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Editor's Note:

For the third time in the history of the Parent Club, a dog won top honors at the National three consecutive years. The first was Ch. Rajah of Arken who won in 1942, 1943 and 1944. The second was Ch. Karach of Khanhasset who won in 1946, 1947 and 1948. And finally, Ch. Thaon's Mowgli won in 2009, 2010 and again this year in 2011. Another record setting dog this year at the National was DC L'Rhel Suni Asia's Timestep, owned by James and Lynda Hicks. "Sevion" captured his third consecutive Triathlon win at this year's National!

Enjoy the National photos you will find throughout this issue of Topknot News. All casual photo shots were taken by Lee Bornstein, unless otherwise indicated, and all show photos of the winners were taken by Turley Photography and were graciously given to us for use in TN. If you have the opportunity, please drop Tina Turley (tinaturleyphoto.com) a thank you note.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Submitted by AHCA President Brenda Brody

The 75th Anniversary Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty is now history. We met in Wilmington, OH for a week full of activities from early light well into the night. Jody Gardner chaired this year's event and Eukanuba sponsored the event with the inauguration of Eukanuba Hall at the Robert's Centre. If you missed it, you missed a great event. There is further info on the event later in this issue.

Unfortunately, the general meeting lost a quorum prior to the discussion of certain items listed on the agenda. The next general meeting is in Arizona in March, with the Breeders' Cup, so these items may be addressed if a quorum is present there. Please make plans to be in Arizona so there will be a quorum.

In addition, the By-Laws Committee gave the results of their last survey where the three items of the three various types of membership were supported. The Committee must also address amendments to the Articles of Incorporation as well as other By-Laws issues. When they have completed their task, they will confer with AKC and a New York lawyer/parliamentarian to verify that all items are correct prior to a ballot being sent to the membership. Please know that you must respond to the ballot. If these items do not pass by a 2/3 majority, they will not be affirmed. This could have major consequences for the club.

The board voted to ask Martha Parks Powell to investigate some of the issues that remain concerning rescue, the club and the trust. She will report to the new officers next year.

In addition, Eddie Kominek is going to revamp the web site and add a members only login so that messages to members may be disseminated in a timely manner. This will require a new URL, which has already been reserved. The new web-site should be accomplished by the time the new officers take office February 1st.

This is the last message to you from me as the President of the club. It has been an eventful two years, and although there has been much misunderstanding, I am glad to know that the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation, which have needed revision, are now being addressed. Correcting these items is very easy. It only takes you as members to vote when the time arrives.

I do hope that more people will become involved with the breed and the club and I encourage you to volunteer and agree to participate when asked. The AHCA is a club made of all members and there are so many of you who can make valuable contributions.

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**GIVING BACK
MENTOR PROGRAM
Submitted by
Bobbi Keller, Chair**

Submitted by Kristi Jones

This year has been a wonderful year. I have made contact with four husband/wife teams, and with my guidance, all four couples have joined the Midwest Afghan Hound Club. Three of the couples have been actively showing. I was instrumental in finding dogs for two of the couples. One was a bitch I bred, and the other a bitch bred by John Roger Morton. I owe John a debt of gratitude!

My daughter Lauryn has helped in the mentoring and showing of all the dogs too. We like to keep it all in the family. My kennel started as a family affair when my kids were young. My youngest daughter, who was born into the breed, has learned a lot and is still involved and sharing her knowledge with new people.

When I told the couple (who got one of my dogs) that I came with the dog, I think they thought I was kidding. Lauryn and I have been there every step of their journey from AKC Star Dog, both majors, and the Therapy Dog International certification. We will see her through all the activities she has yet to encounter.

I am very proud to be part of this breed. I will always be there to answer any questions, and steer people in the right direction when it comes to the Afghan Hound.



Submitted by Anne Evans

Did I tell you about the young lady I had been mentoring for about a year before she got an Afghan Hound? We had talked on the phone for many hours and had e-mailed back & forth. She even joined the Missouri Afghan Hound Club long before she got her dog. They are totally in love and the dog was the first in her litter to be pointed. Just last weekend she got a major on her bitch. She will be at the National this year and I will have more time to spend with her, plus see the puppy she got. What could be better than that?



Submitted by Helen Stein

Person #1 is a very nice guy in Palm Springs who has a rescue from Sandy Blount -- I may have mentioned him before. He has been asking for grooming advice, vet advice, etc. I sent him a copy of the "Intro" booklet and also directed him to the AHCA website. He has since called for info about dog training classes and I've sent him to a good agility trainer in town.

Person #2 is one in Nevada who does rescue but who is kind of under the radar. I've sent her some Intro books and a CD that contains all our public education information and have given her permission to make copies of the CD for all the people she works with. Regarding mentoring and rescue, the people who do rescue but who aren't AHCA members, often are not informed about what AHCA offers in the way of support - like grooming info, "Intro," the website etc. They may be reimbursed a small amount for the rescue work, but we don't offer any communication otherwise. I'm trying to bring them into "our" fold to work with us, not in parallel. I know this sounds like a rescue report but it isn't.

Person #3 -- just talked to a girl in the San Bernardino area and am sending her an Intro book. Not sure she even wants an Afghan Hound.



**AFGHAN HOUND CLUB
OF GREATER PHOENIX
MENTORING**
Submitted by Colleen Ayling

The Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix has added two new members.



First time in the ring!

Donna Huckaby has had Afghan Hounds as pets for 40 years! She now has a dog she is showing. Donna is quickly becoming very active with the club. She is working on the show committee. Donna has also attended lure courses.

Deanne Reiser has shown Dobermans for 15 years. Always wanting an Afghan Hound, her dream was fulfilled this year. Deanne has been very successful in the ring. Her dog was BOW at the AHCGP specialty this year and now only needs one point to finish. She has recently added a puppy (to show) to her family. Deanne has been very active with the club also. She helped with a "Meet the Breeds" event and is working on the specialty show committee. Deanne also is interested in lure coursing.



Best of Winners

Club members are working with a couple who have enjoyed Afghan Hounds as pets for 30 plus years and now have two young dogs they are showing. Although not expressing an interest in actually joining the club, they were very helpful at the specialties this year and have attended show committee meetings. They have attended lure coursing, and plan on pursuing field titles in addition to conformation titles.



We (the AHCGP) are in contact with 8 people who want to receive all club mailings and e-mails. Although not interested in joining the club, we do see some of these people at shows and lure courses. One person is very active in obedience. We feel confident that if any of this group of fellow Afghan Hound lovers has any questions or needs help, they would contact us.



Pictured are SAAHA & AHCGP members with first time Afghan Hound owners.

2010 & 2011 Breeders' Cup Inventory

2010 Inventory Available

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**AHCA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY # 2
FOR SEPTEMBER 2011
from Tim F. Tjaden, CPA, Inc.
Osseo, Minnesota**

The results are listed below, following your policies and procedures from 703.2, 703.3, 703.4 and 703.5:

Associate Membership	Yes 136	No 80
International Membership	Yes 113	No 102
Junior Membership	Yes 154	No 62

Total Number of Ballots Postmarked by 9/19/11	217
Total Number of Ballots Invalid (improperly marked)	0
Total Number of Ballots Invalid (no return address)	0
Total Number of Unopened Envelopes (no return address)	0
Total Number of Unopened Envelopes (after deadline)	2





CHARLIE'S STORY Submitted by Marcia Morelli

(Pictured with Marcia is
Charlie, CDC,TDI)

Charlie was a therapy dog. Charlie was also a rescue, found living in an abandoned phosphate mine in central Florida. In his too short time with us, Charlie touched many lives. Charlie was living proof that a dog who was discarded like yesterday's newspaper was in fact a true treasure.

We never planned for Charlie to become a therapy dog. We only wanted to make him whole and happy. After what he had obviously been through, he deserved peace and happiness and so much more. Although we didn't realize it, Charlie really was a therapy dog from the first moment he walked through our front door. Here was this skeletal, hairless, mangy, heartworm positive shell of a dog, with lifeless eyes, completely without hope. As we worked to bring him back to full health, we saw the light come back into his eyes and the incredible personality, so long repressed, emerge. Charlie changed and, in the process, he changed us too, forever.

The abuse and neglect he had endured never mattered to him. Everyone he met was a potential new best friend. If a group of people came to our house, Charlie, with no prompting, would make sure to greet each one, taking the time to stop and visit before moving on to the next person. No one was ever left out. We were proud to share his story in the AHCA rescue book, *The Road I Took to You*, compiled by Doug Vinson. His story was appropriately called "Charlie Makes Me Smile." At his first rescue parade at the St. Louis National, he was called "glorious" by a spectator and his story was mentioned by David Frei at the banquet. Charlie was already touching lives, a therapy dog in the making.

For several years we participated at the Florida State Fair's purebred dog exhibit. This was a venue where dog clubs showcase their breeds. I can still see Charlie on his first visit, standing proudly on a grooming crate, surrounded by a sea of people, all reaching out to touch him, all with smiles on their faces. One year it finally hit us as we watched Charlie sitting quietly, for 20 minutes, while a mentally handicapped young man in a wheelchair rested his hand on Charlie's head. There was a look of total bliss on both their faces. That was when we realized Charlie WAS truly a therapy dog. All that was missing was the certification to prove it!

The successful completion of the Canine Good Citizen test was the first step. Charlie breezed through it, and made two new friends in the process – the women giving the test! He was on his way. We chose to try for the certification offered by Therapy Dogs International, and studied the requirements carefully. The main hurdle, in our mind, would be walking by food on the

floor without eating it (designed to protect a dog from accidentally ingesting any type of medication). How many times in his past had this dog gone without food? Could we really expect him to walk by food without grabbing it? Our test was scheduled to take place in a nursing home - a true trial by fire. We arrived in the morning, me more nervous than Charlie, and began working our way through the home and through the parts of the test as well. Charlie excelled! In all his glory, this kind, gentle soul went from room to room, bringing joy and smiles along the way. Food on the floor? Forget that! Charlie was too busy making new friends. PASSING his certification with flying colors, Charlie won his "Best in Show" that day.

We would encourage anyone whose dog has the right temperament to try for therapy certification. I guarantee you won't find anything more rewarding. Do therapy dogs touch lives and make a difference? Absolutely! Once we stopped to visit with an elderly lady in the hallway of the home. She was enchanted with Charlie. As we walked away, the aides said "In two minutes she won't even remember him." Much later as we were leaving, we walked past the same lady. She called to us, "Don't you leave without saying goodbye to me, Charlie." You can imagine the looks of amazement.

Sadly, Charlie's therapy work was cut short by health issues, caused by severe damage to his heart from the heartworm. I still carry his TDI card in my wallet; he earned his title and made us so proud to have him in our lives. His memory may bring tears, but he still makes us smile.

He was simply Charlie, CGC, TDI. He was simply magical.



FACEBOOK Submitted by Gary Lennon



Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.

Info following the National:

684 Monthly Active Users
255 Since Last Week
751 People Liked This
65 Since Last Week
851 Visits This Week
751 Since Last Week

The photo on the left was displayed at the AHCA National in Wilmington, OH.



CANINE HEALTH REPORT Submitted by Health Chair, Eileen Laudermilch, RN, CCRN

First and foremost, I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity of attending the Canine Health Conference held in St. Louis from August 12 – 14. There was a wealth of information and I intend to share some of it in this column. One thing that I learned is that other sighthound breed clubs got together and sent a 50 dog batch of thyroid draws to attempt to change the “normal” ranges in their breeds and have been successful. Afghan Hounds have a great many “equivocals” which are due to lower than the normal T4’s. This is the only way we can accomplish a change as a group effort. The National this year resulted in only 18 thyroid draws. Thank you to all who participated. Please plan to test your dog at the next National. The 2013 Breeders’ Cup will require CHIC testing at that time. The clinics at our National Specialty offer a reduced rate, so plan for next year!

On an equally serious note, I wish to share some of the information I received regarding current research trials. Many of them have monies attached for dogs entered in the study which will help to pay for medications, scans and other procedures. I feel this information is of great importance.

Clinical trials in veterinary oncology at the University of Minnesota:

1. **COTCO16: A pilot study to assess feasibility of tissue collections and molecular profiling for future comparative oncology personalized medicine studies** Participation in the study involves a single collection of samples, specifically blood, saliva and a biopsy of the tumor. Owners get to choose the treatment option. The study pays for collection and provides \$1,000. that can be used to cover the cost of evaluation and future expenses at the Veterinary Medical Center. This is open to any breed of dog with oral melanoma.
2. **Nationwide study to evaluate novel therapeutic agent for the treatment of solid tumors in dogs** Dogs are eligible if they meet the following inclusion criteria: a). diagnosis of melanoma, osteosarcoma, soft tissue sarcoma, or squamous cell carcinoma. (biopsy or needle aspirate). b). measurable tumor (primary or metastasis) that is at least 1 cm in diameter. c). generally feeling well (ie., eating drinking, ambulating on their own, etc.). d). no evidence of an active bacterial infection requiring antibiotics (other than topical medications) in the past seven days. e). no anti-cancer therapy within the past 21 days (including chemotherapy, radiation therapy, corticosteroids, or immunotherapy). f). no tumors where abscess (infection) would result in major symptoms. The study will cover all costs associated with the therapy as well as some diagnostic tests, including lab tests, chest X-rays, and abdominal ultrasound. The study will also pay for medical management of side effects.
3. **Bone cancer immunotherapy using a genetically modified Salmonella** Dogs need to meet certain criteria to qualify for the study. Dogs who have untreated osteosarcoma that has not spread beyond the primary site and are otherwise in good health may be eligible. There is a financial incentive for participation. Specifically, the study will cover the costs of the study visits on day one (PET/CT, bone biopsy, and Salmonella IL2 therapy), rechecks, and the costs associated with amputation, up to a total of \$2,000. All cost associated with PET/CT imaging will also be covered by the study.
4. **Preclinical evaluation of adjuvant Minnelide in dogs with appendicular osteosarcoma – a pilot study** Financial incentives will include defrayment of costs associated with amputation and vascular port placement (meaning under the skin access to a large vein), Minnelide (single drug agent) and its administration and recheck visits during the study period.
5. **A gene therapy clinical trial for dogs with glioma** Gliomas are tumors that arise from the supportive tissue of the brain. These are common aggressive tumors that have a poor prognosis. Eligible dogs must have a tentative diagnosis of glioma based on MRI showing a tumor with the right characteristics. We also have another clinical trial for dogs with gliomas using vaccine therapy in addition to surgical removal of the tumor. We are looking for 35 dogs.
6. **LICKing Lymphoma – A clinical trial for spontaneous diffuse large B cell lymphoma in dogs** So far 6 dogs have completed the study process with no severe treatment-related toxicity. Enrollment will continue until the study has accrued a total of 20 dogs. Owners receive a \$2,500 incentive for allowing their dog to participate in this study. This covers most, if not all of the chemotherapy related treatment costs.
7. **COTCO07b: Preclinical comparison of three indeniosioquinolines candidates in tumor-bearing dogs** This is a clinical trial that assesses the safety and efficacy of three newly developed chemotherapy agents when given to dogs with lymphoma. This study will pay for test drugs, chemo administration, and sample collection procedures and will provide a \$1,000 incentive for participation.

These are only some of the trials open for study that involve monetary reimbursement for the trials. For more information regarding these and other studies please contact www.cvm.umn.edu/accr. I feel, if this information can help one dog, it is well worth it.

Author’s Note: The third quarter report from OFA showed ten dogs received their CHIC numbers!

AHCA LIBRARY REPORT
Submitted by Librarian, Helen Stein

I have a very brief report for this issue of Topknot News. First, I want to congratulate Barb Bornstein for receiving the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for the Afghan Hound Club of America. Barb has served the AHCA in many capacities, including her current stint as editor of Topknot News. I sat with Barb on the AHCA Board for many years, and appreciate Barb's insight, work ethic and great sense of humor when working with AHCA matters.

Kudos to Show Chair Jody Gardner, Assistant Chair Gill Ullom and a great team for organizing a terrific National Specialty week. The venue is great for dog shows, and it was a delight to see so many of our beautiful hounds. I was very impressed by the Parade of Rescue dogs, with 61 entered! Each dog received a rosette with his name inscribed, and an AHCA medalion. This was very well organized. Barb Hastings and Hope Leedom made sure everyone was in place, and families of dogs came in the ring one at a time. Resumes of each dog were read as the dog came in the ring. I was privileged to handle Max Stine, a very mellow blonde dog and we went in the ring with owner Betty and his housemates Laddie and Boo. It was a really happy event ~ no tears that day! Thanks to you all for the work you do with these beautiful dogs.

Betty Stites has written an article for the AKC Gazette that gives a little history of the AHCA Library. You can find this online by going to <http://www.AKC.org> and selecting "AKC Magazines" from the menu on the left. Then select "AKC Gazette Digital Edition." The article will appear in the November, 2011 issue. Thanks, Betty!

DVDs and VHS videos are available for rental from the Library. My new address is: 178 Windfall Creek Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 and email is BeanieSue@aol.com. You can also find a list of rentals on the AHCA website, <http://clubs.akc.org/ahca/> under the category "Library."

I've served as an AHCA Board member for many years and want to thank you all for your support of the club. The Board meeting in October was my last one, and I hope to continue to serve as Librarian/Historian of this fine club.

Wishing you all a great (upcoming) holiday season.



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Submitted by Inventory Chair, Sue Busby



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2010 STATISTICS
Submitted by Joann Alft, Chair

Top Producing Sire and Dam were supplied to the AHCA by Fran Reisman and the Afghan Hound Review.

The Top-Producing Sire with 6 Champions:

Ch. Sura's Hollywood Nights JC
Breeder/Owners: Suzanne J & William Neill

The Top-Producing Dam - There was a Tie, each with 5 Champions:

DC Gwich'in Suni Crimson Skies, SC
(Four of these Champions also completed their Field Championships, making them Dual Champions.
Owners: James and Lynda Hicks
Breeders: Tracy & Kevin Farmer and Charles B. Sites

Ch. Shenandoah Milan of Lafara
Owner: Maria Falkenheimer
Breeders: Denise & Jerry Willeford & Maria Falkenheimer

The Top-Winning Dog in Breed Competition:

GCH Thاون's Mowgli 1,186
Owners: Jay T. Hafford, James Blanchard & Ann Sterner
Breeders: Jay T. Hafford & James Blanchard

The Top-Winning Bitch in Breed Competition:

GCH Majic Whatever I Want 476
Owners: Karen M Todd & Lisa Bettis
Breeders: Cindy Chandler & Lisa Bettis & Debra Hamilton

The Top Junior Handler:

Emilie Peterson, Monmouth, OR

The Top Lure Coursing Dogs:

AKC: DC Suni's Delta Dawn SC LCX (a daughter of the Top Producing Bitch)
Breeder/Owners: James & Lynda Hicks

ASFA: Cameo's The Ghost of Summer, LCM2
Owners: J. & S. Anthony & C. Sullivan
Breeders: Connie Sullivan & Deann Britton

The Top Agility Dog:

CH MACH2 Stormhill's Red Zinger, JC, MXF
Owners: Robin Cohen, Robin Kletke & Stormhill Kennels
Breeders: Mary Offerman, Terri Vanderzee & Stormhill Knls

The Highest Point Total in Obedience:

Tabitha, CDX,RE,NAP,JC
Owners: Jerry & Sharon Pearson

Top Rally Dog:

J'haz Beau's Jasper, CDX, RE, NA, NAJ
Owner: Suzanne Harvey

Certificate Award Winners:

Best In Novice Obedience:

CH Stormhill's Star Studded, CD, RD
Owners: Sandy Frei, & Terri Vanderzee

Best In Open Obedience:

Tabitha, CDX, RE, SC, NJP
Owners: Jerry and Sharon Pearson

Best in Novice Rally:

Sterling's Dreamworks, JC, RN
Owner: Pamela Wall

Best in Advance Rally:

FC Pam Mel Penhebodydd, CD,RA, MC
Owner: Nora Mayfield

Best in Excellent Rally:

Jhaz Beau's Jasper, CDX, RE, NA, NAJ
Owner: Suzanne Harvey

Versatility Awards:

DC Allure's Summer Sunshine, CD,SC
Owners: Carla and John Sokal

DC Perfection Cheri-A-Frosted Ice, JC, CD
Owners: Ellie Stonequest and Debbie Peterson

F.CH Sabrina CDX,RE, SC,NAP,NJP,NFP
Jerry and Sharon Pearson



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Topknot News Assistant Editors at the National. Mary Blacker (left) & Sue Hamlin (right)

LURE COURSING REPORT
Submitted by Max Ross, Chair
& Linda Jackson

We would like to thank Nicci & Max Von Broembsen and Lynda & James Hicks and their dedicated workers that put on two days of All Breed Lure Coursing and AKC/ASFA 2010 National Lure Coursing Events. Congratulations for making a combined income of \$1,133.94. Your work is greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to the next great Lure coursing event in Camden, SC.

The dates are: December 10 & 11, 2011



**STREAMING AT THE
2011 NATIONAL
By Dayne Jordan**

Photo by Nicole Newkirk

The video website, www.afghanhoundclubofamerica.com, had 8,284 unique hits as indicated by a unique 'hit' counter placed visibly on the page for a grand total of 70,275 total hits for the duration of the event.

The Premium List was downloaded 159 times, which makes sense since we didn't have it up very long. The Judging Program was downloaded 844 times.

Sweepstakes classes had an average of 302 online viewers. Dog classes had an average of 475 online viewers, and bitch classes averaged 499 online viewers. Parade of Rescue averaged 505 online viewers, and Best of Breed had a peak of 604 average online viewers.

The majority of viewers, were from Facebook, followed by the AHCA website. Not one Twitter user was found! The top countries viewing the event were from Finland, Canada, Australia, Italy, Sweden, Germany and Norway. Plus some rather interesting stats from countries that aren't normally in the news.

It really was a lot of fun to get so many people online involved. I was extremely pleased to see all the people chatting real-time on Facebook as the judging was occurring - dogs, handlers, judges, all were discussed in great detail at the exact same time they were all watching. It was really something to be a part of this. The Afghan Hounds International Facebook site run by Pam Croft had by far the largest user base online discussing the show as it happened. Those of you on Facebook, have a look at Pam's site - it's almost unbelievable the amount of discussion that occurred.

Mike (Jody's hubby) ran the camera just as much as I did and deserves equal operator credit.

I had a blast doing this for the club and I certainly hope they consider doing it on a much larger scale for future events. I really would have liked to have had the catalog ahead of time so that I could have input the dog's information placing it on the screen as each dog was examined. I also would have loved to have had 2 more cameras... maybe next time.

Ed's Note: Computer geeks may contact Dayne directly at:

daynejordan@gmail.com and ask Dayne to send you the 73 page pdf file containing the complete statistics.



Photo By Diana Fife



**2011 NATIONAL
SPECIALTY SHOW
REPORT
Submitted by Show Chair,
Jody Gardner**



Show Chair, Jody Gardner
& Co-Chair, Gill Ullom

Over, done, and in the bag! Wow, what a lot of work, but looking back, it was worth it. Our show committee and volunteers worked tirelessly to make the 75th National one that you will never forget. For the first time in our history we were able to live stream the judging. It was exciting that we could include our families, friends and Afghan Hound

fanciers from all over the world who were unable to attend this very special event.

To be the show chair of the 2011 National was a huge undertaking. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the past show chairs, who came before me, and took on this thankless and all consuming job.



Thank you all so very much!

I was very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people who helped me achieve the end result for this National. I don't know what I would have done without Gill Ullom who was my co-chair. Thank you Gill, for all your help and support and for being such a wonderful friend. I could not have done this without you. I am especially pleased and grateful to several of my friends and newer members of the AHCA for stepping up to help make this National extra special. Dayne Jordan (or as I refer to him as the computer genius), WOW, what an amazing job he did. The live streaming and the AHCA CD were all so well done. He did not even break a sweat.



Dayne is currently working on editing all the days' films and will repost the events along with the catalog placements for all classes. Here is the website:

<http://www.afghanhoundclubofamerica.com/>.

Be patient and check back to see the final results.

Scott Pfeil and James Donahue - thank you so much for making the art auction an exceptional event. The pieces you were able to find and the donations you received were out-



Darlyn Pfeiffer
Auctioneer



Claudia Jakus

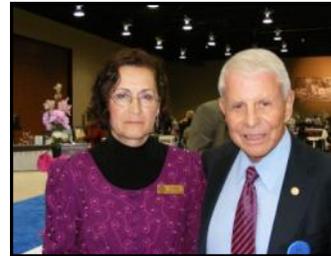
standing. The end result—\$12,205.00. Amazing! Thank you to our own Darlyn Pfeiffer, auctioneer extraordinaire.

I could not have asked for a more perfect site than the Holiday Inn/Roberts Centre in which to hold our 75th National. Their recent partnership with Eukanuba, made this event even more special. All the events, with the exception of Lure Coursing, were held on the hotel grounds. Lure Coursing was held off site at a

very, very nice totally fenced facility found by Lure Coursing Chairs Robert and Linda Jordan. Obedience was held inside the conformation ring, and Agility was held outdoors on the hotel grounds. We were very lucky to have totally new equipment to use for agility, compliments of Eukanuba. While I am still scratching my head over the performance events, I am grateful to Lynda Hicks and Robert Jordan for their knowledge and assistance in making all of the performance events a huge success this year.



Mike Gardner



Dog Judge Debbie Petersen
& Chief Ring Steward Bob Stein

There are so many volunteers who make up a National. Each with their own spin on things, makes every National different and special. Thank you to the following members for stepping up and making the 75th national one that will always be remembered: Dorma Sue Busby, for your dedication to our club as show secretary, Lynda Hicks, Robert Jordan and Claudia Jakus for guiding me thru the performance events. Lynn Mercer for transporting all the art auction items and helping with the event. Jan and Chris Buttler for the placement markers and their support and generosity with this project. Connie Butherus for once again agreeing to do her usual great job of announcing. Michelle Friesen for taking the ads for the catalog. Bob and Helen Stein for making sure the ring ran smoothly during the national. Becky Morissette for taking charge of ordering and sales. Harry Bennett for the Judge's Seminar, which was taped this year for the future education of new Afghan Hound judges. My daughter Nikki Gardner for being the guest speaker for the junior seminar.

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Ring Steward Lee Bornstein
& Announcer Connie Butherus



Chris & Brigitte Kaiser

Barb Hastings and her group of volunteers for their amazing parade of 61 rescue dogs this year. Calvena Evetts for all her work with the hotel. Laurie Goodell for being the voice of the national on the show CDs and coordinating all the action. Suzanne Eaton Duay for the wonderful 75th anniversary

brush for our ways and means. Those beautiful brushes can still be ordered by going to www.ashleycraig.net. They can be personalized and shipped directly to you. What a great holiday gift. Barb Bornstein for taking on the master of ceremonies duties.



Sue Busby & Barb Bornstein



Stephen Fisher & Rachel Irvin

Lucy Orlowski for the bathing station, trophy donations and raffle tickets. Linda Shipley for doing all the dinner reservations. Chris Kaiser for doing the vendor booths. Betty Salmon for taking care of the health clinic for me and seeing my vision of multiple testing being offered. We offered micro chipping and DNA testing along with a full CHIC health clinic this year for those who wished to take part. Nicole Newkirk and Gary Lennon for the fabulous pictures taken all week and the wonderful CD we played at the dinner. Nicole's CD can be viewed on youtube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=78L7WsfvYKA



Laurie Goodell & Gill Ullom

or by searching Afghan Hound National Specialty 2011. If you haven't seen it, go to youtube and watch—you will enjoy it.



Leslie Stoffels, Terry Chacon & Bruce Clark
Back: Hayden Cluff & Stephen Fisher

Thank you to those folks who just stepped up and offered to help. Rose Mary Bridges Zednick, Eileen Laudermilch, Sandy Nelson, Crissy McFadden, and I'm sure I have forgotten a few. Thank you all!

The art work and logo for the 75th National was done by renowned artist Marcia VanWoert. Her artwork was wonderful. The logo was such fun to work with. I know everyone will forever remember Marcia's fantastic pieces that graced our trophy table.

So many things and folks who helped make this national what it was, but most importantly, all of this could not have happened without my family - my husband Mike, for his support and for being so understanding. My daughter Lyndsey, for helping me with my dogs so that I could attend knowing that my four legged kids were well taken care of. My daughter Nikki, for helping with the junior seminar, judge's hospitality, ring stewarding and being such a good sport. I know it was killing her not to be in the ring at the national.



Michael Canalizo, Laura Mauldin & Alicia Morrison Jones

I am looking forward to next year's national, "Moonlight & Magnolias." Chuck Milne will be chairing in 2012, in Atlanta. I know we will see wonderful things from his team. Mark your calendars now.

The dates are October 28th-31st, 2012. Hopefully, everyone who attended the 75th National had a great time.



Domenick Morelli



**PERFORMANCE EVENTS
AT THE 2011 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW**

**Submitted By
Lynda Hicks, Agility Chair
Claudia Jakus, Triathlon Chair
Robert Jordan, Lure Coursing Chair
Gill Ullom, Obedience/Rally Chair**

It was very exciting to see performance events so well supported this year. How wonderful for our hounds to have the opportunity to show their great intelligence and versatility and yes, often, their sense of humor!



**AKC Lure Coursing Best of Breed & Best In Event
"Kirat" Kirat JC JOR
Owners: Vicki Fagre-Stroetz & E. Toohy,
L. Martin & B. Shelton**



**ASFA Lure Coursing Best of Breed
"Moosie" Laurelcrest's Legend of Aramis
Owners: Rick & Amy Hites**

Sunday morning of our Nationals week dawned clear, cool and beautiful, with ASFA Lure Coursing, followed by an AKC Lure Coursing Trial, two AKC Junior Coursing Tests and a Qualified Courser test. There were many exciting courses, including the four hounds competing for AKC Best of Breed. The high-

light was the runoff between the AKC Best of Breed "Kirat" (Kirat JC JOR) owned by Vicki Fagre-Stroetz and E. Toohy, L Martin and B Shelton and ASFA Best of Breed, Laurelcrest's Legend of Aramis, "Moosie" owned by Rick and Amy Hites. When the judges made their decision, Kirat was the 2011 AHCA National Lure Coursing Best in Event winner. In ASFA, the Breeder Stake was awarded to Nora Mayfield and Kennel Stake to Amy Hites.

The Monday morning Rally started at 9 AM with Obedience immediately following. There were several qualifying scores, and 5 new titlists. "Middy" Ch. Swiftwind Midnite Moon Shadow, owner Laurel Deptuch was High in Rally, and Ch. Inisfree's Superior Magic, SC, owner Lorene French and Louise Paulson and Anna Tyler was High in Obedience Trial and Highest Scoring AKC Champion.



**High in Trial Rally
Ch. Swiftwind Midnite Moon Shadow
Owner: Laurel Deptuch**



**High In Trial Obedience
Ch. Inisfree's Superior Majic SC
Owners: Lorene French & Louise Paulson**

Monday evening following Sweepstakes, brought the six Triathlon competitors to the ring for the Conformation portion of their competition under judge Tony Saia. It was exciting that three of the hounds entered received qualifying scores in three disciplines, and that five of the six Triathlon entrants are conformation champions, two of which are dual champions. High in Triathlon for the 3rd year in a row, tying the all-time record, was DC L’Rhel Suni Asia’s Timestep, CD, RA, MC, LCX, CGC, TDI, owners James & Lynda Hicks.



High in Triathlon
DC L’Rhel Suni Asia’s Timestep
MC LCX CD RA CGC TDI
Owners: James & Lynda Hicks

Agility, the final performance event of the National, was held on the east lawn of the hotel on Wednesday morning. The weather was glorious, and the field was on beautifully manicured grass. Many spectators came out to join in the fun, enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries, and vie for the “Afghan Hound Yard Art” door prize. This year there were two qualifiers. Our high in Agility Trial, with a perfect score of 100, coming from the Standard Excellent B Class, was FC Popovs Treasure at Cayblu AX, AXP, OAJ, OJP, “Renee,” owned by Cathy Kirchmeyer.

Huge thanks go to our fabulous - and very patient performance judges. And AHCA National Show Chair, Jody Gardner, for lending so much support to the performance events. Special thanks to Eukanuba for providing the agility and obedience equipment, as well as the wonderful and hard-working committee members and exhibitors, without whom these events would not have been possible.



High In Trial Agility
“Renee” FC Popovs Treasure At Cayblu
AX AXP OAJ OJP
Owner: Cathy Kirchmeyer

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Claudia Jakus
 Triathlon Chair



Gill Ullom
 Obedience Chair



Lynda Hicks
 Agility Chair



Robert Jordan
 Lure Coursing Chair

SWEEPSTAKES CRITIQUE

By Judge, Tony Saia

First I would like to thank the AHCA membership for granting me the privilege of judging their 75th National Sweepstakes. Also a big thanks to the Show Chair, Jody Garner, and her committee for putting on yet another remarkable show. I have to add an official thank you to my three wonderful ring stewards who kept the judging moving.

6-9 Puppy Dog: Kuhl Breeze Designer Sock Monkey. A beautifully put together black and tan puppy. This puppy had a great square outline, lovely head piece, and with the correct small dark eye. I almost lost him for his first place ribbon, but when I moved the entire class for the 2nd time my eyes zoomed right on him as he floated across the blue carpet. This puppy took command of his class. The 2nd and 3rd place puppies were also both very square but they were not as collected on the move as my class winner. All placements here were of similar square balance.

9-12 Puppy Dog: Kasban Sura Bell Bottom Blues. My class winner was a well-built blue brindle dog. He had a nice neck set which was well placed into his shoulders, plus he enjoyed a very strong topline. This dog had balanced side gait and was sound on the up and back. I preferred the outline of the 2nd place, but he was not performing and moving with ease with his handler. Later I noted that both these dogs were littermates.

12-15 Puppy Dog: This class had some very good depth of quality. I both admired both my 1st and 2nd place winners. Both had great square outlines, with great neck sets that flowed smoothly onto their firm toplines. Both dogs were great on the move, as well as my 3rd place dog. All moved correctly with balanced reach and drive, and all had the lift this breed desperately needs. The winner of this class, **Regle Jakar Wise Guy at Pamir**, won because he had it all, beautiful breed type, a magnificent headpiece, with a Roman nose, long tail and when he moved he moved the way an Afghan Hound should. He was a joy to watch as he floated nicely, neither fast nor racing around the ring. Everything about this black mask silver shouted "Classic" Afghan Hound breed type.

15-18 Dogs: Fu Blu Riddle of Oshanameh. This standard size black and tan won his class by just moving correctly around the ring. He was smooth on the move, and in structure nice to go over, had no lumps or bumps. This dog held his outline when he moved, and this is a very important point for me and should be for all who are breeding and showing Afghan Hounds. Dogs should not move with their withers 3 inches higher than their hipbones. This dog was also sound on the up and back. The 2nd place dog was nice to go over, had a lovely head, but was not as light on his feet when he moved.

6-9 Puppy Bitch: Andros Glitter in the Air. This bitch was just almost too perfect. She possessed a striking headpiece, tiny eye, had a great set under front, topped off with a perfect ring tail. She was almost flawless from her head to her tail.



Best In Sweepstakes
Regle Jakar Wise Guy At Pamir
Owners: Donald & Georgjean Jensen
& Diana Fife & Tara Schultz

When she moved she had moments of greatness, but she was off and on. I was able to forgive this because she had way too many fine virtues that compensated for her puppy bitch attitude.

9-12 Puppy Bitch: Mahali Capri. This blue brindle bitch was another extremely well put together Afghan Hound. She had textbook balance, another fantastic headpiece, tiny dark eye, solid top, but it was when she moved that she had the edge over the 2nd placement. I had to tell her handler to move her slower, because this was when she came off the ground with the correct spring and lift that should be associated with this breed. When giving out the ribbons, I thought this bitch was the one to beat.

12-15 Puppy Bitch: When Red Means Gold of Dega Afghans. A nicely balanced red bitch who also, when moved at the right speed, had the correct gait. She was sound on the up and back, had a good strong topline that held it together when she moved.

15-18 Bitch: Luna Azul Von Haussman. This was a nicely balanced blue bitch. She was good to go over and also had a nice flow of neck into her shoulders. She won out over the 2nd place because she did not race around the ring as her handler moved her at the right pace.

For my Best in Sweepstakes, I was very pleased to see all my class winners work for the top honor. It was a difficult choice to select two winners out of this group. I made my decision based on our standard and what I feel is most important to the Afghan Hound breed. I firmly believe that spot-on breed type along with correct movement was awarded this day. Both my Best in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex were absolutely magnificent in every aspect of our breed standard. Both had outstanding outlines, stunning headpieces, and both moved with spring and lift. The only negative thing that I could say about both winners is that I am jealous they are not in my house.



Best Opposite Sex to Best In Sweepstakes
Mahali Capri
Owners: Lynne Schanzle, William J. Mines & Chris Pinkston

My Best in Sweepstakes winner came out of the 12-15 dog class, **Regle Jakar Wise Guy at Pamir**. This dog was just so wonderful to look at and watch move. It was a pleasure and honor to award this elegant dog Best in Sweepstakes. He is a classic representative for our breed. Also it was fun to later learn who was one of this dog's owners. The Jensens, of Pamir fame. The Jensens have had some of the best black mask silvers, and now again they own another breathtaking one.

My Best of Opposite Sex came from 9-12 bitch class. **Mahali Capri**. Again, this bitch was a pleasure to watch move elegantly around the ring and to look at her flawless stature. On this day, she had it all, making her the clear front runner for the bitches.

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES CRITIQUE
By Judge, Tony Saia

Best in Veterans Sweepstakes: **Ch. Kasban American Idol**. I must say I know this dog and, of course, I have so very sincerely respected all of his outstanding attributes. He has a hard rock body and a great neck set which flows so properly into his smooth shoulders. When on the move, he had perfect timing as he gracefully moved around the ring. Several years back I had the pleasure of awarding his dam Best in Sweepstakes at the AHALI winter specialty.

Best of Opposite Sex in Veterans Sweepstakes: **Ch. Mahrani Spit-N-Image Stormhill JC**. A striking red bitch that could still compete with the younger girls of today. She had a beautiful long head piece, still strong topline which she held throughout her movement portion of the exhibiting. I was pleased to award her Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes.

Thanks to all who showed to me, and a special thank you to the winners for bringing me some incredibly exciting Afghan Hounds!



Best In Veteran Sweepstakes
Ch. Kasban American Idol
Owners: Charlotte Laura Salles & Laura Mauldin



Best Opposite Sex to Best In Veteran Sweepstakes
Ch. Mahrani Spit-N-Image Stormhill JC
Owners: Terri Vanderzee & Stormhill Kennel

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BITCH AND INTERSEX CRITIQUE By Judge, Kent Delaney



As a judge, it is the greatest honor to be selected to judge one's own breed's National Specialty Show. I did not take this responsibility lightly. I have judged National Specialties in numerous breeds, and this National meant more to me than many of my judging assignments. It far exceeded my expectations.

The venue was a perfect site for a National Specialty show with its large ring. Very special thanks to Jody Gardner and Gill Ulom for all of their hard work and attention to detail in making the 75th Anniversary National Specialty show a tremendous success. I was looking forward to this assignment for over a year and I did not accept any Afghan Hound assignments in the United States during the year, so my anticipation was very high. My judging was made easy each day due to my ring stewards and all officers of the parent club. We all worked well together.

From the start of judging, I knew every class would be competitive. I could not deny the Bred-by-Exhibitor class winner. Her movement was balanced with perfect reach and drive. Her head was exquisite with loads of detail and wonderful eyes. Her top-line was rock hard and never let down. She is a very exciting young lady. I was pleased to award her Best of Winners.

My Reserve Winner's Bitch came from the open class and traveled all the way from Finland. She was an eye catcher. Her balance moving and standing was excellent. There was little to dislike about her and so much to like. She had an air of dignity and poise. She was presented beautifully.

The Best of Breed class, in a passel of 90 plus specials, one dog stood out. When Afghan Hounds are present in large numbers, they tend to be very, very good; but at small local shows they are usually disappointing in the quality department. Most of the exhibits were shown in a strong state of condition.

There were so many top quality Afghan Hounds in the ring at the end, it is just a crime to only be able to award only 2 Selects and 5 Awards of Merit.

My Best of Breed could not be denied. He had strength, bal-



ance, movement and such stature. His sheer determination and attitude carried him to Best of Breed. To say that he was "on" is an understatement. My Best of Opposite Sex, too, had purpose in movement. Her balance, moving, and standing was excellent. Both of these Afghan Hounds have the appearance of what they are, a king of dogs that has held true to tradition throughout the ages.



Thank you one and all for making this the experience of my lifetime. Thanks to all the exhibitors for such an exciting entry and for the sporting and courteous manner in which my decisions were accepted.

The best,
Kent Delaney



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Best of Breed

Ch. Thaon's Mowgli

Owners: Jay T. Hafford, James Blanchard, Ann Sterner & Debbie Rogers



Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed

Ch. Stormhill's Sweet Dreams of Raffica

Owners: Garret & Sue Games, Sandra Frei & Terri Vanderzee



Select Dog

Ch. Thaon's Wallstreet

Owners: Jay T. Hafford, James Blanchard, Debbie A. & J.W. Rogers



Select Bitch

Ch. Zen Pahlavi It Ain't All Glitz And Glam
Owners: Ellen Klosson, Jeff Bracken & Karen Wagner

No photo was taken.

Award of Merit

Ch. Mahali Arriva Meadowlark
Owners: Dave Cooley, J. Prosapio, S. Neill,
C. O'Conner & L. Schanzle



Award of Merit

Ch. Al-Naira Bint Roula Von Hausman
Owner: Juan Dio Milano Ruiz



Award of Merit

Ch. Silhouette's Shame Shame Shame JC
Owners: Elizabeth & Robert Berman & Joel Fisher
DVM



Award of Merit

Ch. Criston Enchanted
Owner: Christine Pinkston



Award of Merit

Ch. Mahali Arriva Sandpiper
Owners: Jan Baukus & David Cooley



Best Brace

Ch. Luna C At Lewenhart **Owners: Diedre Devins &**
Naomi Kane & Tokabout Hells Fall From Grace
Owners: Kit Schmitt & Diedre Devins



Winners Bitch, Best of Winners & Best Bred By Exhibitor
Evensong's Avenue Q
Owners: Michele Trifiro & Dominique Lake



Reserve Winners Dog
Jacosta Gold But Not Copper
Owners: Stephen Wheeler, A. Rosell & D. Coton



Winners Dog
Jolie Paparazzi
Owners: Karen Clark & Jennifer Taylor



Reserve Winners Bitch
Scaramis Unusual Me
Owners: Salla Suokas & Lisa Airas



Best Junior
Danielle Devitt



Best Puppy
Mahali Maja Camillia
Owner: Sherri Meyer

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**RESCUE REPORT
Submitted by
Barb Hastings, Chair**

But were you aware that she is the National Rescue Chair for the Afghan Hound Club of Canada?



The National is over and the holidays are just around the corner. How time flies. Rescue seems not to be measured in days, but in dogs taken in and dogs

placed. After awhile you begin to lose count of how many. Our memories were jogged a bit at the National during our Rescue Parade. 61 Afghan Hounds were entered. Sadly, some of them could not make the trip due to illness or the health of their owners. However, it was wonderful to see those who did come to participate! A huge thank you to Maureen Anderson who organized the Rescue Parade. She also printed a separate rescue brochure/catalog that was available at ringside during the Parade. She also participated in the placement of most of the dogs in the Parade. Her rescue group AHRCO (Afghan Hound Club of Central Ohio) has been a life-saver for many dogs.

I would like to thank others who have aided Rescue in the past and who continue to help and support Rescue. A personal thank you to those who got up early to come and watch the Rescue Parade. Your support was appreciated by those who brought their cherished Afghan Hounds to participate. A thank you to our two judges, who asked to be allowed to hand out the rosettes and medallions. That was a very kind gesture! A sincere thank you to Brenda Brody, Sue Busby and Jody Gardner for their patience with those who did not quite understand how a dog show is run. I am sure there were moments when you would have liked the rescue dogs to go away...but in the end, all worked out well and we finished on time!

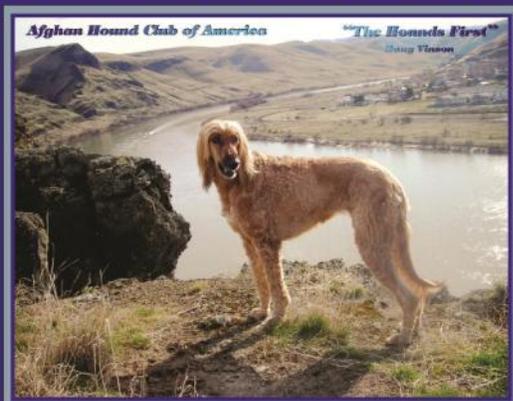
The Rescue Table was a success again this year. We made a little less than \$2,900.00 on our auctions! Our thanks to all those who donated items. Thanks to Betty Salmon for the organization of the tables and set-up, and then for showing up each morning to help sell tickets! Betty has been my right hand for the past several years. She has manned the Hot Line and has worked tirelessly checking applications and watching over rescue when Russ and I were not available. Betty has asked us to find a replacement for her so she can work on other interests....her shoes will be hard to fill. Hope and Rick Leedom were there to help as well, which allowed us to watch the show from time to time. They brought their rescue girl to participate in the parade. What a sweet little baby she is. My good friend, Barb Arndt, who most of you know, helped with the ticket sales.



In closing, I would like to say thank you for the lovely duster coat that was presented to me at the Rescue meeting. It, of course, has black-masked red Afghan Hounds on it, painted by Hope Leedom. I will keep the card, always, signed by the members of the board of the Parent Club. You will never know how special this is to me. Hope insists that I wear the coat, and I will from time to time, but NOT to the barn! I know I have probably forgotten someone, but please do not take it personally. Just know that everyone's hard work and efforts, as well as those who spent money on raffle tickets, or those who applauded the Rescue Parade, are very special to Russ and me. Without all of you, rescue could not work as well as it does. I have one last thank you to add, and that is to Russ and to my son and granddaughter, for all the cold dinners you ate, all the calls in the night—even at the shop where my son lives. Thank you for all the times you put up with me when I said, "It will only take a minute", and an hour later, you were still waiting for me. I do know that you understand, and if the sweeper does not get run today—well there is always hope for tomorrow.



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JUDGES EDUCATION Submitted by Harry Bennett, Chair

The Judges Education Seminar went well. Everything worked! This year the presentation was videotaped and I am looking forward to seeing the results.

There were 11 attendees, with half being some of our very own breeders who will be pursuing judging. I have listed the names of prospective judges:

Jerome Elliott
Frank Farrar
Alice Hastings
Jerry Hastings
Victoria M. Jordan
Gary Lennon
Judy Lowther
Anita Richards
Christine Swartz
Debbie Webb
Jym Webb



If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at:
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CRAZY DOG LAWS Submitted by Marcia Morelli

Yes, these laws are really on the books. I have paraphrased them for space.

Denver, CO

“It shall be unlawful for any owner... who keeps any dog, cat or other animal to permit such animal...to destroy, damage or **injure** any shrubbery, plants, flowers, grass, lawn....”

Joliet, IL

“It shall be unlawful for the owner...to permit...any dog to...**injure** any roof, walkway, flowers, grass plots, shrubs, vegetable or flower garden.....”

So, if you live in Denver or Joliet, make sure your dog doesn't punch out your neighbor's tomato plants!

JUNIOR CORNER Submitted by Junior Chair, Jody Gardner

It is hard to believe another National has come and gone and this year is almost over. This has been another great year for juniors. I have seen some really wonderful juniors in the ring this year. Lucky for our breed that there still are young folks who are very interested despite all the grooming and training that goes into showing and doing performance events with an Afghan Hound. Again, I have to mention that mentors are so important in keeping the juniors interested in our breed. For those of you that have mentored a junior, helped a junior with grooming, driven a junior to a show, or just watched juniors, and cheered them on, I say thank you for supporting the interest of these wonderful young people.

The Best Junior at this year's National was Danielle Devitt from Canada. Danielle did a wonderful job, not only in the junior ring, but in the regular conformation classes as well. Congratulations, Danielle, for a job well done. The AHCA also recognizes a Best Junior of the year. The Best Junior for 2010 was Emilie Peterson. Emilie was also the AHCA Scholarship winner for 2011. Emilie is a wonderful young woman who not only did juniors and conformation, but also enjoys the performance events. Emilie is one well-rounded Afghan Hound owner.

A special thank you to my daughter, Nikki Gardner, (a much older aged out junior), for speaking at the Junior Seminar. Thank you Nikki for all your help and support.

As always, support and mentor a junior. The rewards are priceless.



REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATES

Submitted by Regional Club Chair, Bob Brown

CLUB / SHOW SECRETARY	SHOW DATE / SHOW LOCATION	REGULAR CLASS JUDGE/ JUNIOR/SWEEPS
Carolina Afghan Hound Club Eddie Kominek	10/22/2011 Piedmont Kennel Club Showplace 13607 Choate Circle Charlotte, NC 28273	Karen Dumke – Regular Classes JoAnne Jones - Sweepstakes
Afghan Hound Club Of Northern California MB-F Inc.	10/22/2011 Alameda County Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Ave Pleasanton, CA 94566	Scott Pfeil – Regular Classes Pat Kunich – Jr. Showmanship Alicia Jones - Sweepstakes
Carolina Afghan Hound Club Eddie Kominek	10/23/2011 Piedmont Kennel Club Showplace 13607 Choate Circle Charlotte, NC 28273	Dr G. Morgan Jones – Regular Classes Kevin Carter - Sweepstakes
Afghan Hound Club of Austin, Inc Deanna Delesandri	10/22/2011 Bell County Exposition Center Belton, TX	Hank Nave – Regular Classes No Sweepstakes
Sand 'N' See Afghan Hound Club of Florida MB-F, Inc	11/11/2011 Florida Classic Park 5360 Lockhart Rd Brooksville, FL. 34602	Stephen Fisher – Regular Classes Christine Pinkston - Sweepstakes
The Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association Jack Bradshaw	11/18/2011 Pima County Fairgrounds Tucson, AZ	Designated Specialty Coyote Cluster Carol Riesman - Regular Classes Loran Morgan – Sweepstakes
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus MB-F, Inc	11/20/2011 Ohio State Fair Grounds 717 East 17 th Ave Columbus, OH	Designated Specialty Central Ohio Kennel Club Lt. Col. Wallace H. Pede- Regular Victoria Jordan - Sweepstakes
Colonial Afghan Hound Club, Inc. Moss-Bow, Foley	12/02/2011 Trade Center at Courtyard By Marriott Fitchburg, MA 01420	Pending – Regular Classes Pending - Sweepstakes Pending – Jr. Showmanship
Greater Pittsburgh Afghan Hound Club	No Show in 2011	
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland Onofrio	1/22/2012 Portland Metro Expo Center Portland, OR	Patrick Byrne – Regular Classes Kathryn Britton - Sweepstakes Kathryn Britton – Jr. Showmanship
Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club, Inc. Debbie Anthonijsz	2/11/2012 Paw's N Effect, LLC Canine Training Center 36 Corporate Ridge Hamden, CT 06541	Patrick Byrne – Regular Classes Philip Schafmayer - Sweepstakes Pending – Jr. Showmanship
The Afghan Hound Association of Long Island Dr. Barry Deitch	2/12/2012 Meadowlands Exposition Center Secaucus, NJ	Sue Hamlin – Regular Classes David Giordano - Sweepstakes Pending – Jr. Showmanship
Suncoast Afghan Hound Club of Florida MB-F, Inc	2/18/2012 Sun & Fun Property Lakeland, FL	Marla Lutrick – Regular Classes Valerie Cooper - Sweepstakes

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Milwaukee Beverly Werdin	3/2/2012 Wisconsin State Fair Park 8100 W. Greenfield Ave Milwaukee, WI	Nancy Edgington – Regular Classes Julie Roche - Sweepstakes
Tidewater Afghan Hound Club Roma Mason	3/10/2012 Wyndham Hotel Virginia Beach, VA	Allen Weinraub – Regular Classes Christina Farrar - Sweepstakes Allen Weinraub – Jr. Showmanship
Tidewater Afghan Hound Club Roma Mason	3/11/2012 Wyndham Hotel Virginia Beach, VA	Sandra Weinraub – Regular Classes Barb Bornstein - Sweepstakes Sandra Weinraub – Jr. Showmanship
Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association	3/16/2012 5750 East Main Street Windemere Hotel Mesa, AZ	Rachel Irvin – Regular Classes No Sweepstakes
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix Arlene Blouch	3/17/2012 5750 East Main Street Windemere Hotel Mesa, AZ	Lucy Orlowski – Regular Classes Les Lindop - Sweepstakes
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix Arlene Blouch	3/18/2012 5750 East Main Street Windemere Hotel Mesa, AZ	Richard Souza – Regular Classes Gary Lennon - Sweepstakes
Carolina Afghan Hound Club Nancy Leuba	3/30/2012 Meadow Event Park 13111 Dawn Ed. Doswell, VA 23047	Pending – Regular Classes Pending - Sweepstakes Pending – Jr. Showmanship
Richmond Afghan Hound Club Nancy Leuba	3/31/2012 Meadow Event Park 13111 Dawn Ed. Doswell, VA 23047	Dominique Denis – Regular Classes Pending - Sweepstakes Pending – Jr. Showmanship
Richmond Afghan Hound Club Nancy Leuba	4/1/2012 Meadow Event Park 13111 Dawn Ed. Doswell, VA 23047	Nancy Edgington – Regular Classes Pending - Sweepstakes Pending – Jr. Showmanship
Afghan Hound Club of California, Inc. Blue Ribbon Dog Shows	4/13/2012 Oak Canyon Park Silverado, CA	Pauline Hewitt – Regular Classes Kerry Pope - Sweepstakes
The Afghan Hound Association of Long Island Dr. Barry Deitch	6/17/2012 Pending	Karen De Von – Regular Classes Linda Hicks - Sweepstakes Carol Smith – Jr. Showmanship
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland Pending	7/6/2012 Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Centralia, WA	Peter Machen – Regular Classes Gail Kramer - Sweepstakes Pending – Jr. Showmanship
Carolina Afghan Hound Club Jan Lucree	11/02/2012 Sheraton Gateway Hotel 1900 Sullivan Road, Atlanta, GA	Pending – Regular Classes Pending - Sweepstakes Pending – Jr. Showmanship





AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT
Submitted by Connie Butherus
AHCA Delegate to the AKC
October 14, 2011

The quarterly meeting of the AKC Delegates was held Sept 12th and 13th, once again at the usual venue near Newark Airport.

The Delegate's Committees lead off the sessions and fill the first day.

The Parent Club Committee, on which I serve as an elected member, is my usual first appointment. The agenda is always relevant to Parent Club concerns and issues. However, due to the absence of AKC staff, now not permitted to attend Delegate Meetings (in an effort to cut costs) we were unable to reach closure on several items. The two Board Liaisons tried to be responsive but left much to be desired as they seemed not always in sync.

Significant items addressed included:

- Summary of ideas and suggestions to encourage greater inclusion of Juniors into clubs.
- Reintroduction of a 3 point major award for RWD/RWB at one national specialty where the entry for that sex is greater than double the requirement for 5 points. This proposed amendment lost the required 2/3 needed to pass in 2003 with 168 of the delegates in favor and 121 opposed. It is thought these many years later the vote may be more exhibitor friendly.
- The approval of holding concurrent independent specialty shows with all breed shows was reviewed. The venue size will be assessed by AKC staff and the entry limited to 100 (which would include the sweeps entries if offered).

The next Committee I attended was Canine Health. Many items addressed are relevant to Parent Club Delegates. Items covered include:

- Health requirements stipulated by Parent Clubs for the Breeder of Merit program. I served on a joint subcommittee which addressed the problem of great inconsistencies found in many Parent Club documents/websites. This was then addressed at the CHF Parent Club Conference (August) with the Parent Club health representatives attending.
- Individuals holding Breeder of Merit status granted in one breed moving on to additional breeds and using the Breeder of Merit designation in those breeds, while not having met the health requirements stipulated for the additional breeds.
- The CHF Parent Club conference was a great success. The focus was canine cancers. Speakers were assessed as outstanding. In attendance were 268 club representatives and 27 vet students from 17 vet schools. This was funded by OFA, AHF, AKC and Purina.
- The CHF has approved \$1.5 million in large grants for the next year and an additional \$260,000 in small (\$12,000 limit) grants for a total of 21 research awards.

The Delegate caucus was hot and heavy with discussion and opinions being freely exchanged. Of significance were the following:

- ◇ Group realignment is not only alive and well, it is proposing significant changes to the existing structure. For those who objected to 10 groups, they will hate 11 groups which is now being proposed. The suggested realignment structure proposed is as follows:

Sporting Group divided into:

- 1) Pointers and Setters
- 2) Retrievers and Spaniels

Hound Group divided into:

- 3) Scent
- 4) Sight

Working expanded into:

- 5) Utility (Guard)
- 6) Mollasors (Mastiff type)
- 7) Spitz type
- 8) Terrier
- 9) Toy
- 10) Non-Sporting
- 11) Herding



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With the breeds now recognized in FSS and Miscellaneous and assuming no change in group structure, by 2014 the group size was reported to be projected as:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2014</u>
Sporting	29	39
Hound	28	41
Working	28	42
Terrier	28	32
Toy	23	25
Non-Sporting	20	23
Herding	26	38



If all goes as planned, the Delegate vote would be sometime in 2012. If approved, implementation would be in 2014-2015. The Delegates are allowed to vote on the number of groups. The AKC Board designated the breeds assigned to each group.

- ◇ The awarding of “Honorable Mention” ribbons is permitted for Junior Showmanship. The exact wording can be obtained from the Events department. Nice idea as it would be to designate a Reserve Best Jr. Something to work toward.

The last meeting of the day was the coordinating Committee at which the various Committee chairs reported on their meetings and recommendations. Not surprisingly the absence of AKC staff at the meetings generated much discussion, comment and expressed concern. A solution was presented for Board consideration. The staff were deemed to be of great value to the entire process.

On 9-13-2011 the day started with the Forum which was a delightful presentation entitled “Field Trials 101.” It is important to honor the events which enhance the natural abilities of our breeds.

The actual meeting began with the various reports:

- The Chair addressed the upcoming Meet the Breeds events. The Nov 19-20 event will be jointly hosted by the AKC and the International Cat Association (too many comments to include!). Many special attractions will be presented to enhance the experience for the spectators.
- The President’s Report focused on the 9/11 tragedy and subsequent actions taken by the AKC, dog fancy and supporters. The DOGNY project raised \$3.5 M to support Search and Rescue dogs – getting an X-ray machine to Ground Zero (Afghan Hound people were the ones who got it on site) – the generous support of Fed Ex (Afghan Hound judge and breeder Honi Reisman on the Fed Ex staff to be thanked here) and many others who recognized the needs and filled the gap. Not a dry eye in the room when he was done with his report!
- The financial report brought everyone back to the business at hand. The losses and gains were all outlined. In the first 8 months of 2011 a 1% loss of \$662,000 was recorded (from investments). The Reserve Balances were deemed to be “healthy,” but the downward spiral in registrations continues to hammer all areas of the organization and new sources of income are needed and soon, in order to stem the hemorrhage and address the net deficit. Register your puppies!

Four amendment votes were next:

- ◇ Prohibiting an individual who has misappropriated funds from the AKC from becoming a Delegate -- Passed.
- ◇ An appeal process open for an individual being denied seating as a Delegate by the AKC Board – Passed.
- ◇ Reserve Best in Show award to be implemented – Passed (a counted vote of 248 yeas and 85 opposed).
- ◇ Various changes in wording to bring 7 sections of various rules into compliance and internal consistency. Housekeeping details -- Passed.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to items presented by various Delegates. The absence of staff at the meetings was again the thrust of many of the comments. Suggestions were offered, but nothing new was offered as a solution.

As a side note – The election of members for the Delegate Committees was also held. Elected to the Dog Show Rules Committee was Duane Butherus, representing Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club and a longtime Afghan Hound addict! If you don’t like the rules you now know to whom to complain!

Next meeting is in Orlando, FL, December 15 and 16.





**The Next Topknot News Deadline is:
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