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THE AHCA MISSION:

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**The Objectives of
THE AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA
INCORPORATED**

- 1. To preserve and protect the breeding of pure-bred Afghan Hounds and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.**
- 2. To encourage the organization of independent local Afghan Hound Specialty Clubs in those areas where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed.**
- 3. To urge members and breeders to be guided by the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club and to accept it as the only standard of excellence by which the Afghan Hound is to be judged.**
- 4. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Afghan Hound and to encourage sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows.**
- 5. To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club.**

Note: Remember the name of the breed is Afghan Hound, the name of the people is Afghan.

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AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2006
Lancaster, PA

ROLL CALL

Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc., Constitution & by-Laws, Article II, Meetings, SECTION 1:

"The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing."

As of June 14, 2006 the AHCA has 393 members. (Note* - Dues for the year 2006 must be paid before you may vote.) Please remain at this meeting in order that the Club may complete business on the agenda.

(72 members attended) ROLL CALL:

Gill Ullom, Duane Butherus, Connie Butherus, Linda Northelfer, Carol Hedstrom, Kathleen O'Connor, Kathy Pugh, Bob Stein, Bob Brown, Elizabeth Bryant, Debbie Petersen, Clarissa V. Skawski, Rita Figg, Janet Lenobel, Wayne Kalish, Russ Hastings, Barbara Hastings, Norm Levander, Pam Levander, Christine Penso, Beth Berman, Amy Mero, Lynne Schanzle, Janie Getz, Laurie Goodell, Brenda Brody, Neil Brody, Ulrike Reinisch, Cynthia Byington, Gary Byington, Frances Colonna, Patrick Byrne, Elaine McKierman, John McKierman, Pat Stephenson, Al Weinraub, Betty Stites, Betty Richards, Betsy Hufnagel, Sharon Watson, Sandra Frei, Tom Cozzoni, Norma Cozzoni, Darlyn Pfeiffer, Linda Shipley, Bobbi Keller, David Giordano, Carla Helm, Abbe Shaw, Terry Chacon, Bruce Clark, Mary Blacker, Sue Hamlin, Fran Reisman, Chris Pinkston, Sheri Licata, Leon Wiley, Susan Medure, Gerald Hastings, Alice Hastings, Janet Williams, Karen Wagner, JoAnne Buehler, Deborah Nummy, Louis Decker, Elizabeth Decker, Elenore McCoy, Sandy Weinraub, Helen Stein, Lucy Orlowski, Sandy Nelson, One undecipherable name

MEETING AGENDA

5:12 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

MOTION: Gary Byington moved to approve the minutes of the last general membership meeting. Joanne Buehler seconded and it was passed.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT –

Web Site is being redone. Perry Rooks is working on it. Sandy Frei is working with Perry to determine what content should be on it. If anyone has recommendations contact Sandy Frei. The other change is that Topknot News is being sent out electronically. It is mailed out 2 to 3 weeks later to anyone who doesn't have email or who has requested hard copy. There was discussion regarding that length of time to mail hard copies as opposed to emailing.

At the last membership meeting the board was asked to look at P&P in reference to the lawsuit that cost the club \$10,500 in attorney fees in 2004 and first part of 2005.

The Board was to investigate if P&P are adequate to address similar situations in the future. The following committee was selected do the review: David Frei, Kathy Aure and Mannie Glazer. David Frei planned to be at this meeting to give a report but due to airline flight problems he was unable to be here. A full report will go in Topknot News. (Ed. Note: Not

Received by 3 Nov. 2006.) We want to make sure that our P&P adequately address such issues in the future.

Coverage for directors and officers insurance should have covered our liability; however, two requirements were not met. One is that we needed to contact our insurance carrier by registered mail immediately after the lawsuit was filed.

Secondly, the insurance company has the final say on the lawyer who handles the case. Since these requirements weren't met, our insurance carrier did not have to cover the attorney fees in this situation. Bud Ledbetter, who operates Ledbetter Insurance in Oklahoma reviewed the issue and agreed that the insurance company was justified in not covering us in this instance.

A 501.3c Charitable Foundation, the Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue Charitable Foundation ("the Foundation") was created to handle all our rescue funds. All money donated to rescue is now tax-deductible. Judy Felton gave \$40,000 from her estate for Afghan Hound rescue. That donation plus all funds in club treasury earmarked for rescue have been transferred to the Foundation's bank account. The Foundation has a separate board of directors, but has the same Treasurer as the AHCA. The Foundation will need to set up its own insurance coverage separate from the AHCA.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT -

MOTION to accept corresponding secretary report as distributed was seconded and passed.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY –

The Slate for the new board members are Brenda Brody, Second Vice President; Donna Amos, Corresponding Secretary; Linda Jackson, Treasure; Dorma Sue Busby, Board; Debbie Peterson, Board.

The notification of the nominating committee will be sent out following the Specialty.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:Not published at Board's discretion

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BREEDER'S CUP 2006 Eileen Laudermilch – Eileen did a marvelous job with the breeders' cup, and the club extends congratulations. Duane recommends the show site.

BREEDER'S CUP 2007 Sharon Watson and Wynne Kalish - The Breeders Cup will be on April 27, 2007 in Fort Worth, Texas along with two specialties on Saturday and Sunday. Premium list has been mailed. Judges for two Dallas specialty following Breeders' Cup are Le Hedstrom and Lee Gindlesberger. Dan Malley and Harry Bennett are the sweeps judges. Cindy Chandler is Breeder's Cup Show Chair.

BUDGET & FINANCE: Gill Ullom – Gill will be sending out some numbers for trend lines for our end of the fiscal year balances for our major accounts over the last ten years.

TOPKNOT NEWS - Ed Gilbert and Pat Gilbert are sending out TN in the body of email. Barb Bornstein mentioned that since they've taken over she doesn't receive it. They need to make sure the membership receives it. We will pass around a list for people who aren't getting it or if they have problems with Topknot News so the Gilberts can fix the problems. The reason for sending it out electronically is that mailing costs around \$500 and we can save about \$1,500 annually if it is sent out

electronically, plus you get it quicker. Some members indicated their dislike of the electronic version.

There was a suggestion that the members pay for Topknot News if it is mailed out, which was not met with a positive response.

Joanne Buehler suggested that since it was not discussed by the membership and the membership was not asked about it, it should not be opt out not opt in. The membership should be able to opt out.

Joanne Buehler made a motion that unless you have opted to receive TN electronically, it must be sent out in hard copy. No Second, motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: JoAnne Buehler moved that unless you have checked off a box furnished on the dues notice to receive an electronic copy of TN, a hard copy of TN be sent to the members going forward. Seconded by Helen Stein. Passed.

AFGHAN HOUNDS STATISTICS: Sharon Watson
Jan. – Dec. statistics are compiled the same way AKC compiles statistics this way and so does the AHCA. This will be in Topknot News after they are compiled.

CANINE HEALTH: Midge Martin, Co-chair: Sandy Frei –
Sandy Frei
read a letter from Midge Martin. Letter contained, among other matters, the following:

A request for a Checkbox on dues notification for Health Related issues. She feels that asking for donations through Topknot News does not give Health enough coverage. Hope to have a health/breeder symposium at the 2007 AHCA National specialty and hope to have Eddie Dzuik from OFA as the keynote speaker.

Sandy asked that the AHCA show chair should be asked to aware that they should consult the health chair before selecting speakers for the breed symposium.

Darlyn Pfeiffer is conducting the AKC canine health auction at Eukanuba and Terry Chacon donated a painting.

Canine Health Outreach: Eileen Laudermilch – Eileen is doing DNA swabs at a cut-rate price at this National Specialty. These DNA samples have to be done here.

AKC DELEGATE: Connie Butherus –
Connie reported that she voted as the board directed at the last meeting and we won. Connie reported on the contract between Petland and AKC:

Most recent meeting a week ago, at conclusion of parent club committee it was tipped off that AKC has signed a contract with Petland. Specifics were asked, but were told Mr. Stevens will speak tomorrow. The CFO mentioned a contract was signed to provide educational materials to Petland. This grew out of strategic plan for AKC.

One delegate wrote a letter and asked the board to rescind the contract. Connie doesn't know what's in the contract.

MOTION: Bob Stein moved that the board approve our delegate to go on record against the Petland Contract and to rescind it, and that the Board write a letter stating the AHCA is against the contract. It was seconded by Susan Hamlin and passed.

Bob Brown asked what the final ruling was on night specialties – after Jan 1 evening specialties are permitted only for a limited entry and no sweeps. Sweeps has to be done during day if you're doing your specialty in conjunction with an all breed.

AKC also increased the mileage provisions for specialty shows clustering as well as those going with Nationals. Detailed info will be in next TN in Delegate's Report. (Ed. Note: Not Received by 7 Nov. 2006.)

JUDGES EDUCATION: Harry Bennett; MATERIALS : Helen Stein

This Specialty's Judge's Education seminar starts tomorrow morning at 8 am and he has 25 registrants.

BREED EDUCATION: Linda Shipley -
Breed Education sets up booth at AKC invitational.

AKC GAZETTE COLUMN: Georgie Guthrie –
MOTION: A motion was made for the AHCA to send Georgie Guthrie a letter of thanks to be written for her service in putting out the Gazette column. Seconded and passed.

JR. SHOWMANSHIP: Jody Gardner – No Report

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Stir Greer – No Report

LIBRARIAN: Helen Stein – Helen reported that Barb Bornstein did an incredible amount of work scanning photos in scrapbooks to make available in CD. Copies will be sold as fundraiser. Melinda brown is working on collecting other pictures. Send Melinda a copy of your dog on a disc or email. Include Sire, dam, and approximate date of photo, owner breeder. Trying to collect as many photos as possible and anything you want to write about your kennel.

LURE COURSING: Janet Lenobel – Thanked Michele Trifiro who chaired the trial this year. One of the largest we have had. Had a total of about 75 entries, in spite of new rule that ASFA had put on their web site about the 20 point requirement. Chair felt that the coursing facility this year is the best we've had.

MEMBERSHIP: Sandy Weinraub – reported that the board had first reading for an applicant at board meeting and has applications available with her.

2006 NATIONAL: Tony Saia: everything is going great just a little issue about every 20 minutes. Hotel has been is great. Very cooperative. They want us back. He mentioned that the biggest issue is picking up after dogs, and exercising dogs in the pool area or golf course. Please use specified exercise areas!

2007 NATIONAL: Steven Fisher - Date needs to be reviewed.

OBEDIENCE: Debbie Peterson – Would like to work on a new rating system for the obedience rating system for the top dogs.

AGILITY: Janet Lenobel reported that we had our first all breed agility on Saturday. There were 85 dogs, 164 entries. All breed people were tremendous. Not a single complaint. Everything went so smoothly Judges complemented them on running the trial. On Monday we had our own all breed agility trial with 6 dogs and 13 entries. Julie Messersmith's Rosie came in high in trial with a perfect score of 100 with the fastest time. Coursing pictures are available from photographer.

INVENTORY: Sue Busby -

Everything from this year's national is sold except for a couple of items. She won't be selling anything on Thursday during Best of Breed.

AWARDS: Terry Chacon
Terry has the awards for this year in hand

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: Donna Amos
P&P changes made by the board in the last two meetings were passed out. Duane stated that we added one additional change to P&P to permit the offer of veteran sweepstakes at future Specialties. Barb Bornstein said this could only be changed by the membership.

MOTION: Sue Hamlin moved that P&P803.2 on p.137 be changed to add the statement that veteran sweepstakes may be offered. It was seconded by Barb Bornstein and passed.

PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR:

INTRO: Helen Stein: AFGHAN HOUNDS IN AMERICA Nothing to report.

REGIONAL CLUBS: Harry Bennett – The Florida Sun Coast Afghan Hound Club is the 37th club that is approved to hold Specialties. Congratulations!

He's granting some clubs permission to hold back to back specialties. He suggested that with many changes that are happening the specialties are changing dates so pay attention to dates that are being published. He's 99% sure that the Milwaukee club will have a new date in March. There's a new club in formation in the Carolinas.

Floyd Gale asked what warrants a club to have back to back when another club could not? Harry replied it has to do with hardship of the club. Smaller clubs are getting in trouble with entries.

RESCUE: Russ & Barb Hastings - In first 6 months we started with 15 dogs in foster homes. Rescue has taken in 45 additional during this time. Rescue has placed 41, with one returned, and one had to be euthanized. Reminder that rumors notwithstanding, requirements for reimbursement have not changed.

Joanne Buehler mentioned that trustees of the Charitable Rescue Trust are going to meet at this show. Joanne would volunteer to write a report on the status of the trust. Duane accepted her offer and said we would publish it.

GIVING BACK, MENTOR PROGRAM: Bobbi Keller – (Note: See report under GIVING BACK, MENTOR PROGRAM in TopKnot News.).

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS - none

We have two new members at meeting this meeting, Amy Mero who is a member of the Nutmeg club and Ulrike Reinisch. Ulrike has volunteered to help with rescue dogs.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Bobbi Keller thanked Gill and Claudia for their service to the AHCA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board decided to invite nonmembers to membership meetings as visitors, but we were reminded that according to P&P nonmembers were not allowed to visit, and since the vote

on this P&P issue was made by the Membership, changing this will require a vote by membership.

MOTION: Helen Stein made a motion that we allow nonmembers to attend membership meeting. Bobbi Keller seconded.

There was considerable discussion on the topic by the members.

Motion did not pass, thus the General Membership Meeting will stay closed to nonmembers.

NEW BUSINESS

Complaints – A member brought it to the attention that our method of handling complaints needs to be reviewed. Clubs have no requirements to be able to have a show. Bob Brown is going to chair a committee that will examine our current procedure in respect to the complaints process.

There was discussion on the term of treasurer. The treasurer serves 2 years, should we extend longer to keep continuity? It's a constitutional issue. The board would have to come up with a proposed change and it would have to be approved by the AKC.

There was discussion both pro and con on the issue, with the membership deciding that a longer term is not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Passed

BOARD MINUTES

President reviewing Board Minutes. Not received as of 7 November 2006. Will be part of Part 2 issue of TopKnot News.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AKC DELEGATES REPORT – Connie Butherus

See General Membership Minutes for initial report. Not received as of 7 November 2006. Will be part of Part 2 issue of TopKnot News.

AFGHAN HOUND HEALTH COMMITTEE – Sandy Frei & Dr. Edna "Midge" Martin

September 4, 2006

This has been a busy year for the Health Committee. At the last AHCA National event, Sandy Frei, our new Co-Chair for our Health Committee, and I co-chaired the Breeders' Symposium, mostly about a study on chylothorax. Dr. Jonathan McAnulty also, touched on lung torsion and hemangiosarcoma. It was well received, and we hope to continue to bring health issues that plague our breed to the forefront of discussion and study. To that end, Eileen Laudermilch will have cut-rate DNA sampling available. We have done this before and it was quite successful.

Sandy and I have been working diligently to make health issues a priority for the Afghan Hound fancy... and to make it easier to be a part of the trend. We made several proposals to the AHCA Board and continued to press for passage for those items tabled or voted down for the June Board meeting. There are still some items left untouched, or items we feel that should be brought to the forefront. One proposal we think is very important is that we need a check box on the dues notice for health related issues. We believe that asking for donations through Topknot News does not gain us the necessary coverage.

We have facilitated setting up the blood draw on site at this year's national specialty show in Lancaster, PA for the Ostrander Labs, a Division of the National Institute of Health for research on the genetic basis of the prey drive in sighthounds. Information regarding this is going to be included in all exhibitors' entry confirmations. Also, there will be information available at the catalog table.

We hope to have a Health Breeders' Symposium at the 2007 AHCA National Specialty and would like to have Eddie Dzuik from OFA as the keynote speaker. Sandy Frei will co-chair with me if this is approved.

We request the Board to make the AHCA Show Chairman aware that they should consult the Health Committee for topics or speakers for the Breed Symposiums.

The Scottish Deerhound Club of America has begun research on a bleeding disorder discovered in Deerhounds, and has asked for our cooperation in research. I am awaiting further direction from SDCA on facilitating response from the Afghan Hound Community.

We are expanding our base of information on the new Afghan Hound Club of America Website. We are providing links to OFA and AKC/CHF as well as data from the OFA regarding Afghan Hounds.

We have a tighter Health Survey that may be available at the National, or soon after.

Stay tuned...we are on the move to make health issues a priority for this organization!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Edna K. Martin, Chair, AHCA Health Committee
Afghan Hound Health Committee Report
October 26, 2006

Happy post-Specialty time! I was sad not to attend, but will be there with bells on next year. Health issues played a big part of Nationals week. There was the CHF blood draw, which I hope was well attended., DNA sampling at reduced rates, and the promise of another Health related Breeders' Symposium next year.

I hope you all will attend and learn more about what we can do to preserve the health of our beloved Hounds.

Duane has the long and short forms of the Health Survey.

There is a chance that the Surveys will be handled by CHIC, a branch of the Canine Health Foundation. I have not heard the outcome.

Since this report was filed, we have expanded our horizons. We have facilitated setting up the blood draw for the Ostrander Labs, a Division of the National Institute of Health for research on the genetic basis of the prey drive in sighthounds.

Midge

(Dr. Edna K. Martin, Health Chair)

CANINE HEALTH OUTREACH - Eileen Laudermilch

I was glad to have the participation at the nationals for the DNA packets and the information brochures. I am in the initial plans for what you would all like to have next year. Whatever you would prefer or would like to see done, please email me at herrhounds1@cox.net. Thoughts so far would be a possible eye or chip clinic. Any input is appreciated. Also, please let me know how I can serve you all better, respectfully, Eileen Laudermilch

JUDGES' EDUCATION - Harry Bennett

We had our largest sign-up and turnout for attendance at our annual National Specialty Judges Education Seminar with nearly 25 participants. It was an honor that both Mary Blacker

and Sue Hamlin chose to come, both of whom predate me by a lot with their interest and activities with the Afghan Hound and were mentors in my beginnings. This was the first year since this seminar has been also open to experienced Afghan Hound fanciers that we had some representation. I also thank Helen Stein and Sandy Frei for their time and continued interest and major part in this seminar. I'd also like to thank all those that served as ringside mentors in that segment.

At this point there are no other Judges Educational Seminars which include our breed scheduled. I understand that a Judges Group in Arizona may seek our participation early next year.

Harry Bennett

AHCA JEC

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – Stir Greer

At the end of September 2006, the AKC held a "Lobby Day" in Washington DC, providing information on effective lobbying, in addition to promoting PAWS, PETS, and mandatory microchipping for animals covered under the Animal Welfare Act (eg, puppy mill puppies).

PAWS is dead as of 109th Congress ending (Oct 2006).

PETS passed (Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards) requiring state and local emergency plans to include provisions for persons with pets & authorizes appropriations for implementation.

Ohio is facing a proposed state bill that would require breeder licensing with hefty fees based on how many dogs a kennel/facility could hold, not how many are actually in residence.

Pennsylvania is facing policies as announced by the Governor which, according to the PA Federation of Dog Clubs, 90% of hobby breeders won't be able to comply with (eg, keeping our dogs in our homes, vs a kennel). The Governor has created a "Swat Team". A bizarre and hazardous (to dog folks) attempt to appear tough on puppy mills.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Sandy Weinraub

MEMBER NEWS

AHCA records were lost in 1974 when the past club Secretary refused to turn over the records to the new Secretary, Karen Armistead. As best as can be determined, here are names of 40+ year AHCA members: Grace Beyer, Mary Blacker, Joan Brearly, Hobie Brown, Pat Cruz, Carol Esterkin, Sally Frank, Sandy Frei, Edward M. Gilbert Jr., Georgie Guthrie, Sue Hamlin, Edith Hanson, Don & Georjean Jensen, Norm Kattelman, Ned Kauffman, Midge Martin, Bill Maseth, Glenn Mueller, Scott Parsons, Wally Pede, Sylvia Reitman, Betty Richards, Mary Sheldon, Dennis Sprung, Bob Stein, Pat Stephenson, Betty Stites, Peggy Swayze, Selma Tenenbaum, Lila Wadsworth, Margo Waskow and Sharon Watson.

PURINA PARENT CLUB PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (PPCPP) – Helen Stein

AHCA Announces donations received through the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP)
The PPCP program will help National Parent Breed Clubs earn important funds for canine health studies, education efforts and/or rescue through the participation of its members in Purina® Pro Club®. Pro Club® members, who are also members of the National Parent Breed Club or an affiliate club, earn valuable Purina Points for every purchased pound of participating Purina® brand dog foods. When the club's Pro Club® members participate in the PPCP Program, they can

earn an additional 10% of the value of all points from valid weight circles credited to their Pro Club accounts. For example, for every \$100 worth of qualifying weight circle points earned by your Pro Club members, Purina will donate \$10 to your National Parent Breed Club. There are now 157 National Parent Clubs participating in the PPCPP. The Afghan Hound Club of America has 231 individuals who have signed up for the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (you submit weight circles to Purina for credit to your own account and also AHCA). Not all are AHCA members; they are anyone who designates that their weight circles be credited to AHCA. PLEASE NOTE that you will still get your own Pro Club benefits for the weight circles that you submit to Purina—this donation to AHCA and CHF is just a bonus and does not affect your benefits!

2006 benefits as of 8/31/06:

From 1/1/06 through 8/31/06, 48 Pro Club members (for AHCA) have submitted weight circles resulting in a total of \$1,001.66 accumulated for the 2006 program. Half of the money accumulated by 12/31/06 will be given to the AHCA. The other half is donated to the Canine Health Foundation for use in our donor advised fund.

The money given to AHCA from Purina is to be spent only on Rescue, Education, or Health Research.

If you are a Purina Pro Club member, please remember to designate the AHCA as the Parent Club that you wish to receive credit. Be sure to redeem your weight circles before the end of the year to maximize the benefit to the AHCA and to the Canine Health Foundation. If you have questions about the program, please call Purina at 1-877-776-2582, or e-mail Mike Allway, Manager of Breeder/Enthusiast Services at MICHAEL.ALLWAY@PURINA.NESTLE.COM.

Helen Stein
PPCPP Committee

TOPKNOT NEWS – BOUNCED E-MAILS

We have had several E-mails for the Topknot Newsletter bounce. Maybe you can help with sending the current and correct addresses to topknotnewseditors@sbcglobal.net. We will forward the information to Sandy Nelson. Help the AHCA save postage, reproduction and mailing costs. The following are not valid E-mail addresses.
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Thanks for your help.

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GIVING BACK REPORT, MENTOR PROGRAM - Bobbi Keller

We now have 57 volunteers in the program, and would like to welcome Lois Smith as our newest member. As usual, I did not receive reports from 22 members, but 34 did send me reports. Of those 34, 23 actually had contact with new people actually needing help. This is such an important program, and it often can make a difference between happiness or failure in the life of a new owner and their Afghans.

I need all the help I can get my hands on, so I'm asking each of you to contact me and volunteer for this program. I can be reached at zafarahounds@comcast.net

When I do my giving back reports, I sometimes get an extensive report that speaks to the very essence of our Giving Back program. Jody Gardner has sent me a lovely report, and I'd like to share it with you. What all of you give to this program is so important, and I want you to know how grateful I am. Thank You So Much,
Bobbi Keller, Chair

" I have a wonderful new junior (Ashley) that has one of my puppies. We met her family at the Delaware, Ohio show in the fall. The family has an older afghan that came from Barb Fogel. They thought that their daughter Ashley would like to try her hand at juniors and mom would like to go into the show ring. So after talking to them about juniors last fall, and Ashley playing with our puppies, they called me and asked me if we would consider them for one of my babies. At that time we really didn't have a puppy to sell them. Nikki (my daughter) decided that she was keeping two of the bitches. Ashley had her eye on the red brindle bitch that was such a funny little girl with her.

" To make a long story short, Nikki decided that she would let the brindle puppy girl go to Ashley only because she is a young person that is interested in our breed. Nikki and I feel that new people and young people should be sold a puppy that they can go into the ring with and have fun. A puppy that will make it's breeder proud to see it in the ring. I personally feel that if you sell pets to new people and call them show potential, you have just set them up to fail. No one likes to lose and if new people don't win their fair share they will lose interest. I really think that is one of the reasons that we don't see very many new people that stay in our breed.

"Ashley picked her new puppy "Zoey" up in February. The weekend she picked her up we worked on her handling. How to hold the leash, what speed to move her at and how to stack. We went over what to wear and how to do her hair (to keep it

out of her eyes). She was so funny, she wore us out with " come and watch me practice to see if I'm getting better". She was doing just fine and very excited about entering her first show.

"This spring Ashley signed up for handling classes that she attends every week. I think she has gone to 3 or 4 weekends of shows, she has done a wonderful job in juniors and continues to improve every time I see her. Ashley has great hands and is a natural, she just needs a little polish. She is also showing her puppy in the regular classes. Explaining how the regular classes work to a younger junior is interesting. The concept of going back in for reserve was a hard one for her to understand. She had already gone in and she knew that she could not go back in for the points. We finally got all that stuff down, I think. There is a wonderful pamphlet from the AKC that is available at most of the shows, it is "How to understand a dog show". The information does help when you are trying to explain the classes and when to go in and how you progress. It is a great learning tool for newbies to our sport.

"While Ashley's mom would like to show the puppy, "Zoey" does belong to Ashley and the bond between them is undeniable. This last weekend (their fourth weekend out) Ashley and Zoey took their first point. Ashley took Zoey to winners bitch and best of opp. Ashley was so excited, when the judge pointed to her she said "me, me !" As Ashley went out of the ring from winners bitch, she said to the dog that was second in her class, "you have to go back in now, I was winners bitch". It was so funny, so I do think she gets the go back in for reserve thing.

"Ashley and Zoey's first win was of course captured with a photo. Ashley had quite a few helpful folks helping set Zoey up and helping to make sure every hair was in place. When the judge asked who my daughter Nikki was, Ashley said " she is my coach".

"I am very proud of Ashley and Zoey and I am looking forward to seeing this wonderful young lady and her puppy in the ring this summer and at our national."

-----My other new person to our breed is Jennifer Borger. Jennifer works for the lams company and found us by asking around who had puppies and who would sell her a good show puppy. I was delighted to know that several of my peers had recommended us to her.

Jennifer brought her boy friend Jason to look at the puppies with her. Jason shows terriers and was hoping that Jennifer would also show a terrier. But no terriers for her, she wanted a breed that was hers and had decided on an afghan. I liked them both immediately, when they came to our house and played with babies I knew she would be a great show home. After all she had Jason to go to shows with. Jennifer took a light blue brindle boy that was super nice. Winsong's Hollywood Park, she would call him Woody.

Woody made his first outing at the Columbus, Ohio weekend in November. Woody's very first show he was winners dog for a four point major. Needless to say Jason was very excited for Jennifer and Woody. He did tell her not to get use to it. But, Jennifer and Woody continued to rack up the points in a very short time. To date he has twelve points and both majors one of which is a specialty major. His record is impressive - He was winners dog/best of winners and twice best puppy at a specialty. Two best in sweeps and one best of opp in sweeps at specialties. The win that I am the most proud of is Woody's " Best in Breeders Cup for 2006." It was a wonderful win and very thrilling for me.

Jennifer has done a wonderful job with Woody, she shows and grooms him beautifully. He is quite the showman and loves going in the ring with her. Woody is a very lucky boy to live with Jennifer, he gets to go to her office every day. Woody has a great life, he is so loved. Even though I am Jennifer's mentor, I feel very lucky that she came to us for a puppy. It was a win, win situation for both of us. I love the fact that Jennifer a new person has a wonderful puppy to show. I know she is having a good time with him. Jennifer is definitely an afghan person. Woody and Jennifer have been very easy and lots of fun to mentor. I am very proud of both of them.

Respectfully submitted, Jody Gardner

AHCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROPOSALS FOR 2008 and 2009

Contact Abbe Shaw, ABACA101@aol.com, for submitting AHCA National Specialty proposals. The Guidelines for submitting an AHCA National Specialty proposal are contained in The AHCA Policies & Procedures Document.

Abbe has a few show sites that are seeking National Specialties. Abbe will share this information with interested parties.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY - 2006 - Tony Saia, Floyd Gale & JoAnne Buehler

The Afghan Hound Club of America proudly presented the 70th Annual Specialty Show on Sunday, September 17, 2006 through Thursday, September 21, 2006. Refer to Dog News, October 13, 2006 issue for a report on the National titled "Afghan Hounds in Amish Country," by Anna Franzoso. The full results are posted on the Supers web site. The Nov/Dec 2006 Afghan Hound Review will contain complete coverage of the National. Conformation results are:
BOB – Ch. Elan Sebring the Matrix
BOS – Ch. Arabesque Sex in the City
WD & BOW – Aviva Couer A Coeur
RWD – Winsong Hollywood Park
WB – Jangel's No-Fool-ing
RWB – Criston Xirioux Guardian Angel
BISweepstakes – Abaca Shacone Native Spirit
BOSweepstakes – Regle Living Jewel

19TH ANNUAL AFGHAN HOUND BREEDERS' CUP FRIDAY, 27 APRIL 2007

Cindy Chandler, Show Chair, majicaf@aol.com
Wynne Kalish, Co-Show Secretary, wynnek@bellsouth.net
Sharon Watson, Co-Show Secretary, salem82@madbbs.com
Litter nomination – October 27, 2006
Judge announced – December 8, 2006
Final get entries – April 11, 2007
Host Hotel – La Quinta Inn, 4700 N. Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76132
Welcome Party Thursday evening in the hotel lobby.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY 2007 – Steve Fisher
“Roundup in the Rockies”
September 2 – 6, 2007

Denver, Colorado



The 71st National Specialty will be held during labor day week 2007 in Denver Colorado. The host hotel and show site location is the recently renovated Holiday Inn Denver International Airport. The hotel and adjacent convention center are a free 10 minute shuttle ride from the Denver International Airport. D.I.A. has nonstop service to/from virtually every major airport in North America and is a hub center for both United and Frontier airlines. Weather wise the Labor Day weekend is typically quite nice in Denver, and we're looking forward to the opportunity to show you a bit of western hospitality Colorado style.

We have obtained group room rates as follows:

Room	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
Standard	89	89	99	99
Deluxe King	109	109	119	129
Executive Suite	159	159	169	179

Reservations can be made by calling the 1-800-Holiday number, or you can book directly on-line by accessing;
www.holidayinndia.com

Hit the “Make a Reservation Link“, located on the left hand side of the page. Fill in the dates, and hit the little button that says “Corporate, Group & IATA ID” The Group Code is “AHC “.

AHCA 71st National Specialty Week

1 September 2007

CHEYENNE KENNEL CLUB SHOW

- 1) AHCA Board of Directors meeting

2 September 2007

CHEYENNE KENNEL CLUB SHOW

- 1) AKC and ASFA Lure Coursing. (Off site)
- 2) Convention center available for set-up.
- 3) Welcome “mixer” and cocktail party in the atrium

3 September 2007

LABOR DAY

- 1) Obedience and Agility competition.
- 2) Puppy and Veteran Sweeps.
- 3) Vendors reception with wine and cheese

- 4) Breed symposium and buffet dinner.

4 September 2007

- 1) Junior showmanship.
- 2) Conformation judging (dog classes)
- 3) WINNERS DOG
- 4) Colorado Western Bar-B-Que and pool party at SHYLO.

5 September 2007

- 1) Morning General Membership meeting.
- 2) Rescue meeting.
- 3) Canine good citizen test.
- 4) Liberty class.
- 5) Conformation judging (bitch classes).
- 6) WINNERS BITCH
- 7) Evening Art Auction and cocktail party.

6 September 2007

- 1) Parade of Veterans.
- 2) Rescue Parade.
- 3) Triathlon.
- 4) High scoring obedience dog.
- 5) Best Junior Handler.
- 6) Best in Field.
- 7) Conformation BEST OF BREED competition.
- 8) Best Puppy/Best Bred by Exhibitor
- 9) Stud Dog
- 10) Brood Bitch
- 11) AWARDS Banquet.

7 September 2007

AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF GREATER DENVER SPECIALTY SHOW

8 – 9 September 2007- Evergreen KC Shows

All of us in the Denver area are genuinely looking forward to seeing you in September!

Steve Fisher

Show Chairman 2007

“Roundup in the Rockies”

UPCOMING AFGHAN HOUND REGIONAL SPECIALTIES for 2006 & 2007

For additional information on Specialty location and other details go to: <http://clubs.akc.org/ahca/> When on the AHCA web Site: AHCA_webmaster@cox.net go to Regional Clubs for details.

November 10, 2006 AHC of Greater Houston

Terry Wilcox (Australia): Breed

Tim Robbins: Junior Showmanship & Sweeps

November 17, 2006 AHC of Omaha

Jerry Klein: Breed

Vicki Smith: Sweeps

November 17, 2006 Southern Arizona AH Association

Debbie Peterson: Breed

Billie Wilson: Sweeps

December 1, 2006 Colonial AHC

Russ Hastings: Breed

Barb Hastings: Sweeps

2007 Suncoast AHC – Date Pending

February 10, 2007 Nutmeg AHC

Reginald Nesbitt: Breed

Julie Roche: Sweeps

February 11, 2007 AH Association of Long Island
 in conjunction with Garden State Specialty Association
 Dr. Gyorgy Tesic (Hungary): Breed
 Ms. Karen Staudt Cartabona: Sweeps

March 2, 2007 Afghan Hound Club of Greater Milwaukee
 Specialty Show

March 10, 2007 Tidewater AHC Specialty Show
 Mr. Roberto Posa (Switzerland): Breed
 Mr. Harry Stiles: Sweepstakes

March 24, 2007 AHC of Greater Phoenix
 Rosemarie Crandahl: Breed
 Lori Nelson: Sweeps

March 25, 2007 AHC of Greater Phoenix
 June Boone: Breed
 Sharon Pearce: Veteran & Puppy Sweeps

March 2007 Richmond AHC – Pending

April 15, 2007 Tara Afghan Hound Club
 Judges to be announced

April 27, 2007 Nineteenth Annual Breeders' Cup
 Fort Worth, TX
 Judges to be announced

April 28, 2007 AHC of Dallas
 Mrs. Lee Gindlesperger: Breed and Junior
 Showmanship
 Harry Bennett: Puppy and Veteran Sweeps

April 29, 2007 AHC of Dallas
 Le Hedstrom: Breed and Junior Showmanship
 Dann Maly: Puppy and Veteran Sweeps

April 2007 AHC of Greater Columbus - Pending

May 2007 AHC of California – Pending

May 2007 AHC of Northern New Jersey – Pending

May 2007 AHC of Southwestern Ohio – Pending

June 2007 AHC of Greater Chicago – Pending

June 2007 Colonial AHC – Pending

June 2007 AHC of St. Louis - Pending

July 2007 Greater Pittsburg AHC - Pending

July 2007 Sand 'N' Sea AHC of Florida - Pending

July 2007 Finger Lakes AHC - Pending

July 2007 AHC of Greater Portland - Pending

July 2007 Monterey Bay AHC - Pending

July 2007 AHC of Greater Milwaukee – Pending

August 2007 Evergreen AHC – Pending

August 2007 AHC of Memphis – Pending

August 2007 Midwest AHC – Pending

August 2007 Greater Twin Cities AHC – Pending

September 2-6, 2007 AHCA National, Denver, CO

September 7, 2007 AHC of Greater Denver, Inc. – Pending

September 2007 Greater Detroit AHC - Pending

September 2007 Potomac AHC - Pending

September 2007 Lehigh Valley AHC - Pending

September 21, 2007 Tara AHC
 Judges to be announced

October 20, 2007 Northern California AHC
 Judges to be announced

WAYS & MEANS – Sue Busby

Sales went well at the 2006 National. We sold all items for this year. Items left from the 2005 National are at a reduced price. All T-Shirts are \$5.00, Sweatshirts are \$10.00 and the Afghan Throws are \$35.00. Shipping is extra. Anyone wanting a great Christmas gift E-mail me or drop me a note. Selected sizes left in the Sweatshirts and T-Shirts.
 Sue Busby
 Baraki Afghans

barakiafs@peoplepc.com

WEB PAGE DESIGN – Perry Rooks

I have completed all but two pages from the Original PC Web Site. I am waiting on a couple more pictures to finish the "Coat Color" page. The other page that is still not complete is the "Regional Clubs" page. Since the last report I did not get one single reply from any Regional Club for a Link to their site or any information. So I need to know if the clubs are even interested in being added. If so please e-mail me at chakra@cableone.net

The remaining pages that are on the upcoming PC Web Site are new so I have yet to get any information to put on them. I just would like to say, With all due respect to the club that at this rate the site will not be done within the next year. I want to say thank you to Sandy Frei for all her help and support thus far.

For anyone interested to see how much has been accomplished and how the site I am working on is looking they can go to <http://www.exlysta.com/AHCA/index.htm>

Best regards,
 Perry

AKC LURE COURSING SEMINAR

For handlers, prospective judges, judges, and all interested in Lure Coursing
 Hosted by Inland Wilderness Hunt Club
 Join us for a day of instruction and discussion about the AKC's Lure Coursing Program. This seminar is not only for judges, but for all Sighthound owners who are interested in knowing more about lure coursing.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2006
 Carrows Restaurant
 1021 San Gabriel Blvd. ~ Rosemead, CA 91770-4350
 Enroll by OCTOBER 16, 2006
 A minimum of 20 participants is required for this event so sign up early

Presented by
 Mr. Bob Mason, AKC Field Representative

This program will be presented utilizing multimedia demonstrations, lecture materials and group discussions. Subjects set on the Agenda include:
 AKC Lure Coursing rules and regulations
 Overview of the JC test as well as the coursing trial
 Running an efficient and safe event
 practice judging and completing judging forms
 requirements for AKC judge licensing
 Tentative Schedule

Registration 8:30a – 9:00a
 Seminar 9:00a – 12:00p
 Lunch 12:00p – 12:30p
 Seminar 12:30p – 5:00p

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND FEES

Registration is \$35.00 per person.
 Beverages and snacks will be provided and lunch is included in the registration fee.
 Enroll by OCTOBER 16, 2006
 Make checks payable to IWHC and mail form with check or money order to:
 Deborah Butler – 21117 Carriage Dr. – Tehachapi, CA – 93561
 Name: Phone:
 Address: City/St/Zip:

Email: Amt enclosed:

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
DEBORAH BUTLER – 661.310.7929 OR
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A minimum of 20 participants is required for this event

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2007 NATIONAL UPDATE

AHCA National - 2007; HEAT EMBARGO RESPONSE

Dear Lane,

Thank you for your letter and the opportunity to respond to some of your frustration regarding the date selection for the 2007 national specialty. As you may know I was largely responsible for the selection of the date as it has to be determined and submitted as part of the initial proposal letter. There were a number of considerations that thought had to be given to.

!) The parent club parameters call for the specialty to be held in the months of September, October, or November. Experience shows that November is the real beginning of our winter and is generally colder and less pleasant than most folks would want

to deal with. October is the month where summer transitions to winter, and there are historically occasional wild temperature swings that can go either way, and as such it's potentially the most volatile of the 3 months. Generally speaking September is one of the most pleasant of all months in Denver. Really hot days are few and far between, and dry summer like days with pleasant cool evenings are the norm.

2.) Once the hotel/convention center site had been determined, the convention center was already committed for later in September and into mid October.

3.) The Denver club has had their specialty on or near the Labor Day weekend for many years with great success, and we wanted to synergize with that success.

4.) A few club members had already indicated to me that having the show during a holiday week made it easier for them to get time off from work and needed to request fewer days.

5.) Early September should be particularly pleasant for outdoor oriented items such as (but not limited to);

- An excursion into the mountains.
- A Casino trip to the mining towns.
- Lure Coursing
- An outdoor Bar-B-Que

6.) The overwhelming number of non-stop flights into Denver means that very few dogs will have to transit (connect) over "hot" cities.

7.) I have attached excerpts from the websites of both United Airlines and Frontier Airlines. My research indicates that while it's certainly possible that your originating city may be a "hot" city, there is little if any reason to think that Denver as your destination will be problematic at that time of the year.

8.) Typically embargos are much more stringent on dogs being shipped as cargo because they have to sit there longer than dogs being taken along with you as excess baggage.

Your concerns are valid but it's my hope that they won't prevent you from coming to Denver and enjoying all that we have to offer.

To avoid having future show chairpersons presented with a similar dilemma, the board may want to consider changing the date parameters for future nationals. It never occurred to me that "September" didn't mean all of September.

Thank you for your time and please contact me with any further concerns.

Best,

Steve Fisher
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steve@shylo.com

FRONTIER
weather matters

To protect your pet's health and well-being, temperature restrictions have been established to ensure your pet isn't exposed to extreme heat or cold. It's not safe to transport your

pet if the forecasted temperature in any city on your itinerary is below 45°F or above 85°F. If the temperature is outside these limits, we can't transport him or her unless you get a Certificate of Acclimation signed by your veterinarian. The Certificate of Acclimation must include:

A statement by the veterinarian that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the animal is acclimated to air temperatures below 45°F or above 85°F

A statement by the veterinarian giving a minimum and maximum temperature your pet can safely withstand when traveling

The statement must be signed by the veterinarian dated no more than 10 days prior to the originating departure

There is a bottom line, please know that even with a Certificate of Acclimation, we can't accept your pet when the temperature is below 10°F or above 95°F. We stand by this rule because we love pets as much as you do and don't want to see any harm come to them. Please make sure to keep weather in mind when planning a trip with your pet.

pet embargoes

Because "weather matters", the outside temperature must be within the range to keep our pets safe. Some cities require a permanent embargo for pet travel during the summer months. The following cities cannot transport pets during the months of June, July, August and September:

Houston (12:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

Phoenix

Tucson

Las Vegas

Ft. Lauderdale

There are also day of departure embargos at select cities when the temperatures are just too high. Please call our Reservations Department if you have any questions

UNITED

New Summer embargo - Breed restriction

For the safety of your animal, United Airlines does not accept the following short-nosed dog breeds as either checked baggage or cargo from July 15 - September 30, 2005. Future restrictions apply June 1 - September 30. This restriction does not apply to animals traveling with you in the cabin.

Boston Terrier

Boxer

English/French Bulldog

King Charles Spaniel

Lhasa Apso

Pug

Shar-Pei

Shih Tzu

From: fearghais22@aol.com [mailto:fearghais22@aol.com]

Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2006 10:28 AM

Subject: AHCA National - 2007; HEAT EMBARGO

To all concerned:

I am writing with regret that the AHCA has decided on dates for the National in 2007 during the summer heat embargos with the airlines. This will decrease entries, I would think, by a substantial amount and prevent those of us that live far away from the show site from attending. Gas prices will increase by that time next year as well and, frankly, not many of us wish to drive across the country with our dogs.

Please choose dates more wisely in the future.

Lane Gilreath

Gainesville, GA

Please be informed that the following judges have agreed to preside at the 2007 Afghan Hound Club of Greater Denver specialty show, 7 September 2007, to be held in conjunction with the national specialty show.

Regular confirmation classes
Sweepstakes

Mrs. Betty Stites
Dr. Klaus Anselm

STATISTICS – Sharon Watson

I do the dinner awards and also keep all Specialty results – that is top Afghan dog and bitch in Breed competition, top producing dog and bitch for the calendar year, The lure coursing chair does AKC coursing, ASFA comes from their website, Obedience and Rally are done by the chair by the Hennessy method, Agility and Juniors are done by their chairs.

I have been keeping records of titles earned 1938 - 2006 since 1963. I use the AKC Awards which gives the finishing date.

I also keep Winners, Best of Winners Best Opposite and BOB for all Specialties since 1982 when Ed Gilbert's records for AHCA stopped.

This is P & P 317.0 I and II

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