most common cargo compartments in use in commercial aircraft today, to transport animals....."

While we certainly support rigorous standards for air travel of pets, the AKC is concerned that the airlines will not be able to meet the demands of the Lautenberg provisions and will be forced to stop carrying animals."

This matter is being put off until early 2000 so please call, write, fax or email your congressmen and give them the following message: Please OPPOSE including the Lautenberg "Safe Air Travel for Animals Act" amendment to S. 82 in the FAA reauthorization bill which you are currently conferencing. There has been no discussion, debate or hearings on this bill. This legislation could have an adverse impact on animals and their owners and increase the risk of injury or death. This legislation should not be adopted without full discussion and debate.

I hope everyone will take a minute or two to contact their congressman TODAY because this bill and amendment means a great difference in dog travel as we know it.

THE AHCA

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One positive by-product of the 1949 by-laws battle was the realization that for the protection of its members the club should be incorporated, and a motion to that effect was passed at the same meeting. After the legal preliminaries - including amendments to the by-laws such as changing the name of the "Executive Committee" to "Board of Directors" - the AHCA became a "Membership Corporation" under the laws of and in the State of New York on November 17, 1950.

Work began toward a new constitution and by-laws in the late 1960's. By then the AKC had devel-

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oped a suggested model for parent clubs, and this model with only minor modifications became the by-laws adopted in 1971. Along with much more specific rules and regulations, it provides for direct election of the officers by the members, and to meet the increased work load, divided the secretarial functions between a Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

In 1973 the Board voted to change the constitution as follows: Section 2 The objects of the club shall be, a)to encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred Afghan Hounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection: was changed: to preserve and protect the breeding of pure-bred Afghan Hounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection: The change was submitted to the membership and approved by them in 1975.

In 1979 it became clear to the Board that in 1980 the National Specialty would begin to move, on a regional rotation from year to year. The Annual meeting held in conjunction with the National Specialty would also have to move from year to year. Thus the constitution was amended to accommodate the change. the language adopted read: The Annual meeting of the Club shall be held in conjunction with the Club's Specialty show if possible, at a place, date and hour designated by the Board of Directors." The AHCA members voted to approve this amendment in 1979.

In 1995 changes to the constitution were adopted which addressed terms of office. Until then the six officers, and the AKC delegate were elected yearly. The terms were expanded to two-year terms with positions elected in alternate years, The Board of Directors positions remained unchanged at three- year terms. The membership approved the changes in 1995 and those affected began their terms on February 1, 1996.

To change the Constitution or By-Laws 2/3 of those voting must approve the change. Also note that By-Law ARTICLE X states that Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings in all cases to which they are applicable, and are not inconsistent with the Constitution and by-laws..

**Breeders' Cup 2001
Site Needed
Attention Midwest
Clubs**

- Twin Citues AHC
- Milwaukee AHC
- Chicago AHC
- Lincolnland AHC
- St. Louis AHC
- West Michigan AHC
- Detroit AHC
- SW Ohio AHC
- Greater Columbus AHC
- Midwest AHC
- Memphis AHC

"Annual show dates are to be within 2 calendar months of each other so as to make eligibility more inclusive." The 2000 Breeders' Cup will Be held June 28, so the best dates would be April, May, June, with July and August being too close to the national in November. April, May or June would be best but other dates are possible absolutely necessary.

Holding the Breeders' Cup with your Specialty will increase your entry and therefore your income. It does not have to be held with a Specialty if there is a weekend with some good shows in the right time frame and in the right area.

If your Specialty doesn't fall within the spring months and you have never considered hosting the BC, perhaps your club might find a suitable cluster nearby to use.

The AHBC needs an afternoon time slot the day before the other shows with rings set up - and it needs to be free. The club supplies Chairman, site, Trophy chairman, ring decorations and other local considerations. The AHBC Secretary also serves as Superintendent supplying ribbons, armbands ,judges book, catalog etc. All expenses except site cost are paid from BC entries and trophy fund.

The Board meets on March 4 in Atlanta. Any club which might be interested in making a proposal or would like further information should contact Duane Butherus , President AHCA at 905 735 9673 or duaneb@ptdprolog.net or by mail at 12 Hibbler RD Lebanon,NJ 08833-3014.

A Reminder of the Yarn Project's Purpose

AHCA's Afghan Hound Yarn for Rescue is an on going fund-raiser for the AHCA's National Rescue Program which provides financial assistance for the veterinary expenses of rescued Afghan Hounds all across the country.

How do I collect and donate fur?

An easy way to collect the fur is by attaching a baggie to your grooming table. Rather than toss that brush full of fur on the floor, toss it in the baggie. You'll help out the Yarn Project and also reduce your clean up time insuring that everyone benefits. Once

you get a few bags full, place them in a mailing envelope and send it to: AHCA's Afghan Hound Yarn for Rescue, P. O. Box 321, Front Royal, VA 22630.

The fur must be clean, at least 2 inches long, and mat free (the carding brushes at the mill are similar to slicker brushes; if you are unable to separate a mat with your fingers and a brush, the carding brushes will not be able to either). The fur can be from your brushes, scissors, or clippers. If possible, please separate your fur by light and dark colors. No amount is too small. You would be amazed how each little handful mounts up. How else can you help?

Help us sell yarn and yarn items. Please pass the word to anyone that might be interested in purchasing yarn and yarn items. The Af yarn items are amazingly warm and perfect for an early morning jog, lure coursing, dog show, sitting by the fire, or dressing up a professional ensemble.

If you know someone who is talented in making items from yarn, please ask them to get in touch with us. We'll provide the fur if they'll provide the talent.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact, Sherre Christiansen (540) 635-8874 or email sundara@rma.edu

Yarn Project Report

from Sherre Christianson

It has been an exciting year for AHCA's Afghan Hound Yarn for Rescue. We have much to highlight and many to thank.

Highlights

- Barb Hastings has joined the Yarn Project as Yarn Item Coordinator. Contact Barb with your yarn item needs. Barb can be reached at (814) 628-2707 phone number or by email at: hrh2@juno.com
- Specialty giving clubs can earn 25% commission for their rescue program on any yarn item they display and sell at their specialty. Contact Barb to have items sent to you for your upcoming specialty.
- Exciting New Yarn available this spring, 50/50 Afghan fur and Alpaca! We are blending our dark Af fur with Alpaca to create a soft, luxurious medium gray yarn.
- Yarn Items on the web! Thanks to the generosity of Andy and Judy Bost, you can view the sale, sold, and custom made items at <http://www.afghanhound.net> . For those of you who haven't made the jump to cyberspace yet, stop by your local library to view the website. The librarians will be glad to show you how to surf with ease.

Thank You

Where do we begin? We have so very many to thank -- most especially our donating hounds who are some of the country's top show dogs, international champions, "up and coming" stars, and champions of our heart who know the luxury of a loving home; their breeders, owners, and handlers who are collecting and sending us their fur; and those who are purchasing the yarn and yarn items. The success of the Yarn Project is because of YOU. THANK YOU!

Our talented Yarn Artists:

- Kath Pugh for all her wonderful sox, gloves, scarves, and most especially for making the incredible shrug we presented to Amy Peake during the St. Louis National Rescue Parade. Kath spent more than 9 months creating this very intricately detailed and complex design which is an especially beautiful symbol of Amy's tireless devotion to our breed. Thank You Kath for helping all of us show Amy how much we appreciate everything she does for each of us and our hounds.
- Brigitte Crowe who has been so generous with her talent is taking a break from the Yarn Project to pursue her painting and sculpturing talents. We hope that from time to time, Brigitte will make a few very special items for us.
- Barb Granger for making the fabulous one of a kind Afghan Hound Yarn Afghan Hounds sculptures. These very rare collectable Afghan Hound sculptures made from the Af yarn and are accompanied by a numbered brass plate and Certificate of Authenticity to insure their ever-increasing value.
- Ruth Prouty (Sandy Schab's Mom) for generously giving her time to make hats for those suffering with cancer; and berets, scarves, hats, and gloves, for the Yarn Project.
- Elena Schnell for responding to our call for volunteer yarn artists on our website and for making such lovely gloves, scarves, and other items in honor of her own beloved Afghans.
- Sharon Watson for her signature National Specialty Vests, Breeder's Cup Vest, and other custom made sweaters, vests, and scarves.

National Specialty Vest Auction Thrills

We would like to express our appreciation to Dave Frei for working his auctioneering magic on Neil Brody and Wally Evans who jointly pledged \$1400.00 for custom made Sharon Watson National Specialty Vests for their lovely wives, Brenda Brody and Connie Evans; Will Colon for modeling Meryl Christiansen's vest at the banquet the last night of the St. Louis Specialty; and Sharon Watson for graciously ensuring that both vests arrived in time for holiday joy.

The following new membership applications were accepted on their second readings: Linda Lee Behage, Elizabeth Berman, Jeff Bracken, Rosemarie Crandahl, Janine Denardo, Joe Filippoine, Linda Filippone, Nancy Foster, Barbara Granger, John Granger, JoAnn Jones, Wayne Jones, Julie Messersmith, Sandy Nelson and Carol Shirk.

Motions:

Annual dues will be raised to \$25 starting with bills sent in 2000.

The Recording Secretary will send contracts to all judges - Conformation, Lure Coursing, Obedience, Agility, Jr. Showmanship and Triathlon.

Sheila Grant may receive up to \$50 for gas in order to transport the remaining copies of Afghan Hounds in America to her home.

There shall be no premium lists combining the National Specialty with a Regional Specialty.

The current figures for trophies will be removed from Policies and Procedures.. All regular AKC, AFSA Agility, Triathlon placements shall receive the same trophies. Non-regular classes will remain the same except non-regular classes which are eligible for Best of Breed. Class placement trophies will again be offered by AHCA at the National Specialty. The general theme for trophies will be brought to the Board for approval.

Performance Events judges will be offered \$100, 2 lunches the day of judging, and 2 tickets to the Awards Dinner. The Jr. Showmanship judge should be given \$50.

Two Lifetime Memberships are to be awarded at the next National..

The next Board meeting will be March 4, 2000 in Atlanta.

The approved and corrected minutes of the AHCA Board meetings are available to AHCA members by written request to the Recording Secretary or the AHCA Librarian at a cost of \$10 for each meeting requested.

As most of you already know, the world lost two very special people on the 17th and 18th of January. Betsy and Quentin LaHam were killed in a horrible automobile accident in Florida.

Betsy was elected to the AHCA Board of Directors for this year. She had been involved with afghans since 1963 as a breeder, exhibitor and judge. During the late 70's and early 80's Betsy served as an AKC field representative in Northern California.

Quentin had retired in 1981 from the University of Ottawa as a full professor. He married Betsy and continued his lectures on canine anatomy and movement. The two of them judged all over the world. Betsy had not kept any dogs when she worked for AKC, so they imported an afghan from Helen Furber in Australia.

Everyone who attended the wonderful symposium in Phoenix will remember Quentin's passion about the afghan hound. Both of them were very special and will be deeply missed by so many.

Editor's note - I too am aware of much discussion re AHCA membership. It's not a question of what anyone will get, it's what they will give. All of the items in this issue are only the tip of the iceberg for the people who wrote and sent them. They represent many hours of work on the part of that person doing the job which they reported to us.

We have nearly 400 members, - all are valuable. Some keep the club going, doing unglamorous, unrecognized jobs, some keep the breed before the public, some support with dollars the club's activities. JFK said it best: Ask not what your country can do for you.....

What you can do right now is read these articles with attention, and if you run into the authors out and about, say a thank you for all of us.

LaHam Memorial

We are planning 2 Memorials... one in the Afghan Hound Review and one in Dogs in Review. If you would like to join us in these, please send \$10 to:

Mary Jean Odron
10367 Capewood Place
Stockton, CA. 95212

The deadline for inclusion will be February 15th. Any remaining monies will be donated to Take the Lead.

The family is planning a Memorial service in Northern Virginia sometime right before or right after the Garden. As these plans are developed the time, date and place will be posted to the lists.

Betsy and Quentin's friends on the West Coast are planning to have a "Celebration of their Lives" during the AHCA Breeders' Cup/AHC of California/Long Beach weekend the very end of June-first part of July. We will post this to the list when the plans are finalized and invite everyone in all breeds and facets of the sport to join us. Betsy and Quentin so enjoyed these shows last year and had planned to attend this year. They will be there in the hearts of all their friends.

Betsy and Quentin knew so many people and our main concern is that we do not leave anyone out who wishes to

Thank you
Scott and Hobie, Mary Jean and Ed Sandy and Jan

From the President 2000-2001

I appreciate the opportunity to carry on the good work done in past years by presidents and Boards of the AHCA. Our incoming Board and the dog fancy at large has sadly lost a bright incoming light in Betsy LaHam, and we move forward with heavy hearts. Linda Shipley and the past Board have accomplished much. In particular, the dramatic growth and continuous upgrading of the AHCA webpage under the aegis of Barb Bornstein, the successful specialties in Tucson (directed by Barb & Lee Bornstein) and St. Louis (directed by Jim & Sharon Roseland), the increased focus on rescue with Amy Peake and her team. The Club's finances are sound, allowing us to move forward with confidence. The AHCA does have opportunities ahead:

- In an era of often static or decreasing growth of the breed, our regional clubs need strong support and encouragement to remain vibrant.
- We need to exploit available technologies to provide information to our members, regional clubs and the public, and to provide easy communication between members and the Parent Club organization, including the Board and Standing Committees.
- Distribution methods for AHCA's hard-copy publications and library materials need to be reconsidered. Maintaining and distributing documents like our pedigree loose-leaf binder "Afghans in America" has been a difficult task that would probably be accomplished more easily by electronic means. The practicality of archiving and making our extensive library available on the web and/or by CD-ROM needs to be investigated.

With the support and experience residing in the board, the standing committees and the regional clubs; and with the help of each member, we can move together to maintain our wonderful breed, the environment for our dogs, and improve the lot of each individual Afghan Hound.

Duane Butherus