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Submitted by
Tony Saia
AHCA President



Welcome again to another superior Topknot News. I hope that each member fully appreciates the work and commitment that our team puts forth to get out this type of broadcast to our general membership.

The past few months have been exciting for the AHCA; we just came off of another great National, and our Committee Chair Diane Kroll did a great job of keeping us all entertained and having fun. Our 2014 is up and running and our team leaders are planning a grand event in the extraordinary state of Texas.

We have our Breed Education booth coming up at the famous Eukanuba show in Orlando. Our Chairs, Mr. and Mrs. Morelli, promise that we will once again be in the winner's circle.

Plus, we have our Breeders Cup scheduled for early May in the central portion of the Garden State, New Jersey. I am sure that this will be yet another great event; this group of people knows how to put on a party! Also please note, we are actively looking for a show location for 2015 and are getting close to picking our site.

Also, as many know that the Board of Directors recently decided to increase our yearly dues, I must tell all that much consideration was given to this heated discussion; but, as time marches on, so do our fixed and unfixed costs of running this organization.

Also, we all know that Facebook is now available, but please keep in mind that this is another tool for communicating news, NOT for people or dog bashing. Let's keep any of that to our confidential phone calls.

Please read on and enjoy our newest Topknot News. Hope to see many of you in Orlando.

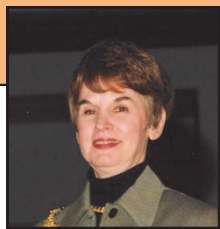
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Tony A. Saia
President, AHCA



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AKC DELEGATES REPORT

Submitted by
Connie Butherus



The September gathering of AKC Delegates was held the 9th and 10th at the Newark Airport Doubletree Hotel. The meetings followed a four day show sequence which ushers in the Fall shows in

the greater New York-New Jersey area, (Central New Jersey Hound Association, Tuxedo Park KC, Somerset Hills KC and Westchester KC) Many Delegates took advantage of this and the shows as well as the Delegate meeting were well attended.

On Sunday, the 8th, I met day long with the Nominating Committee, to which I had been appointed by the AKC Board. Our agenda for the day was to interview applicants interested in running for the three positions to be filled on the AKC Board of Directors, Class of 2018.

The day concluded with a Parent Club Subcommittee meeting with our Board liaisons regarding a project for Parent Clubs. The proposal is to provide them with guidelines for self evaluation of their function and efficacy in promoting, protecting and preserving their respective breeds as well as enhancing the benefits of Parent Club membership. The self evaluation is envisioned to be voluntary, offered by the Parent Club Committee and not an official AKC program.

Monday morning, Sept. 9, 2013, started off with the Parent Club Committee. Agenda items included:

- A new suffix title for Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Advanced. It was reported that 11,500 CGC titles have been issued to date with several hundred requests weekly. As the dog must be registered with the AKC this title has become an area of financial growth. The concept for the CGC title originated with the Parent Club Committee;
- Electronic balloting will now be permitted for Parent Clubs provided it is permitted by the State in which the Club is incorporated. The AKC Board liaisons cautioned it should also be permitted in the Club's By-Laws. Clubs are encouraged to determine the status of this with their State of incorporation and to insure the firm selected will handle paper ballots for those members requesting them
- The Board has officially approved the use of one unified catalog for Parent Clubs holding multiple events during their National Specialty even if several Show Secretaries/ Superintendents are involved. Big relief for those Parent Clubs impacted as many if not most were using one catalog all along;
- Some Parent Clubs have received requests for pictures and breed information from groups indicating the intent to promote that breed to the pet buying public. Caution is advised. Once the items are submitted the Parent Club has lost control and ownership of them. It was reported these groups are proprietary and once they have the items are

free to use them as they see fit;

- The AKC Humane Fund will give Parent Clubs rescue groups up to \$1,000.00 a year for three years to fund their activities. The Club's must apply for the funding at www.akc.humanefund.org (212-696-8243).

The Canine Health Committee, as reflected in their title, focused on relevant health-related topics.

Items discussed were:

- The CHIC program has received since the June meeting an additional 1,000 DNA samples for their specimen bank and 1,500 new certifications were issued;
- Several outbreaks of an apparently new parvo-like virus have been reported as well as canine influenza outbreaks. Strict sanitation practices are advised for those attending shows as it is believed the transmission is via feces (change your shoes, wash your hands, wash pads of dog's feet, etc.)
- The Dog Show Rules covering show Veterinarians needs to be revised and updated to cover the situations arising around infectious diseases;
- The need for competent genetic counseling arising from health testing. The informing of breeders and owners on how to best use the findings is in need of improvement. Many Veterinarians relay the results of the tests but are not versed in the options that may be available for the owners/breeders and how to use the information.

In the Delegate's Caucus several concerns were voiced that had not surfaced in the other meetings of the day.

The Meet the Breeds to be held at the Javits Center is in conflict with All-Breed shows to be held on Long Island a short distance from NYC. Those Kennel Clubs affected were very concerned as a number of their workers would be working at Meet the Breeds and not at their respective shows. Workers are always in short supply and any shortage is of great concern.

The new fee for service help line established by the AKC (\$80.00) is causing consternation among the Training and Obedience Clubs. It is deemed in conflict with their local services and in competition with them. In addition the quality of the advice given was questioned.

The Dog Show Rules Committee is assessing a provision which would permit altered dogs to be shown in conformation competition. More to follow to be sure!

The exclusive right to territory for Member Clubs is under review. With the increasing number of cluster shows and the scarcity of affordable show venues, the regulations still in effect from the early 1900s are in need of modification.

The reinstatement of dogs disqualified for biting is an area fraught with liability for the clubs and those involved in the reinstatement. The positive identification of the dog is also a concern. Again, more to follow as this is one hot potato!

The last Committee attended was the Coordinating group. All of the Committee Chairs present the major items addressed by their respective Committees. Items presented not covered in the preceding content were:

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- A report on show cancelations has been sent to the Board for their consideration and review;
- The Coursing Ability Test (CAT) has experienced a 40% increase this year. It can be a real money maker for clubs that offer it;
- Twenty-eight Veterinary students attended the Parent Club Canine Health Conference sponsored by Purina last August. OK CB
- The By-Laws Committee is assessing Delegate eligibility regulations, the Judges Approval process, the Board election cycle and the possibility of Individuals who are not Delegates being appointed to the AKC Board by the AKC Board. All of these issues will create much discussion, angst and 24/7 emails on the Delegate's list, to be sure!

Tuesday morning began with the Forum. The members of the Delegate Committee on Herding, Earthdog and Coursing presented an overview of these AKC titled sports. The pictures of the dogs coursing were outstanding . . . especially the Afghan Hound of course!

The actual Delegate meeting began with balloting for the various Delegate Committees. All of the Committee members are elected by the entire Delegate body. The terms can be either 1, 2 or 3 years) in duration. The election resulted in two additional AHCA members being elected. Sandy Frei was elected for a three year term to the All Breed Committee and Hal Perry for a one year term to the Advocacy Committee. In all there are four AHCA members on 4 different Committees plus Pat Cruz on the AKC Board and our own Dennis Sprung as President.

There were 14 new Delegates seated but no new Clubs admitted as Member Clubs.

Eight Delegates received recognition for having served for 25 years and 5 Clubs were honored for 100 years as Member Clubs.

An amendment eliminating the different timeframes for the mailing of Premium Lists was passed. All must be mailed 5 weeks prior to the closing date for the show.

Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) has a new name. It is now AKC Reunite (CAR has been in operation for 18 years so the new name may take a bit of time to catch on) They are working jointly with a Delegate project regarding Disaster Trailers for canine rescue and support needed as a result of disasters such as tornados, floods, fires, hurricanes and other types of emergency situations. The trailers will be stocked and outfitted with items and supplies needed to rescue and care for the dogs and provide temporary shelter such as crates, generators, fans, lights, leashes, food and water, etc. The goal is to care for the dogs and reunite them with their owners. Each trailer will hold 44 crates.

Clubs are encouraged to sponsor trailers with donations. Each trailer is estimated to cost \$22,000. Sponsoring Clubs will have their logo affixed to the trailer, a la NASCAR, and the size of the donation will determine the size of the decal. The bigger the \$\$\$\$\$\$ the bigger the decal. (A packet of information has been given to the AHCA Board.)

The Chair, Alan Kalter, reported on AKC's increased efforts to combat the anti-breeder and anti- purebred dog activities associated with the various animal rights groups. The use of social media, a focus on children's programs and empty nesters are all initiatives the AKC is employing.

The President's report recounted the accomplishments of the AKC Humane Fund. The fund has given grants to women's shelters that allow pets to accompany the person at risk, donated to Parent Club rescue organizations, provided funds for hurricane relief such as Sandy, awarded scholarships and canine achievement awards each year.

The CFO report had the usual good news/bad news aspects. Investment income is up, nearly doubled the previous year, but registrations are down, however less down, 4%, than anticipated, 7%. Guess that qualifies as good news. Fees have increased which has increased income. Good news for AKC....bad news for breeders. CAR, aka AKC Reunite, is doing well with increased income. Unfilled positions create savings but cause other problems related to service.

The decision to eliminate the TV coverage for the AKC Eukanuba show was not well received to say the least. For some reason many of the Delegates were not aware of the change until they arrived for the meetings in spite of an email containing the information sent to all by the very precise and competent Jim Crowley, AKC Secretary. The comments and discussion around this indicated deep unhappiness about the situation. The TV coverage is being replaced with live streaming using 25 cameras and ongoing throughout the event. How this will affect the PR value to the AKC is unknown at this time. Needless to note, there will be questions asked by those so very disturbed with the current plan.

The next meeting will be in Orlando, FL. in conjunction with the AKC Eukanuba show. Until then,

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Butherus
AHCA Delegate to the AKC.



JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Submitted by
Anna Stromberg, Chair



The future looks bright for the Afghan hound! We had a total of five juniors competing at this year's very soggy national in Portland and I believe all of them also competed in one or more of

the regular classes. It was a great hour together Friday night before the big event on Saturday, listening about junior experiences from north of the border (Canada) and nationally. We even had one girl visiting from Alaska! These young ladies are very talented and had guidance from Emily Petersen and Alicia Morrison Jones. The wise words from these two legends in afghan junior showmanship I think made an impact on all of us. Helen Stein offered us great Afghan Hound material from the library and each junior were given a mission of finding a use for the material given to them by helping a new fancier wanting to know more about our breed.

A few days later I was attending the Lehigh Valley Afghan hound club specialty in New Jersey and the amount of juniors and youngsters were exhilarating! They were showing their dogs in Sweeps, regular and juniors and being a huge positive influence on the whole event! Who can resist a gang of talented afghan fanciers of the younger model giving life and hope to a gray day in the woods! That said there were at least three brand new afghan owners there enjoying the day. Let's just say they were slightly aged out of juniors.

Hopefully,
Anna Stromberg



CANINE HEALTH REPORT

Submitted by Health Chair,
Eileen Laudermilch



Our quarterly OFA report consisted of 11 Afghan Hounds receiving their CHIC numbers. This shows a continued commitment by our breeders for the future health of our breed.

I attended the AKC/Canine Health Foundation conference in St. Louis. This involved three days packed with lectures and information regarding ongoing studies and the health of all dogs. I have so much to share; I will save some of it for the next newsletter. The bloat initiative is ongoing and I continue to hope that our club will soon be able to contribute to this worthy endeavor. Please remember that the Canine Health is funded by the Purina weight circles. If you feed Purina, please become involved in the parent club partnership program if you do not already. To become a member or are already a Pro Club member, call 1-877-776-2582. We currently have \$1,192 in our "bank."

One of the lecturers who was very interesting was the author of the study and book "Genius of the Dog." They have been studying different breeds (and individual dogs) and how they learn. As we all know, humans learn differently and so do dogs. At Dognition you can test your dog and send in the results. You will receive information on how your own dog learns best. We can all get a \$20 savings on Dognition membership (expires 12/31/13). Visit dognition.com, enter code Health20, and "gain a new perspective on what makes your dog tick." This test involves a series of engaging science-based games. Have fun.

Some of the preliminary information regarding bloat: Highly Bonded Dogs are at a high incidence. Do not elevate dog bowls. Adding water to the dry kibble is good. Do not underestimate the water component. There is no difference if you feed once or twice a day. Dogs that belch seem to be protected. Some dietary information was to feed your old dogs a performance-based diet. The amount of protein is not as high as puppy food and the old guys seem to do just fine. This might help some of the muscle wasting that goes along with old age. Also, do not feed a pregnant or lactating bitch a raw diet. They will be deficient in Calcium and phosphorus.

I received progress summaries for two of the grants we helped to sponsor. We have very limited funds;

- Canine Health Fund is currently \$1192.
- The bloat initiative is a participation of \$2500.

I still hope that our club can be a sponsor in the near future. I study the grants offered and choose those which I feel would be of the most benefit to our breed to present to the board for approval. The Golden Retriever Club of America just donated

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\$1.5 million to study hemangiosarcoma and lymphoma. Many of our dogs also die of this condition and, hopefully, there will be some answers in the future concerning prevention and treatment of these diseases.

Grant 01827 - High-throughput (metagenomic) sequencing for identification of bacteria associated with canine periodontitis and oral health. Grant amount \$31,000.

"Our knowledge of the causes of gum disease in dogs is poor, even though this is one of the most common diseases of dogs and causes severe pain and tooth loss. However, it is widely thought that certain bacteria may cause the disease, as is the case in the human form. Most of the research carried out so far into the causes of gum disease in dogs has focused on growing specific bacteria from clinical samples. However, since many types of bacteria in the mouth cannot be grown in the laboratory, we have an incomplete understanding of the bacteria linked to health and disease in the mouth.

To overcome this problem, we shall use the most modern, cutting-edge laboratory technology available (known as 'high-throughput sequencing') to provide an in-depth understanding of the types of bacteria that cause gum disease in some dogs but not others. This method detects the DNA of bacteria rather than live bacteria and allows bacteria to be identified and quantitated without the need to grow them from clinical samples. The biggest advantage of this method is that, as well as detecting known types of bacteria, we can also identify bacteria that cannot be grown in the laboratory as well as new types which have not been discovered previously and which may help to cause the disease. This study will give us the most up-to-date knowledge on gum disease in dogs and will help in the development of vaccines and improved treatment methods for this disease."

Report to grant sponsor: "This study will identify the bacteria that cause periodontal disease in dogs of all ages and breeds, and covers laboratory costs and salary for a part-time research technician. In April of 2013 we appointed a part-time research technician to assist with the laboratory work and data analysis for the study. We are currently coming to the end of the sample collection phase, during which clinicians have been collecting a plaque sample from the gums of 20 dogs with a healthy mouth and plaque from 20 dogs with an advanced form of periodontal disease (periodontitis). Once all of the samples have been collected, we can begin to identify the types of bacteria present using the modern method known as 'high throughput sequencing'. This will commence during August 2013."

Grant 01660 - Alternative Genetic Approaches for Identifying Canine Osteosarcoma genes. Grant amount \$120,000.

"Different dog breeds have different predisposition for many cancers, and can thus be used to find cancer genes. This suggests dogs will reveal cancer-associated mutations that can be translated to new therapies for dogs and humans. A prime candidate for such investigation is the Greyhound, which has the highest risk of osteosarcoma (OSA) of any

breed. OSA is the most common cancer of the bone in both dogs and humans. Importantly, there are many more annual cases of OSA in dogs than humans (with > 14-fold increased incidence in dogs). Dog breeds, which have far less genetic variation than humans, thus present a genetic shortcut of identifying OSA genes.

Despite significant effort, classical genetic approaches have not identified any Greyhound variant that accounts for most OSA cases in that breed. We propose that the Greyhound OSA variants have been directly or indirectly selected for in racing performance, consistent with the vastly elevated in racing versus show Greyhounds. If this was true and all racers carried an OSA mutation on both chromosomes, then this could not be detected using classical approaches (which require different genetic markers to distinguish cases versus controls). Here we propose an innovative genetic approach that is impervious to the limitations described above, and enables genome-wide discovery of Greyhound variation with large effects on OSA risk. Such findings would lead to rapid development of therapies and clinical trial in dogs, and translation to human medicine."

Grant Report: "We have conducted a small-scale genomewide association study of osteosarcoma risk in Greyhounds. This was made possible by the adoption of a novel statistical analysis approach for genome scanning. We first validated the new method, called Genomewide Intersection-Union Analysis (GIA), by successfully re-analyzing published genomewide association studies and mapping osteosarcoma. We then applied GIA to mapping osteosarcoma risk loci and identified several exact original versions with a resampling approach that allows for improved prioritization of candidates. Validation studies in a second, larger group of dogs are now under way. We have preliminarily validated at least two candidate loci. This is being followed by fine mapping sequencing risk variants and comparative human-canine osteosarcoma genetic analysis."

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Laudermitch RN CCRN,
Health Chair AHCA



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OBEDIENCE/RALLY/VERSATILITY

Committee Report
Submitted by Debbie Petersen



NEW VERSATILITY AWARD WINNER

“Buckaroo”

DC Utchati Buckaroo Banzai, CD, RA



Bred, owned and handled by Lynne Miller, Utchati Afghans
Now owned, trained and shown for his Rally Advanced title by
Suzi Scholtz, Willowind Afghans.

Buckaroo finished his Field Championship in 2005, as he was
also competing in the breed ring. He finished his Breed Champi-
onship in 2007 - exclusively handled by Lynne. He was then
retired to live a quiet life in the pack at Utchati, where he was
cherished as a true gentleman.

When Lynne passed away in April of 2012, Suzi offered to take
Buckaroo to live out his retirement at Willowind with his sister;
Utchati Breeze of Willowind, CD, RE, JC.

Finding that Buckaroo was a Dual Champion, and only one title
away from the Versatility Award, Suzi decided to try to get an
additional title on him, in memory of Lynne and all of the won-
derful work she had done in Obedience in the past. Buckaroo
accomplished his Rally Novice and Rally Advanced titles with
very little trouble. Buckaroo is truly a credit to Lynne's multi-
talented breeding program.

AGILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Lynda Hicks, Chair



Agility has become the fastest-growing
dog sport in the United States. Running a
dog in an agility trial is the ultimate game
for you and your dog and is one of the

most exciting canine sports for spectators. It's an activity that
strengthens the bond between dog and handler and provides
fun and exercise for both.

Afghan Hound enthusiasts are certainly following that trend. So
far in 2013, there have been 20 new Agility titles earned by Af-
ghan Hounds.

With a total entry of 35, the 2013 National Specialty Agility Trial
had the largest entry of any National ever, with entrants coming
from as far away as Southern California, British Columbia, Alas-
ka and the Yukon. The trial was held off-site from the show
building in a nearby full agility facility with the most up-to-date
equipment.

Highlighting this year's event was the setting of a double record
by *Zinger* - CH MACH9 Stormhill's Red Zinger JC MXB4 MJC4
MXF MFC TQX T2B. *Zinger* became the only Afghan Hound
reach the level of 9 MACH's (Master Agility Champion Titles),
PLUS he is the only Afghan Hound to have completed a MACH
title at our National Specialty.

Congratulations are in order for *Zinger* and his dedicated own-
ers – Robin Cohen, Robin Kletke & Sandra Frei.



New MACH 9 - The amazing “Zinger”

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Carol Rivette

I am so pleased to be accepted as a member of AHCA! Thank you!

I have been in the breed on and off for about 40 years. Currently, I have two Saluki bitches. One has 12 points and one major and the other hates to show. She has Reserve Winner's bitch awards but that's it. My last afghan hound died of hemangiosarcoma and we would like to get another when the time is right.

I do not consider myself a breeder. I breed when I want something for myself. I have bred two litters in the last 40 years. They were one Afghan and one Saluki litter.

I am an Afghan Hound and Saluki pedigree collector and have worked on various breed publications in both the US and Canada.

I am a member of the Saluki Club of America, Portuguese Podengo Club of America, Society for the Perpetuation of the Desert Bred Saluki, American Saluki Association and the Huron Valley Saluki Club.

Kindest Regards,
Carol Rivette



STATISTICS by JoAnn Alft

The demise of the Gazette has caused many clubs problems in accessing their breed statistics. Be assured we are not alone in this, we have lots of company. Thanks to the efforts of Connie Butherus, AHCA's AKC Delegate, AKC has provided registration statistics for dogs and litters for 2011 and 2012, both raw numbers and rankings, which are listed here:

Afghan Hound Litter Registration Statistics

Year	Ranking	Count
2011	103	112
2012	106	110

I still receive the current AKC Title & Awards report monthly, from which most of my statistical compilation is derived. Much of the other information which has been available to us in the past (obedience, rally, coursing scores & placements), is no longer available except by purchase through the AKC online Store.

In the Winter, 2009 (page 5) edition of Topknot News, Sharon Watson, then AHCA Statistics Chairman, wrote a wonderful report on Champions of Record from 1934 thru 2008. I would like to fill in to the present. In the chart below is the Year followed by the Number of Afghan Hounds completing Conformation Championships and Obedience Titles in that year.

Year	Champions	Obedience CD	Obedience CDX
2009	187	7	2
2010	192	4	2
2011	208	3	0
2012	190	6	3

Below is a list that the American Kennel Club compiled of Afghan Hounds who have earned the new THD (Therapy Dog) title to date. Afghan Hounds who have earned AKC Therapy Dog Title:

2011 –

Suni Time After Time At Oreia – Claudia Jakus, Lynda Hicks
Safari Princess and The Pea – Cathy Green
Perfection Elmo's Solar Eclipse – Ellie Stonequist
Sondymars Innovation – Mary Sonnen
Simoon's Chenas of Brandyland – Clarissa Skawski/Janet Plank
Perfection Cheri-A Frosted Ice – Ellie Stonequist
O'rion's Story of Renaissance – Sandra Truitt
Renaissance Storyteller – Sandra Truitt

2012-

Kryslaur's Diva Tessah – Debbie Gann
Chic Chic's Envy's Jewel – Susan & Ronald Dalmatia
Triple marks Carmella Masquerade – Susan Dalmatia

2013 –

Cheri-A's Ice Icon Du Carousel – Ellie Stonequist
Perfections Parisian Holiday – Ellie Stonequist

Correction to Judge's Critique – GDAH Specialty, June 1, 2013



By JoAnne M. Buehler, AKC
Judge

6-9 Months Puppy Bitches – Spirit Ridge Serena's Song

On any given day, these delightful young bitches could swap places and ribbons. As it turned out, they are littermates, nicely consistent and very promising.

Afghan Hound Registrations Worldwide

Compiled by Murray Anderson
(‘Tazi Tourist’), New Zealand

Afghan Hound Registration 2011

Argentina	36	35 pups/6 litters, 1 import
Australia	60	
Austria	26	24 pups (10D 14B)/3 litters, 2B imports
Belgium	33	28 pups (15D 13B)/4 litters, 5 imports
Brazil	55	
Bulgaria	1	1 import
Canada	72	
Chile	33	
Croatia	8	8 pups (5D 3B)/1 litter, 0 imports
Czech Rep.	27	(2001-79, 02-89, 03-55, 04-78, 05-76, 06-33, 07-63, 08-45, 09-62, 10-57)
Denmark	8	7 pups (4D 3B)/1 litter, 1 import
Estonia	11	10 pups (5D 5B)/2 litters, 1D import
Finland	74	65 pups (37D 28B)/11 litters, 9imps. (6D 3B)
France	134	
Germany	141	125 pups/16 litters, 6 unped, 10 imports
Greece	2	2 imports (1D 1B)
Hungary	33	29 pups/4 litters, 4 imports
Ireland	5	Y/E 30.6.12
Israel	1	1D import
Italy	82	
Japan	176	rank 55th
Korea	74	71 pups, 3 imports, rank 22nd
Latvia	7	4 pups (3D 1B)/1 litter, 3 imports (1D 2B)
Lithuania	0	
Netherlands	42	36 pups, 6 imports
New Zealand	23	22 pups (14D 8B)/3 litters, 1D import

Norway	12	1B pup/1 litter, 11 imports (3D 8B)
Philippines	1	
Poland	40	40 pups/6 litters (2000-45/6, 01-16/3, 02-41/6, 03-39/9, 04-32/5, 05-25/5, 06-28/5, 07-49/9, 08-5/1, 09-30/4, 10-25/4)
Portugal	1	(0D 1B)
Singapore	0	
Slovenia	5	5 pups (3D 2B)/1 litter, 0 imports
South Africa	30	25 pups/4 litters, 5 imports, Y/E 31.8.11
Spain	113	
Sweden	116	112 pups/16 litters, 4 imports
Switzerland	16	13 pups (7D 6B)/2 litters, 3B imports
Taiwan (ROC)	24	24 pups (14D 10B)/9 litters, 0 imports
UK	124	114 pups/20 litters, 10 imports, rank 120th
USA	637	110 litters, rank 89th

Thanks to all the contributors. Registrations still remain low. Of the major producers, Australia, when it thought it couldn't drop any further, did, from 77 to 60; Germany had 20 more pups bred from only 1 more litter; France, after a large increase in 2010, eased back 43; Japan recovered from it's previous slump increasing from 104 to 176; recent riser Korea fell back to half the level of two years ago; Sweden, with 7 more litters, once again rose above the 100 mark, as did Spain; UK had only 2 more registrations than 2010, but annual litters bred listing shows a different picture, 2010 only 69 pups bred from just 12 litters, while 2011 had 122 from 19; USA increased slightly from 612 to 637 but litters decreased slightly from 116 to 110.

Murray Anderson

UK Kennel Club AH Registrations 1900-2011

Total: 59,658

1900	0	1914	1	1928	64	1942	52	1956	247	1970	2,853	1984	911	1998	464
1901	0	1915	0	1929	41	1943	45	1957	237	1971	3,606	1985	643	1999	259
1902	0	1916	0	1930	52	1944	135	1958	257	1972	4,397	1986	665	2000	310
1903	1	1917	0	1931	55	1945	143	1959	250	1973	4,820	1987	645	2001	228
1904	0	1918	0	1932	45	1946	274	1960	273	1974	4,890	1988	504	2002	214
1905	0	1919	0	1933	48	1947	278	1961	335	1975	3,867	1989	538	2003	264
1906	0	1920	0	1934	83	1948	262	1962	450	1976*	1,836	1990	429	2004	235
1907	1	1921	11	1935	163	1949	273	1963	388	1977*	1,106	1991	460	2005	213
1908	2	1922	2	1936	196	1950	278	1964	537	1978*	1,830	1992	400	2006	194
1909	0	1923	7	1937	227	1951	323	1965	576	1979	2,098	1993	370	2007	198
1910	2	1924	21	1938	204	1952	217	1966	774	1980	1,606	1994	419	2008	147
1911	1	1925	65	1939	100	1953	220	1967	1,096	1981	1,187	1995	303	2009	140
1912	1	1926	52	1940	45	1954	205	1968	1,486	1982	933	1996	457	2010	122
1913	0	1927	59	1941	20	1955	280	1969	2,194	1983	763	1997	356	2011	124

*A new two-tier registration system introduced by the Kennel Club ran from 1st April 1976 until 1 October 1978, which discouraged breeders to register all their puppies, 1977 being the only full year of operation for the system. This also coincided with the peak of Afghan Hound registrations.

The
Decades

1900-09	4	1930-39	1,173	1960-69	8,109	1990-99	3,917
1910-19	5	1940-49	1,527	1970-79*	31,303	2000-09	2,143
1920-29	322	1950-59	2,514	1980-89	8,395	2010-11	246



Dr. William Moore III

Moornistan

By John Buddie

As a Collie breeder of 50 years, I have always had an interest in all things dog, but also in several different breeds. A friend and Collie handler, who I've known for over 40 years, had an Afghan Hound puppy back in the late 1960s when we first became friends. While the puppy never got around to having a show career, I always loved its name, "Me Too of Moornistan." I remember conversations about "Me Too" (her call name) and about the kennel she came from - Moornistan. I didn't know much about Afghan Hounds, but being a New Yorker by birth, with Long Island as my stomping ground, Sunny Shay and all of the Shirkhan descendants were quite familiar to me. So because of this, there was always a "connection" for me with the breed.

My other hobby besides breeding and showing Collies has been the collection of antique dog figurines from all over the world. That is how Mary Blacker and I became friends years ago when she had her canine antiques and collectibles booth at some local dog shows.

During all this time, in my conversations with Mary, I would often share stories of my jaunts to various antique shops in and out of the area. Conversations Mary and I shared, sometimes ventured from figurines to interesting stories about each of our breeds.

One antique shop that I often frequented was Treasure Hill Antiques. It was not uncommon for me to find some interesting artifact or figurine having to do with dogs. I often spoke to the gentleman who owned the shop and who for years had an old Springer Spaniel in the shop to keep him company. One cold winter day when I stopped in, the dog was not there and, reluctantly, I asked where she was. The answer, as expected, was that she had passed. As the conversation continued, the gentlemen shared some of his life stories with me, including the fact that he had once been an Afghan Hound breeder. When I reached down to pick up his business card, lo and behold, the gentlemen who I had been chatting with for a couple of years, was none other than Bill Moore. When I shared this with Mary Blacker, the idea hatched to do an interview with him, and what follows is the result of that wonderful afternoon.

The year was 1948 and Harry Truman was President of the United States. It was the year that Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated and also the year that the Berlin Airlift began. "Citation" won the Kentucky Derby. "A Streetcar Named Desire", starring Marlon Brando, won all kinds of awards. And, that year a gallon of gas cost only 16 cents!

But in the Afghan Hound world, it was the year that one individual would take his first step into the showing and breeding arena, and secure a place for himself and his dogs in Afghan Hound history. A young William (Bill) Moore, found himself with his family in Germany that year. Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, young Bill had seen his first Afghan Hounds at home, but became quite smitten with them when he saw people walking them on the streets in Germany. Fostering a strong desire to own one, the purchase of his first Afghan Hound became imminent. That purchase turned out to be a decision that would change not only the life of Bill Moore, but the face of the Afghan Hound community in the United States for generations to come. That first purchase was Djadji vom Falkenwalde. Bill describes her as "a solidly built bitch with a nice headpiece, but lacking in coat. Djadji quickly became Bill's constant companion and friend, and the dog that began this wonderful journey with Bill.

When the Moore family returned to the States, they were stationed in Camp Killmer, in New Brunswick, NJ. Bill's interest in the Afghan Hound breed became intense, and he spent much time researching the history of the breed, its foundation dogs, and possible mates for his beloved Djadji. The breed was still in its early stages in the United States during that period, and Bill relied on the mentorship of some of the older breeders combined with his own gut instinct to move forward. He was very attracted to Marjorie (Jagger) Lathrop's Majara dogs, particularly Ch. Majara Mahabat, who had won the breed at both the 1948 and 1949 Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty shows and was an all-breed Best In Show winner as well. Bill describes him as "a dog of great coat and style, but with a special glamour emphasis that made him stand out." Bill tried breeding Djadji to Mahabat, but was unable to get her in whelp to him. Frustrated but determined, Bill bred Djadji to Ch. Marjara Mihrab instead. Mother Nature must have had an inkling that this was the right breeding, and before long Djadji presented Bill with four puppies. Not just four puppies, but four exceptional puppies as every one of them completed its championship (Ch. Kandahari of Balain, Ch. Shahzenan of Moornistan (also a BIS dog), Ch. Shahriar of Moornistan, and the only bitch in the litter, Ch. Maymun of Moornistan). Quite a first litter for anyone! From that litter came the pivotal bitch, Ch. Maymun of Moornistan, who would re-

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main at Moornistan and pave the way for future generations of champions.



When it came time to breed Maymun, Bill selected Mary Blacker's Ch. Zaamarakuri of Ghazni. That set the breeding program into action, producing Bill's favorite

male, Ch. Hassan-Ben of Moornistan. Through this combination, and this particular sire, came a blending of some of the pure early American lines through Ch. Zaadulla of Arthea and Winonie of Ghazni, a litter sister to Ch. Taejon of Crown Crest.

But Hassan-Ben was not the only shining star in the litter. His sister, Ch. Samaris of Moornistan was sold to Ned and Sue Kauffman of Holly Hill, where her prepotency and quality was nurtured, and she became a major producer for them as well as the Afghan Hound fancy in general. She was a heavy-coated, unmasked golden bitch, who produced excellence no matter how she was bred – the kind of brood bitch that anyone of any breed would love to own. When bred to Ch. Moonshyn of Moornistan, Samaris produced the BIS specialty winner, Ch. Holly Hill Draco. A later breeding to Ch. Khabiri of Grandeur brought forth the outstanding winner, Ch. Holly Hill Desert Wind, who had a spectacular specials career for Mrs. Cheever Porter -piloted by Jane Kamp Forsyth. For years, Samaris held the record as the top-producing bitch (17) in the history of the breed.

A dentist by training and trade, Bill opened up his practice in Exton, PA in 1960. He settled in nearby Elverson, a beautiful section of Chester County that created a great natural setting for a successful breeding program. Another hound breeder in the area, Sam Ewing of Eagle Farms Irish Wolfhounds, became a good friend of Bill's and these two hound fanciers made great strides for their breeds. They would often find themselves competing in the hound groups together, but always with friendly rivalry.

Bills shared his early and successful days in the breed with so many others who became real "icons" in the Afghan Hound community. Marjorie Jagger Lathrop became a good friend, and Bill was quite taken with many of her beautiful Majara dogs over the years. On a trip to California, Bill enjoyed a wonderful visit with Kay Finch and her Crown Crest Afghan Hounds, and they became friends from then on. Bob and Babbie Tongren and Sunny Shay were other icons whose paths he crossed often during these early years – individuals who all spent time together and mentally stimulated each other into fine tuning their breeding thoughts and ideas. These were the people who Bill felt really understood the subtleties and nuances of the breed, aspects which are sometimes lost on the breeders of today.

Looking back in years, Bill feels that the 1950s were some of the most exciting times in the breed. "People were more honest with each other and with themselves when it came to evaluating breeding stock. After that, people stopped paying attention to real detail, and spent more time on presentation."

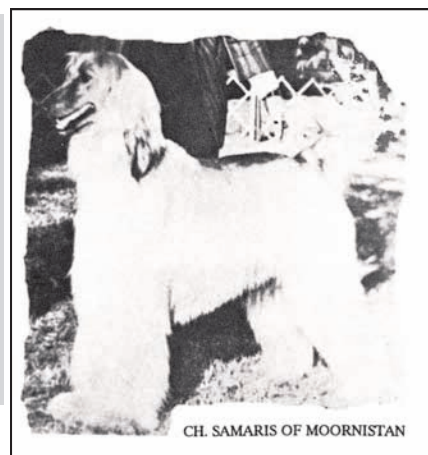
While the breeding program at Moornistan was limited, Bill always had a plan in action. He was not a fan of inbreeding, and felt some of his greatest successes came from outcrossing. His philosophy from generation to generation was simple: "In each generation, I bred for what I felt I needed, and what was lack-



CH. ZAAMARAKURI OF GHAZNI, a producer of note. Up front he produced for Moornistan (leading to the Holly Hill greats), another of his offspring was to lead to the Mecca great.



BIS Ch. Hassan-Ben of Moornistan



CH. SAMARIS OF MOORNISTAN

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ing in my breeding program.”

When asked what are the most important things to breed for to maintain type, Bill replied, “Head is as important as topline. Attention should be paid to front, rear, and correct chest.” Bill said he constantly stressed the importance of a well-angulated rear, with shoulders that were well sloped in his own breeding program. That, coupled with length and refinement of head and a correct bite are other essentials that breeders should keep in mind when making combinations.

This short but wonderful interview took place at Treasure Hill Antiques in Morgantown, PA. The antique consignment shop is where Bill can be found from Thursday through Monday each week. Bill purchased the property several years ago, and shared with me the fact that his mother worked for him at the front desk until she was 100 years old, always there greeting customers and helping when and where she could!

Prior to his retirement from breeding Afghans, Bill had a great interest in breeding and judging Suffolk Sheep. But memories of those glorious days of the Moornistan dogs and breeding program remain firmly entrenched in his mind. A particularly fond memory was showing at Westminster at the old Garden in 1960, when class dogs were still shown, and Mirasia of Moornistan (a Shirkhan daughter) going Winners Bitch and Best of Winners under Babbie Tongren, with Shirkhan taking the breed. “Those were the days when the Afghans had an independent specialty at the Henry Hudson Hotel the day prior to Westminster. It was something we looked forward to all year



Westminster Breed ring in 1960

and we spent the whole time talking about our breed,” Bill reminisces.

In the all-breed world, Hassan-Ben was a three-time Best in Show winner, and helped to spread the Moornistan name in that venue. Bill is quite proud that his Best in Show wins were owner-handled at Teaneck NJ, Staten Island KC, and Maryland KC.

It was at the time of Hassan-Ben’s death that Dr. Moore decided to curtail his breeding endeavors with his Afghan Hounds and direct his effort towards his sheep. Yet, within that short time period, the Moornistan name became firmly entrenched in Afghan Hound history, and the name can be found in many pedigrees today, if traced back far enough. He shared his photos with me of some of his favorites, including those mentioned above as well as Ch. Amos of Moornistan, Ch. Marsinah of Moornistan, Ch. Mirasia of Moornistan, Ch. Moornistan’s Monterey, Ch. Moornistan’s Tangerine and Ch. Moornistan Moonraker.

Many years have passed since those early days of Moornistan, but standing behind the counter of his antique shop, Bill quickly shares a smile when he talks about those “good old days” and



those wonderful dogs and people who made such a positive impact on his life.

If you are ever in the area for any of the shows at Ludwigs Corner, Treasure Hill Antiques is a 15 minute ride, and, aside from some great finds . . . there is always the opportunity of sharing stories with a real “dog man” with lots of historical Afghan Hound information!



L to R - Hassan-Ben, Marsinah, Samaris & Laloom



**The Twenty Sixth Annual Afghan Hound Club of America Breeders Cup
will be held Friday, May 2, 2014 at Mercer County Park, West Windsor Township, New Jersey.**

It will be held in the morning with the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey holding its specialty show in the afternoon.

In addition on the same grounds will be the following shows:

May 1, Thursday, Central New Jersey Hound Association

May 4, Sunday, Trenton Kennel Club

May 5, Monday, Trenton Kennel Club

On Saturday, May 3, Bucks County Kennel Club will hold its shown in Erwinna, Pa.

a scenic drive from Princeton on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River.

Supported Entries for Afghan Hounds are planned for the Hound Club, Trenton and Bucks County shows.

The host hotel is:

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A limited block of rooms will be held until April 15, 2014

Rate : \$107.00 + tax without breakfast

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One time pet fee of \$50.00 per room

Reference the AHCA when making your reservations.

Trophy donations for the Breeders Cup can be sent to:

Hal Perry & Tony DeMarzo

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The Show Secretary is:

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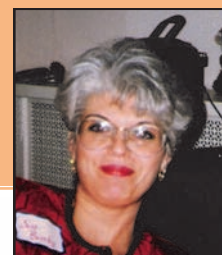
Morning (breakfast) and afternoon hospitality in planned for the Breeders Cup exhibitors and spectators.

This will be provided by the members and friends of the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey
and other participating Afghan Hound Clubs in the area.

Please plan to have an Afghan Hound celebration on the first extended show weekend in May 2014 in the Central New Jersey area. It is an interesting and historical part of the country with many attractions and opportunities for sightseeing and tours.

The nearest airports are Newark Liberty or Philadelphia International.

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Light Blue - 1 (L)	
Catalogs - 6	\$5.00



2011 National Items

Catalogs - 7	\$5.00
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Kay Finch DVD	5	\$10.00
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2011 Breeder's Cup Items

T-Shirts	\$5.00
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Catalogs - 6	\$5.00



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Sweatshirts	\$5.00
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2012 Breeder's Cup Items

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2013 Breeders' Cup

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***Congratulations to all the winners of
The 77th AHCA National
Specialty!***



Best of Breed

CH THAON'S WALLSTREET. Owner: Thaon, Reg., Debbie A. & J.W. Rogers, Beverly & Joe Moore *(Photo Page 20)*

Best Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Bitch, Best Bred-by Exhibitor

SILHOUETTE'S STARLET. Owner: Beth Berman *(Photo Page 20 & 23)*

Select Dog / Award of Merit

GCH EXLYSTA ARIES CIEL NOIR. Owner: Phil Schafmayer, S. Ferraro, P. Rooks, C. Anderson-Smith *(Photo Page 21)*

Select Bitch / Award of Merit

GCH AL-NAIRA BINT ROULA VON HAUSMAN. Owner: Juan Pio Milano Ruiz *(Photo Page 21)*

Awards of Merit

CH TELLS MATRIX RELOADED. Owner: Missy Ann Galloway *(Photo Page 22)*

CH ELMO'S DREAMBOY. Owner: Phillip Martin, Peter Belmont Jr. *(Photo Page 22)*

GCH JAKAR AN AFFAIR MOST WICKED. Owner: Beverly Warren *(Photo Page 22)*

Winners Dog, Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes

POLO'S PAINTED BLACK. Owner Lorianne Amadeo *(Photo Page 23 & 28)*

Reserve Winners Dog

ALPHAVILLE'S SERVED ICE COLD. Owner: Jean Perlstein, Judy Bloom, Janet Riggs, Michael Strockbine *(Photo Page 24)*

Reserve Winners Bitch

REGIMES FASHIONISTA ASTARTI. Owner: Ine Harris, Patricia & Gregory Clark *(Photo Page 24)*

Best in Sweepstakes

ELMO'S MADONNA. Owner: Estate of Peter Belmont Jr. *(Photo Page 28)*

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

GCH CAN CH POLO'S THE AVIATOR. Owner: Lorianne Amadeo *(Photo Page 29)*

BOS Veteran Sweepstakes, Best Brood Bitch

GCH CAVU WILD N NAUGHTY NITES. Owner: Jeanine Rendon, Betsey Hufnagel, Gail Kramer *(Photo Page 26)*

Best Stud Dog

GCH CAN CH POLO'S AIR FORCE ONE. Owner: Lorianne Amadeo *(Photo Page 26)*

Best Puppy

FALAK BINT ZULEMA VON HAUSSMAN. Owner: Ramon Podesta, Rodrigo Quezada, Juan Miland *(Photo Page 25)*

Best Brace

GCH CHICHIC'S ENVY'S JEWEL CD BN RE THD CGC and **TRIPLEMARK'S CARMELLA MASQUERADE CD, BN, CGC, JC, RA**
Owner: Susan C. & Ronald Dimattia *(Photo Page 25)*

Best Junior Handler

EMMYLEA HERRING — showing CH Keymah Mad Flash Gitzit Moon Talker *(Photo Page 29)*

High in Obedience, High Champion of Record (Regular Classes)

CH ELMO'S TRIBAL ISLAND PERFECTION SC, REA Owner: Debbie Petersen, A. Pearce *(Photo Page 30)*

High in Obedience (Non-Regular or Optional Titling Classes) / High in Rally Combined Advanced B and Excellent B

CIERA MOUNT'N FANTASIA IN CONCERT, BN, CD, RN, RA, RE, CGC Owner: Brigitte Kroll, Holly Jorgensen *(Photo Page 31)*

High in Agility Trial

Zinger - **CH MACH8 STORMHILL'S RED ZINGER JC MXB4 MJC4 MXF MFC TQX T2B** Owner: Robin Cohen, Robin Kletke, Sandra Frei *(Photo Page 30)*

High in Triathlon

Nick - **GCH DC PERFECTION CHERI-A FROSTED ICE C, CD, RN, THD** Owner: Ellie Stonequist, J.R. Wood Jr., E. Peterson *(Photo Page 31)*

Lure Coursing – Best in Event, Best of Breed AKC, Best of Breed ASFA

Habbi - **HABAWABANAKI BREMMEN OF SYNERGON.** Owner: Ernest Abresch *(Photo Page 32)*

Lure Coursing – Oldest Dog to Earn a Qualifying Score

Boone - **GCH ALLURE'S SUMMER PROMISE SC.** Owner: Patricia Silverman, Dick Hafner, Sandra Frei *(Photo Page 32)*

2013 NATIONAL SHOW CHAIR'S REPORT

By Dianne Kroll



Hosting the AHCA 77th National Specialty - 77 years of tradition, excellence and excitement - what a challenge for us up here in the northwest corner of the country! In this 21st century of declining entries and depressed economy, our committee worked hard to provide the best for Afghan Hound exhibitors. The events schedule was condensed by holding two performance events in one day, as well as dog and bitch classes both in one day. Parade of Veterans, Parade of Rescue, Triathlon, and Junior Showmanship received due credit by being held in prime time. A great show site allowed for a perfectly sized ring, with adjacent grooming, vendor booths, food concession and full bar service. New videographer Show Dog Video Pros not only produced live streaming video (with fully-captioned DVDs to come,) but provided large live monitors aimed at the grooming area and judges' education seating.

Of course, we could not have asked for better judges elected to entice exhibitors to the Left Coast. Chris Terrell of Kabik fame judged Sweepstakes (on the 24th anniversary of Pepsi's last show, the 1989 National at this same location.) Dominique Denis, the first foreign judge in living memory to judge dogs at the AHCA National. And the incomparable and incorruptible Lee Canalizo, judging bitches and breed competition as her farewell to 40 years of judging.

All in all, we succeeded in drawing conformation entries right on or above our goals for a western region show - 53 Sweepstakes, 14 Veteran Sweepstakes, seven Triathlon dogs and five Junior handlers. Breed competition drew 48 dogs, 52 bitches and an impressive 64 specials.

Performance entries were also notable - especially a record-breaking 35 entries in Agility (where Zinger also created a record with his 9th MACH title). The ASFA and AKC lure coursing events gathered a total entry of 48 running dogs (and Habbi became the 3rd dog to be awarded Best in Event by winning Best of Breed in both trials.) An inspiring eight dogs in Obedience plus 11 dogs in Rally also showed us what our breed can do!

Senior Showmanship competition at the welcome party also showed us what our most experienced handlers can do. Although no one admitted to be in the 40-something age group, our junior handler judges were impressed by the 50-something handlers, awed by the 60-somethings, and knocked out by the 70+ entrant - Best Senior Handler Rosemary Sutton stands as an inspiration to us all.

As show chairman, I was truly touched by the number of exhibitors who stopped by to compliment on a well-run and successful event.

Neal Fouts was my rock and my right arm at the show site, managing parking and grounds, equipment transport, manpower, and an awesome secure bathing station; he even did the laundry each night. (Yes, we provided loaner towels for dog bathers, were pleased to see them used, and even more pleased to see them returned after use!) James and Lynda Hicks were tireless in their labors at each and every event.

Neither the agility trial nor the obedience and rally trials could have succeeded without the foundation of Rhonda Johnson and Linda Hodges (non-Afghan people both!). Phoenix exhibitors Pam Unterseh, Billie Wilson, Debbie Mertyl, Michael Schember stayed late after lure coursing for the ugly job of taking down equipment and fencing. Canadians Fred Haywood and Phil McKenzie took on both set-up and take-down of the canopied exercise pens. John Wood donated an equipment van and the judges welcome baskets. Jackie Jones sup-

plied exhibitor welcome packages, complete with emergency info, maps, restaurants and tourist information. Ellie Stonequist coordinated the exhibitor shuttle and was always on hand to help out. Christine Hicks and her sister Ellen Johnson came in early to work on show set-up and stayed late for show clean-up. A special thanks to pleasing number of exhibitors from all over, who showed up to lay down plastic for the dubious reward of a free grooming spot...

Success also relies on the work of so many committee members over the long course of planning and execution for these events. Connie Brunell, as Banquets Chair, was consistently calm, organized and always there. As was Chris Kaiser, our able and efficient Vendor Chair. Barbara Benson stepped up to the plate as Lure Trial Chair, taking on the smooth management of our two lure trials. Agility Chair Debbie Petersen ran a very successful and efficient trial. Lynda Hicks maintained control of the multiple Triathlon scores, and James Hicks provided management as Chief Ring Steward and ready-ring monitor. Alaskan Mimi Yeager (so excited to support a 'nearby' National) and Tina Oswald obtained two great secondary prizes to the annual crate raffle at wholesale cost and no cost, and were greatly successful in selling raffle tickets. Trophy donations were gathered by Joanne Buehler, and Coby Whitehead made a hit with beautiful trophies from Mimi Baker on a limited budget. Emilie Peterson was truly inspired in decorating that fabulous trophy table and an imaginative photo stand. Rhonda Johnson's awards dinner centerpieces were a real showcase for the gorgeous ceramic roses created and donated by Eileen Laudermlch for attendees' take-home memory piece.

No National could be complete without The Voices of the AHCA - Connie Butherus, quietly calm and organized as ring announcer and Steve Fisher as MC for the Awards Dinner. There was not a dry eye in the house as Steve presented a moving (and imaginary) biography of the secret life of our esteemed judge Lee Canalizo. Darlyn Pfeiffer was, as always, The Voice of the Art Auction, donations for which were gathered by Sue Games and Linda Jo Bugbee.

Education is also an integral part of the National. A quite well-attended judges' seminar was presented by Harry Bennett, with support from Helen Stein and Debbie Petersen in managing the ringside mentoring sessions. Anna Stromberg provided an excellent in-ring session for our junior handlers. As always, Sandy Frei came up with an informative and surprisingly entertaining breed symposium. The club historian table showed the impressive amount of work Helen Stein has done in organizing the archive notebooks, and also displayed historic video footage all the days long.

As every national show chairman before me will attest, this grand event could never be accomplished without the additional support of our predecessor chairmen and the AHCA board of directors. I so needed the advice and experience of Tony Saia, Chuck Milne, Debbie Petersen and others. Although I have been show chairman for many other events, I could never have run the AHCA National without the extensive help of Linda Jackson and Dorma Sue Busby and they have my extensive thanks.

The baton is passed to James and Lynda Hicks for the 78th AHCA National. I look forward to seeing the stars in the heart of Texas. See you there - I hope to be the one sitting down with her feet up, enjoying the results of another successful National!

JUDGES CRITIQUES

FOR THE

2013 AHCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY



Lee Canalizo **Conformation** **(Bitches/Intersex)**

It was my distinct pleasure and honor to judge the bitch classes and Best of Breed at this year's National Specialty. This assignment marked over 50 years of my involvement with this unique and wonderful and sometimes mysterious breed.

Thanks to all involved with making this event so special for me. Dianne Kroll who worked for over a year to put the show together, President Tony Saia, my stewards - Connie Butherus, Linda Jackson and Bob Stein, and Helen and Bob Stein for their hospitality.

Most of all, thanks to all who brought their wonderful Afghan Hounds, young and old for me to see. It was overwhelming to have dogs from many parts of the world, as well as every corner of our own United States.

My 6-9 puppy class was very promising. The black & tan winner was pushed hard by my 2nd place red girl. The class winner won this on her beautiful shoulder placement and more collected reaching movement.

The 9-12 class had four girls who on this day, did nothing much to propel themselves to a number one spot. The most promising ones did the least to help the cause, but I'm sure they will pull together and blossom in the future.

12-18 month class: I loved this class. There was much quality and the placers were top quality. I loved the make and shape of the brindle girl who claimed the number one spot, followed by a very typey black. This was a very promising class overall.

Bred-by-Exhibitor class: I have to admit I was captivated at first sight by the beautiful white girl as soon as she entered the ring and did her go-round. I prayed she was put together properly, had a clean down and back and was so pleased that was, indeed, the case. She is what I love in an Afghan bitch: feminine, beautiful pigment with the white coat, good mover, and nice size. She reminded me of a bride in her wedding dress . . . corny, I know. I guess judges are not supposed to admit things like that, but after all this time, I don't hold back what I think!

The American-Bred class consisted of two good, but quite different, bitches. Both had quality and were handled to perfection. The young girl with the cream did a wonderful job with her charge and in the end; her bitch won the blue ribbon.

The Open Bitch class was an overall nice class with a glaring standout for me. She was a leggy, very patterned, brindle girl with a beautiful head and was as primitive as she could be. She was a true Afghan in every sense of the word!!!!!! All-rounders will not give her a second look but the old time breeders will love her and recognize how important it is to preserve what she possesses. Without these primitive throw-backs, we would probably end up with huge coated, generic Afs. I wanted the new people, and some of the older ones, to see and realize just how important this type of Afghan is to the breed. I only hope we will continue to see them in the future.

The Winners Bitch class was, to my mind, excellent, The cream bitch was the one to beat and I had the two brindle girls right up there with her for a while. But, as the contest heated up, it was the white Bred-by bitch who emerged as the winner. My naked lady was Reserve.

Next day, the "big guns" were on deck and BIG GUNS they were for sure. What a fabulous group of Afghans Hounds! I had had my hands on only one or two of the exhibits in the past, as I had limited myself from judging and/or watching the breed for a good while.

The top dogs/bitches in the country were lined up for me to evaluate and what a treat this was! There was no way one could go wrong toward the end of my pulls. There was so much quality to choose from. Many of the animals that I truly loved did not receive a ribbon, for that I'm sorry.

The dog that I awarded BOB, was to me, the most correct, collected mover, clean coming and going, proper coat texture and all things that I feel so important to the breed. He did not put a foot down wrong, his timing was perfect and that was IT!

The other dogs/bitches in contention were marvelous as well, but there can only be one winner on the day. To be honest, I had another dog in mind when I thought about this assignment, thinking it would take a lot to beat him and of course, lots of the Af people "knew" who the winner would be months ago! LOL! You just never know, but that is the thrill of judging.

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JUDGES CRITIQUES

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I do want to make a few remarks on my thoughts for this assignment, as it was the last regular judging assignment of my "career." Afghan Hounds were where I came into the dog show world, thanks to Sunny Shay, and it was only right that Afghan Hounds were where I would exit the dog show world. It has been a great 40 years of judging and, more importantly perhaps, great being part of the Afghan Hound family. It was so wonderful to see some of the people that I knew from the beginning still breeding and showing beautiful examples of this great breed: the Cavu "girls", Sandy Withington, the Shylo/Abaca crew, Lynne Schanzle, the Rahaman family, and of course, Jay Hafford.

I predict some of these old-timers will have the "big guns" in the near future, Peter Belmont's lovely black dog (still showing them how it's done, Peter), and Karen Wagner's exciting red youngster have, in my humble opinion, what it takes to be the ones to beat in the next go-round.

Thanks to all of you, this is not good-bye; from now on, I'll be sitting ringside cheering on the next great one. To this, some may say...it's about time!!!!!! I do have to offer a SPECIAL THANKS to Steve Fisher! His program depicting "Lee Canalizo's Life" was hysterical. I loved it and I think everyone at the dinner did too. Thanks a million for a HAPPY ENDING!!!

Lee Canalizo



**Dominique
Denis
Conformation
(Dogs)**

To judge the National Specialty in America was really a dream for me and this dream came true the 27th

of September. I consider it as a great honor, as I had been chosen from many great names in the Afghan Hound scene. I thank you all; those who have put my name first on the list and, of course, all that entered under me and all that worked hard to make this brilliant show possible. This show will stay forever in my memory. I had the opportunity to meet new people and see new dogs. What could make me happier?

I took myself off the different lists and forums about Afghan Hounds some time before the shows. I wanted to have a new eye on the dogs and also I did not want to know who won, where and when.

I was a little bit nervous, of course, but it was not about what I like and what I want to pick first, but for the process of judging, it was not new as I had judged in the US, but the part with the Awards and Select Dogs was not familiar to me. In fact, the way to judge in the States is far better than what I am used to here. I do not like to have to write a critique on each dog and our "qualificatif" that has to be given to each entry is a waste of time; we always say the same and it makes everybody unhappy. The American system is quicker, nicer.

I had the opportunity to have my hands on marvelous exhibits, the level of quality I have seen here in Europe was not very good and I must say it was a nice change. Quality is still there in America. Your Afghan Hounds are glamorous, in such great condition, their handler shows them to the peak, coat is the best in almost all of them, and showmanship is superb.

In many classes, I should have liked to have more ribbons to give. And to be first was based only on few little details. I liked my winners; they are wonderful images of our breed.

For the Greater Portland specialty, I was blessed with an incredible class of Specials. Again, a lot of them should have won on another day, in different circumstances. Many of them were just terrific and when you have all those beautiful specimens, your decision is on tiny points.

I liked my BOB from the moment he came into my ring, with his lively attitude, something in his eye and way of carrying himself that will make him a wonderful fully grown adult. I know he is still a young dog, has to mature a little bit but in a way, everything was there, beautiful balance, chiseled head, gorgeous movement, very balanced with spring drive and long, long step.

My BOS is all about a bitch, you hardly can fault her...again immaculate condition, shows like a dream. My BOW a brindle bitch that never ever gave up, always moving and showing herself, fighting for the ribbons!!

I came back home so happy to share this unforgettable experience and a wish for the best for our breed in the US. I know it is in good hands.

Dominique Denis



2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



Best of Breed

CH THAON'S WALLSTREET

Owner: Thaon, Reg.,
Debbie A. & J.W. Rogers,
Beverly & Joe Moore

Best Opposite Sex, Best Bred-by Exhibitor

SILHOUETTE'S STARLET

Owner: Beth Berman



2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



Select Dog / Award of Merit

GCH EXLYSTA ARIES CIEL NOIR

Owner: Phil Schafmayer, S. Ferraro,
P. Rooks, C. Anderson-Smith

Select Bitch / Award of Merit

GCH AL-NAIRA BINT ROULA VON HAUSMAN

Owner: Juan Pio Milano Ruiz





2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



Award of Merit

CH TELLS MATRIX RELOADED

Owner: Missy Ann Galloway

Award of Merit

CH ELMO'S DREAMBOY

Owner: Phillip Martin, Peter Belmont Jr.



Award of Merit

GCH JAKAR AN AFFAIR MOST WICKED

Owner: Beverly Warren

2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



**Winners Dog, Best
Opposite Sex in
Sweepstakes**

POLO'S PAINTED BLACK
Owner: Lorianne Amadeo

**Best of Winners,
Winners Bitch,
Best Bred-by Exhibitor**

SILHOUETTE'S STARLET
Owner: Beth Berman





2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



Reserve Winners Dog

ALPHAVILLE'S SERVED ICE COLD

Owner: Jean Perlstein, Judy Bloom,
Janet Riggs, Michael Strockbine

Reserve Winners Bitch

REGIMES FASHIONISTA ASTARTI

Owner: Ine Harris, Patricia &
Gregory Clark



2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



Best Puppy

**FALAK BINT ZULEMA
VON HAUSSMAN**

Owner: Ramon Podesta,
Rodrigo Quezada, Juan Miland

Best Brace

**GCH CHICHIC'S ENVY'S
JEWEL CD BN RE THD CGC
and
TRIPLEMARK'S CARMELLA
MASQUERADE CD, BN, CGC, JC, RA**
Owner: Susan C. & Ronald Dimattia





2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



Best Stud Dog

**GCH CAN CH POLO'S
AIR FORCE ONE**
Owner: Lorianne Amadeo

Best Brood Bitch / BOS Veteran Sweepstakes

**GCH CAVU WILD N
NAUGHTY NITES**
Owner: Jeanine Rendon, Betsey
Hufnagel, Gail Kramer



JUDGES CRITIQUES

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Chris Terrell Sweepstakes

Thank you to the Afghan Hound Club of America for having me judge Sweepstakes and Triathlon conformation at the National Specialty in Portland. It was a pleasure to see and feel so many dogs of all ages. First and foremost...they were all Afghan Hounds!

Over the many years handling our breed, I had to quickly "judge" the dogs that were competing with me in the show ring. In so doing, I viewed the dog's overall stature, conformation and movement as well as the handler's presentation. In Portland, in a very short period of time, I was able to judge many dogs whose quality and performance I very much appreciated.

Showing dogs is a forever learning experience, as it is for the dogs themselves. I was able to watch all the regular classes at the National, puppies through the breed, and I was pleased to see many dogs and handlers that I had judged progress in such a short period of time, working together to present the Afghan Hound as it should be, the king of dogs!

Chris Terrell



Jill Jones Obedience/Rally

Judging the obedience and rally classes for the Afghan Hound Club of America on September 26th was a mixture of fun and frustration. Some dogs did much better than

their handlers expected, and there were the usual frustrations when dogs didn't do as well as expected. One such dog had a lovely performance in the Novice B class losing only minor points during the individual exercises, and then lay down halfway through the Long Sit to groans from everyone there.

In the Novice classes, we had one qualifier in Novice B (Ch. Elmo's Tribal Island Perfection, SC, RAE, NAP, NJP, NFP) and one qualifier in Novice A (Ch. Daghan East of Eden, RN, JC) and I believe that was this dog's first leg.

High in Trial was awarded to Debbie Petersen from the Nov-

ice B class with a score of 184 with her dog, known as Zephyr, who finished his CD title with this win.

The sole Graduate Novice exhibitor, Ciera Mount'n Fantasia in Concert, BN, CD, RE, owned by Brigitte Kroll and Holly Jorgensen, also qualified with a score of 181.5, winning the special rosette for Highest Scoring Dog in the Optional Titling Classes. I believe this also was the completion of Fanny's GN title. This dog and handler then became the stars of the Rally classes, earning the Highest Combined Score in Excellent B and Advanced B, with a combined score of 172.

One final note, thank you for producing the picture of me taken 24 years ago awarding High in Trial at the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty in 1989!! What a long time ago that is!

Jill Jones



Lyndall Ackerman Lure Coursing

Ann Billups and I had a lovely time judging your Afghan Hounds. Weather held out for the dogs and the people, no downpours but very nice running weather.

Ann and I seem to judge very similarly and at this course we again found this to be true, with the same hound winning both the ASFA and the AKC trial. We had some lovely runs and then some creative runs by some young and/or inexperienced hounds. I just hope that the owners saw how their dogs did; if they had any questions, we stayed around till the end to answer questions or give suggestions to any that might have asked.

It was very nice to again meet your president Tony Saia, whom I had first met many years ago in California while showing my dogs in the conformation ring. And thank you, sir, for coming out and saying hi during our courses. Also your treasurer made her presence known during the AKC runs.

Again, thank you all for running under us and asking us to judge this important activity in conjunction with your National Specialty. Congratulations to all.

Lyndell Ackerman



2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



Best in Sweepstakes

ELMO'S MADONNA

Owner: Estate of Peter Belmont Jr.

Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes

POLO'S PAINTED BLACK

Owner: Lorianne Amadeo



2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

**GCH CAN CH POLO'S
THE AVIATOR**

Owner: Lorianne Amadeo

Best Junior Handler

EMMYLEA HERRING –
showing
CH Keymah Mad Flash Gitzit
Moon Talker





2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



High in Agility Trial

Zinger -

CH MACH8 STORMHILL'S RED
ZINGER JC MXB4 MJC4 MXF
MFC TQX T2B

Owner: Robin Cohen, Robin Kletke,
Sandra Frei

High in Obedience, High Champion of Record (Regular Classes)

CH ELMO'S TRIBAL ISLAND
PERFECTION SC, REA

Owner: Debbie Petersen, A. Pearce



2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



High in Obedience (Non-Regular or
Optional Titling Classes) /
High in Rally Combined Advanced B
and Excellent B

**CIERA MOUNT'N FANTASIA
IN CONCERT, BN, CD,
RN, RA, RE, CGC**

Owner: Brigitte Kroll, Holly Jorgensen

High in Triathlon

Nick -

**GCH DC PERFECTION CHERI-A
FROSTED ICE C, CD, RN, THD**

Owner: Ellie Stonequist,
J.R. Wood Jr., E. Peterson





2013 AHCA National Specialty Winners



**Lure Coursing –
Best in Event,
Best of Breed - AKC,
Best of Breed - ASFA**

Habbi -
**HABAWABANAKI BREMMEN
OF SYNERGON**
Owner: Ernest Abresch

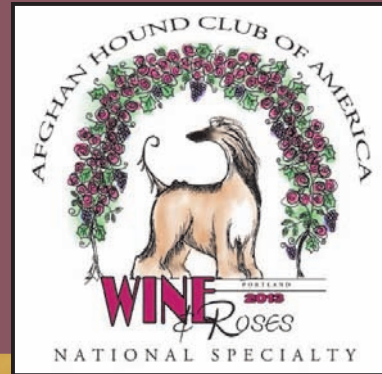
**Lure Coursing –
Oldest dog to Earn a
Qualifying Score**

Boone -
**GCH ALLURE'S SUMMER
PROMISE SC**
Owner: Patricia Silverman, Dick Hafner,
Sandra Frei





2013 AHCA National Specialty



REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATES

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CLUB SHOW SECRETARY REGULAR CLASS JUDGE SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE	SHOW DATE LOCATION
Suncoast Afghan Hound Club Regular Classes: Mr. Robert Stein Sweeps: Lesley Stoffles	December 13, 2014 Orlando, FL MB-F Inc., Superintendent
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Portland Regular: James Dalton	January 17, 2014 Portland, OR
Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club Regular: Leigh G. Hearn Sweeps: Erica Jantos	February 8, 2014 Windsor Locks, CT Amy Mero, Event Secretary maxmero@comcast.net
Colonial Afghan Hound Club Regular: Carol Smith	February 8, 2014 Windsor Locks, CT Deborah Burnham, Event Secretary (860) 882-9737
Afghan Hound Association of Long Island Regular: Vlastislav Vojtek Sweeps: Enrico Stefanizzi	February 9, 2014 Windsor Locks, CT Barbara Silverstone, Event Secretary (646) 429-2202
Suncoast Afghan Hound Club of Florida Judge: TBA	February 15, 2014 Lakeland, FL
Tidewater Afghan Hound Club Regular: Elizabeth Millward Sweeps: Sandy Nelson	March 1, 2014, Virginia Beach, VA Tracee Elwess, Event Secretary telwess@verizon.net
Tidewater Afghan Hound Club Regular: Iren Naarits Sweeps: Anita Dickie	March 2, 2014, Virginia Beach, VA Tracee Elwess, Event Secretary telwess@verizon.net
Potomac Afghan Hound Club Regular: Peter Machen	March 15, 2014 York, PA Jim Rau Dog Shows, info@raudogshows.com
Potomac Afghan Hound Club Regular: Eugene Blake	March 16, 2014 York, PA Jim Rau Dog Shows, info@raudogshows.com
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix Judges: TBA	March 15 & 16, 2014 Mesa, AZ Rita Mather, Event Secretary ahcgp@aol.com

REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATES

CLUB SHOW SECRETARY REGULAR CLASS JUDGE SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE	SHOW DATE LOCATION
Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Assn. Regular: Chris Kaiser Sweeps: Brigitte Kaiser	March 28, 2014 Mesa, AZ Rita Mather, Event Secretary ahcgp@aol.com
Richmond Afghan Hound Club Judges: TBA	March 30 & 31, 2014 Chesterfield, VA Nancy Leuba, Event Secretary kingsburyn@gao.gov
Afghan Hound Club of California Regular: Colin L Hamilton Sweeps: Maria Falkenheimer	April 11, 2014 Silverado, CA Rhonda Storm, Event Secretary flyingzranch@hotmail.com
Afghan Hound Club of California Regular: Helen Haas	April 12, 2014 Silverado, CA Rhonda Storm, Event Secretary flyingzranch@hotmail.com
Afghan Hound Club of Dallas Regular: Randy Tincher Sweeps: Johnnie Roe	April 26, 2014 Parker, TX Ken Connor, Event Secretary k9clay@tx.rr.com
Afghan Hound Club of Dallas Regular: Pat Guillfoyle	April 26, 2014 Parker, TX Ken Connor, Event Secretary k9clay@tx.rr.com
Tara Afghan Hound Club Judges: TBA	May 24 & 25, 2014 Atlanta, GA Karen Mays, Event Secretary karen@zencor.com
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Chicago, Inc. Regular: am - Reginald Nesbitt Regular: pm - Nancy Edgington Sweepstakes: Lauren Morrison	June 6, 2013 Joliet, IL



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Obedience / Rally - Cathy Caballero
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thurs . 10/16 - Sun. 10/19	4 All-Breed Shows & Agility Trials - Same Location
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Mon. 10/20	AM - AKC/ASFA Lure Coursing PM - Sweepstakes
Tue. 10/21	Dogs / Bitches
Wed. 10/22	Obedience, Rally / BOB
Thur. 10/23 - Sun. 10/26	4 All-Breed Shows, Obedience, Rally & Agility Trials - Austin (45-minutes away)

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Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation., the **GEEK** Program was offered via the library. Pictured are Claudia Jakus' two Afghan Hound Therapy Dogs. It has been a big hit in her local community. The pictures are displayed at the library and are going to be put up in businesses throughout town to spearhead support for an upcoming library fundraiser.

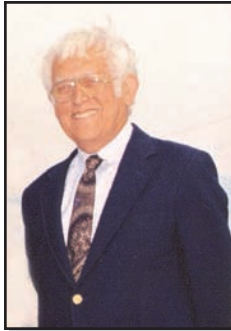
Memorials

Meryl Christiansen

Meryl's love affair with Afghans began with his marriage to Sherre 30 years ago. Her two Afghans, Shalimar and Sheba, inspected him carefully, pronounced him wonderful, and welcomed him into their hearts and home.

The welfare and happiness of the Afghans that crossed his path showed no bounds. Even years later, he asked for updates on the rescue Afs, companion Afs, and show Afs he met, even if he spent only a few hours with them.

As Meryl became fragile over the last few years, our beloved Af, Charmer, never left his side. He joined Meryl at the Rainbow Bridge a few days after Meryl died. Entwined forever, they joined the river they loved, the South Fork of the Shenandoah River, below our home. They are now running free and in perfect health at the Rainbow Bridge with all those that have gone before.



Darlyn Pfeiffer



Darlyn Pfeiffer tragically lost her life on Nov 9, 2013 in an accident near her home in Reeseville, WI. Darlyn was one of a kind. Bigger than life, she lit up the room whenever she came into it. Darlyn and I co-founded Funsters International. Our motto was "Be a fountain - Not a drain!"

She and Steve bred Afghan Hounds under the kennel name Adagio. Darlyn and I became friends when she and Steve bought CH. Stormhill's Kismet of Calais from us back in the early 90s. This was the beginning of a friendship that has lasted nearly 25 years. Darlyn was like a sister. I spoke with her nearly every day. We traveled to nearly every national together. We had such a good time at the most recent national in Portland.

Aside from being the auctioneer extraordinaire for the Afghan Hound Club of America for a number of years, Darlyn also did auctions for many other breed clubs and the Canine Health Foundation.

She had her own business, Victorian Lion Auction Services LLC, and did many estate sales in her own community and the surrounding area. She knew how to make it fun.

Darlyn is survived by her husband, Steve, her mother, her sons Steve and Joe, and three grandchildren.

She will truly be missed by the many who knew and loved her.

Sandy Frei

Bob Wadsworth

Bob and Lila Wadsworth first met when Lila moved to Phoenix in 1957 and interviewed with a local engineering firm (Wadsworth, Jensen & Assoc.). She got the job and spent the next 20 years as Bob's part-time engineering tech. They were married in 1977 and had 36 wonderful years working and traveling together until his sudden death on October 6, 2013.



It was "love at first sight" for Bob and the House of Oranje Afghan Hounds. He joined AHCA and enjoyed going to every dog show from the local park to Afghan specialties in Europe and Australia. Although he soon developed a "good eye for a dog" and judged a few matches, he really believed that every entry should at least receive a ribbon.

Bob soon became an expert Afghan caretaker, although his first experience alone with 10 Afghans became pretty traumatic when "Matilda" suddenly disappeared for several hours. He finally found her curled up asleep in the laundry basket. Upon discovery, she escaped - running out an open door and into the pool. Lila arrived home to find Bob and Matilda sopping wet and very happy to see her.

Note from AHCA Rescue Chair Barb Hastings:

If you want to make a donation in Bob's memory, please make checks payable to AHCA RCT. Mark on the memo line that it is in his memory so I can send an acknowledgement to Lila, we also have a PayPal account

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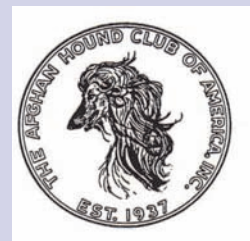
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