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Letter from the Editor



This is a smaller issue than we have produced in the recent past. We "publish what we have" is all I can say. It would be nice to have more articles and suggestions as to other topics to cover which are always welcome.

Remember our National Specialty is in September and this is the last issue prior to that. Information is on the back cover and the last few pages. Also we are announcing the dates for the 2017 National and Breeders' Cup.

Included in the members only pages are some past minutes that should have been sent with prior issues. The error was mine and I apologize.

Hope to see you all in Rhode Island.

Russ Hastings hrh3judge@gmail.com

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Please remember to notify Sue Busby if your address changes, you hear a fellow member is ill or has crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by
Ken Amos
President



As we approach the fall National Specialty in Rhode Island in September, I wanted to update everyone on some club initiatives.

We are pushing several changes forward this year that have been suggested by the membership (see my message in the last issue of Topknot News) and taking a fresh look at the possibility of fixed locations for our National Specialty, since it has been difficult to find show chairpersons willing to recreate the entire show process with new hotels every year!

Part of the work on these changes has been about how we gather membership viewpoints. We all have a tendency to listen to those who speak loud-est and most often — knowing that is not always representative of the general view. How do we gain a consensus on issues important to our breed? Do we only listen to AHCA members or do we take input from non-members who are actively showing (non-members by choice or by the limit of the 7 year eligibility requirement)? I looked at the entries for the Atlanta National Specialty and over half of the owners exhibiting were not parent club members!

With this in mind the board voted in June to create a new committee — an Outreach Committee led by board member Allan Reznik. The purpose of this committee is multifaceted. The primary goal is to establish ways to communicate more effectively with current membership—by mailings, electronically, or by social media. And secondarily, how we establish a feedback loop to gather input from a broader section of the membership. Another, but no less important, mission is to look into ways to bring new members into our club to help from the inside. You will be hearing more about this in coming months.

See you in Rhode Island!

Ken Amos

President, Afghan Hound Club of America

LILA WADSWORTH

HOUSE OF ORANJE AFGHAN HOUNDS, TUCSON, ARIZONA

An interview with one of the legends of our breed and a noted breeder-judge

When you were growing up, did you have dogs in your household?

We always had family dogs and they were very much a part of our household.

When did you see your first Afghan Hound? Was it love at first sight and did you know this was the breed you wanted to devote your life to? When and where did you acquire your first Afghan Hound and tell us about him or her.

While I was still in college I encountered my first Afghan Hounds, and their beauty and character have enthralled me from that moment to the present day.

On our 1950 spring break we drove to Florida and were walking along a Tampa boulevard when we came upon an open convertible with two lovely Afghans all alone in the back seat. They were very aloof and ignoring all passersby. Needless to say we stayed around to meet their owners, who were two nice boys who lived on an island in Tampa Bay and raised Afghan Hounds.

We drove back home with two Afghan pups and I've loved every moment of living with this fascinating breed for the last 66 years.

I presently share my home with six Afghans, ranging in age from 4 months to 15 years.



Lila and her first litter of Afghan Hounds, 1956

What can you tell us about your experiences with the Afghan Hound after your beginning with the breed to the present?

I bred my first litter in 1956 and my second litter in 1971.

The intervening years were spent attending matches and shows, seminars and obedience classes (until we finally won a CD).

Handling classes convinced me that I was never going to be a good handler. (Mary N. Stephenson once told me that I wasn't doing my dogs any favors by showing them myself!)

I served as founding member, director and president of both the Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix and Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association. I served on the A.H.C.A. board for seven years (among them two years as president and four as corresponding secretary) and chaired their education committee for seven years.

I was approved by A.K.C. to judge Afghan Hounds in 1975, and currently eleven other hound breeds as well. I have loved judging Afghan specialties in the U.S., Holland, Germany, Australia and Sweden, and was thrilled and honored to judge dogs and intersex at the 1987 A.H.C.A. National in Chicago and dogs again at the 1998 National in Tucson.

When and why did you begin your breeding program?

While on sabbatical in Europe in 1967, I continued searching for my ideal Afghan and visited several Afghan kennels in England, Germany and Holland. My search led me to Eta Paupit's Oranje Manege Kennel in Holland, where I encountered 16 beautiful Afghan Hounds running free in their large

sandy compound. Their effortless floating gait, regal attitude, interaction with each other and stable temperament reflected the consistent line I had been looking for.

Before we started back home I returned to Eta and arranged for a puppy to be shipped to Arizona. When she arrived I really became "hooked on OM!" She was the loveliest puppy I had ever seen, and from her arrival at 12 weeks to 14 years "Jajie" was queen of our household.

LILA WADSWORTH

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Oranje Manege Afghan Hound compound

During the next five years, Eta sent me three more beautiful vdOM bitches and in 1972, Ned. & Int. Ch. Xingu van de Oranje Manege arrived in America! He was a magnificent Afghan Hound, and I did not hesitate to travel with my vdOM girls from Arizona to New Jersey for meetings with Xingu. Their offspring were bred to other vdOM Afghans from Holland, Germany, Curacao, Sweden and Australia and were the foundation of House of Oranje. Since that time, my litters have been line-bred with the goal of continuing and preserving the consistent quality of the Oranje Manege line.

In 1974, Eta invited me (and two of my young Afghans) to spend the summer months with her traveling to European shows. She had the whole trip perfectly planned. I was her driver, and we filled her VW bus with my two Afghans and four of her Shih Tzus and took off for the Riviera. We attended dog shows in France and Italy, then worked our way back to Holland, with more shows in Switzerland and Germany on the way. The last show I attended in France, my young male won best in show and I could not have been more thrilled!

Those times with Eta were the greatest learning experience I've ever had, a tremendous amount of fun, and the opportunity to make a dear friend. With Eta and Conni Miller as mentors I felt I was headed in the right direction.

In 1970, we organized breeders and fanciers of vdOM Afghans from all over the world and formed the vdOMers club. At the time of Eta's death in January 2008 we had 97 members. Our vdOMers newsletter #29 was a celebration of her life.

By 2008 my husband's health no longer allowed me weekends away for judging assignments. He passed away in October, 2013.

Last fall the lure of an exciting outcross (and thoughts of puppy breath) encouraged me to breed one last litter, and so now I'm back attending handling classes and looking forward to my next judging assignment.



Lila with Am. & Can. Ch. Oranje Wilhelmina



Janine van de Oranje Manege ("Jajie") at 18 months at her first dog show

LILA WADSWORTH

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What are the defining characteristics of the breed for you?

First and foremost, a regal attitude and proud, upright carriage; a square angular outline with balanced angulation; an elastic, floating movement, head and tail carried high with topline remaining level; sloping croup to a low set tail, huge feet and strong underjaw. A powerful, agile, self-confident athlete.

No choices need to be made between type and soundness. A correct Afghan must be a sound Afghan!

How has the breed changed in your time? For better or worse?

For the better. The over-refined heads, weak underjaws and wispy little bodies that were so prevalent years ago are seldom seen.

There are some excellent Afghans being exhibited world-wide, and now and then it's thrilling to see an Afghan who can move around the ring with that beautiful level floating gait that the best Afghans are capable of.



Ned & Int. Ch. Xingu van de Oranje Manege at 18 months and 6 years

Major problems continue to include straight fronts, restricted movement, flat croups and lack of proper neck and shoulder assembly.

Who do you consider the greatest Afghan Hound you ever saw?

Ned. & Int. Ch. Xingu van de Oranje Manege.

Name two or three dogs and two or three bitches that you particularly admired.

Xingu, El Khyrias Hazztafer, Khayams Ares, Kyros von Katwiga, Akari von Katwiga and Stormhills Who's Zoomin Who. All multi champions that I was privileged to judge and could not fault.

If you were starting today as an Afghan Hound fancier what would you do? What advice do you have for beginners?

Join and participate in the activities of dog clubs in your area. Attend their handling classes, matches and shows and get acquainted with their members. Hopefully you will find a breeder or two whose dogs and breeding practices you admire, and you can persuade them to act as your mentors.

What do you think the Parent Club should be focusing their efforts towards?

Sponsor and hold related "fun" events, matches and exhibitions. Make a point to invite newcomers to attend obedience trials and lure coursing. We need them!

NOTE: Interview conducted, edited and photos processed by Ed Greenberg, Tempe Arizona, who with his wife Judith have been the proud owners of Afghan Hounds since 1979.

AWARDS REPORT

Barb Hastings

The notification letters have been sent for those receiving awards at the National Banquet in September. If you received a letter, please remember to respond as to whether or not you will be attending the Banquet to pick up the award. If you cannot attend, the award will be mailed to you.



Also, if you are a member of a Regional Club, please let your Show Chairs know that the AHCA offers medallions for Best of Winners, Best Junior Handler, and we also have medallions for Parade of Rescue. A signed application must be furnished along with a copy of the Premium List indicating that the medallions are offered as a trophy. Exact wording is necessary, so if there are any questions, please contact me at baruast3@verizon.net Barb Hastings

RESCUE REPORT

Martha Powell

It's been a busy time for rescue the past few months. We have had many dogs come in this year, under sad circumstances, who needed new homes. Thanks to some wonderful volunteers, we have been able to transport them, foster them, and find forever homes.

A special thanks to a lady in Florida, Alberta Dipaola. She and her husband drove over 500 miles, to pick up a sick Afghan from the Tampa Bay Humane Society, and deliver him to our special foster, Marta Opsahl, in West Palm Beach. Folks, they don't own an Afghan, and it was their anniversary! Boomer is well, now, and in his new home!

It takes a Village, but, what a great Village we have!!!

Another caring shelter director has contacted me about an Afghan with renal failure, that they cannot take into their over-capacity shelter. I am trying to find someone who can foster, and get this dog the medical help she needs.

It's time for our annual Rescue Calendar to be printed. Marilyn Danko and Joanne Anderson need your photos, now! Please send several shots, and let's make this another awesome fund raiser for our Affies! Send your pics to: lineace@yahoo.com

Remember the National will be here very soon. Amy Mero



and her gang are having a Parade of Rescue before Best of Breed. Please plan on bringing your Affie for this event! Everyone in the Parade is awarded a ribbon and a medal. It is always a special, heartwarming moment. You must fill out an entry form, so let me know if you need one! Affierescue@aol.com.

We have been blessed with some wonderful statues and prints, including an exquisite Lladro, donated by Sharon and Monroe Jackson. Some will be auctioned on EBay; some will be at our booth at National. See you in Rhode Island!

Martha Powell, Chair

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How much easier could that be and it's automatic!

*Martha Powell, Chair
Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue*

Regional Clubs Sharon Pearce



Most clubs are very good about submitting their packets, this is not directed to them.

For clubs that are submitting their packets for approval I ask that you submit all information together. I have been letting people submit over email but some have other people send items in and I have to sort it out. This is difficult enough without me having to hunt items down.

Please if you cannot submit all at once, do not email, submit everything together in snail mail.

Thank you,
Sharon Pearce

Canine Health Report Eileen Laudermilch



Health reports from the OFA for the 1st Quarter of 2016 is all great news!

Eyes: 23 tested.....All normal
Hips: 30 Tested 15 Excellent and 15 Good
Elbows: 2 tested...both normal
Thyroid: 18 tested...all normal
I also had a DE this time for Full Dentition
There were 12 new CHIC numbers assigned in this quarter.

The following is the report for the 2nd Quarter from OFA for the Afghan Hound

Hips: 19 tested 5 Excellent and 14 Good
Elbows: 3 Normal
Patella: 2 normal
Cardiac: 2 Normal
Eye: 16 tested all normal
Thyroid: 12 tested.... 11 Normal and 1 Equivocal
DE: 1 full dentition
12 new CHIC numbers were assigned this 2nd quarter.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Laudermilch RN, Health Chair



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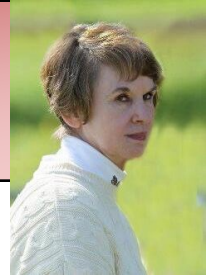
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September 11-15, 2017
Purina Farms
St. Louis, MO

Show will be Outdoors

AKC Delegate Report

Connie Butherus



The quarterly meeting of the AKC Delegates held in June followed the pattern of being the least attended meeting of the year. There were no important votes to be held at the June 13 meeting so it seemed many of regular attendees opted out. However there was a wealth of information presented in both the Delegates' Committee meetings on June 12th, at the Forum and the actual meeting the following day making attendance more than worthwhile.

Starting off the sequence was the Parent Club Committee during which issues of importance and information specific to Parent Clubs was presented, discussed and dissected. The meeting started with an update report on the AKC Marketplace.

The goal of the Marketplace henceforth will be to focus on breeders and their litters. The original concept included AKC clubs as well. The clubs will now be promoted via akc.org. and this is to be enhanced in the future. Those clubs having purchased sites on the Marketplace will receive a refund we were told.

Since the launching of the Marketplace in December of 2015 sales of puppies advertised have increased 44%. This replaces the former Online Breeders Classified. In order to be listed on the Marketplace the litter advertised must be AKC registered. The breeder designations of either Breeder of Merit or Bred with HEART will be noted with the verification of this confirmed by the AKC Staff. One caution, however: the designation is related to the breed in which the breeder was recognized. This may not be the breed advertised as many breeders are recognized in one breed yet breed another or several other breeds. It was stated that a Breeder of Merit will receive free listing and be placed at the top of the listings. Thirteen questions are posed to those breeders listed which provides the potential buyer with a breeder profile. However the breeders are not required to respond. Responses are optional at this time. It was suggested that this become mandatory. Should there be a reported misrepresentation on the part of a listed breeder the AKC staff will investigate. There are plans to include a top ten questions potential buyers might ask a breeder.

The statistics for the past six months were presented. At this point 11% of all AKC registered litters are now listed on the Marketplace. There are about 25,000 visitors a day with 70% of the users indicating they would recommend the site. Fifty-nine percent of the listed breeders reported sales. On the down side the users (potential buyers) reported a 47% nonresponse from breeders contacted. Not the best advertisement for breeders.

Questions were posed regarding the listing of rescue dogs by Parent Club recognized rescue groups. The response being that there will be a section specifically dedicated to rescue dogs.

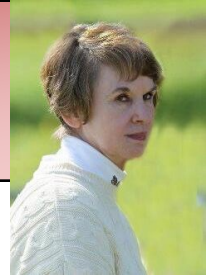
Additional agenda items included the following:

- * As of July 1, 2016 there will be 190 AKC recognized breeds. (Seems the resuscitation of the Group Realignment Committee will put them back in business for a third whack at the current structure.)
- * Mark Dunn reported on the Bred with HEART program and was questioned as to when the posting of the Parent Club health statements will be completed. The Parent Club Committee had contacted all of the clubs and submitted 131 letters so far. He stated that this is in the process of being completed yet 8 of the 50 most popular breeds have not responded including the number 1 most popular breed! Go figure!!
- * Canine Good Citizen continues to be a growth area with 46,000 titles having been earned by AKC registered dogs as of 5-1-2016.
- * There have been 47 Pet Disaster Trailers delivered to 23 states. An additional 9 are in the pipeline. Well over one million dollars has been raised with 328 clubs having contributed in addition to the \$250,000 from AKC Reunite. Post note-Several of these trailers were recently deployed during the Western fires.
- * The AKC email promotion of specialty shows remains a pilot program. Stephanie Smith is the contact person for the campaign.(sxs2@akc.org) The Dachshund Club of America Delegate reported great success using this outreach combined with their own promotional efforts. This would seem to be something all Parent Clubs might take advantage of in the promotion of their specialty events.
- * The Parent Club Committee is reaching out to the 36 non-AKC member Parent Clubs. Four of the clubs contacted are now in the process of becoming member clubs. (Lagotti Romagnoli, Setters-Irish Red and White, Cesky Terriers and Berger Picards)
- * The showing of spay/neutered dogs in the competitive veteran classes at independent national specialty shows generated a great deal of discussion. The consensus being this should also be permitted for those Parent Clubs holding their specialties in conjunction with All Breed shows. Two of us have been assigned the task of developing a proposal for the Committee to consider. My request for comments, suggestions and ideas has generated zero response from the Parent Club Delegates so far. I guess it is easier to verbalize ones views rather than to put them in print.
- * The Parent Club Self Study project continues to yield interesting findings. In the area of education, canine health and welfare as well as club organization and structure the vast majority of clubs reported very positive practices. Yet only half of the clubs reported support or recognition of Junior Showmanship, the encouragement of the Breeder of Merit program and full litter registration by

AKC Delegate Report

Connie Butherus

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breeders. Again the vast majority reported participating in multiple Breed appropriate events and activities yet 6 clubs offer Conformation only.

The All-Breeds Club Committee has conducted two surveys regarding Best Practices with 488 clubs having responded. The largest number of events are reported to be in the Pacific West, South Atlantic and Mid Atlantic areas. Of the clubs participating in the survey 80% have 2 shows a year with 71% of those being back to back events. The largest expenses reported in declining order were for the venue, Superintendent, hospitality and AKC fees. Two thirds of the clubs hold their shows within their designated territory. However, half of the clubs cited difficulty in finding venues due to cost, available dates, or "No Dogs Allowed" policies. Of those clubs needing to hold their events outside of their territory 86% received approval from the AKC to relocate. Over 50% of the shows are now held with clusters with the highest entries occurring at the Saturday show.

It was reported that the awarding of Championship points for Group placements of second, third and fourth has not been approved as yet....if ever.

The Forum was devoted to legislative concerns and issues. Sheila Goffe, VP, AKC Government Relations led the presentation on Working Together to Combat Anti-breeder Legislation. She was followed by Patti Strand of the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA). The AKC legislative group tracks bills relating to dogs and they have noted an increasing number of bills being introduced along with the increasing sophistication of the content. An example cited was the Bond for Care provision in the case of civil forfeiture due to alleged cruelty charges, with the dogs being seized and the owner required to pay for the care of the dogs up front prior to conviction. Another example was pet stores being allowed to sell only shelter/rescue dogs and not others. In addition local breeder, breed specific and spay/neuter laws continue to be put forth.

The animal rights groups have spent significant amounts of money in the placement of very emotional TV ads which in turn have generated significant amounts of money for their coffers. These ads have also planted the anti-breeder seed in public perception. The AKC response is one of positive messaging to get the AKC story out to the public, address legislative proposals, issue legislative alerts to clubs, use of Twitter alerts to legislative liaisons in the local clubs and focus on the fact that all politics is local. We, the fancy, are encouraged to volunteer, be the most informed resource and present reasonable options for solutions to the issues presented. The key points were to become acquainted with the local officials, invite them to club events, become a resource for all matters dog related, thank them for allowing participation in the process and get to know their staff.

NAIA has conducted an extensive study regarding the public's perception of the U.S. dog population. The relocation of dogs from shelter to shelter, state to state, territory to territory etc. to meet the demand for pets has become a huge enterprise. The question put forth being: is there an overpopulation or an over supply? Sixty four percent believe there is an overpopulation. Forty -six percent believe it is getting worse with 40% thinking it best to get a shelter dog and not buy from a breeder. It seems having a shelter dog has become a positive moral attribute these days.

There were no votes taken at the Delegates' Meeting with two proposed amendments being read to be voted upon at the September meeting. Both were minor changes regarding Rules Applying to Dog Shows about multiple-day shows and calculation of puppy ages, definition of professional handlers, and show closing dates when the date falls on a postal holiday by extending the deadline 24 hours.

The report of the Chairman, Ron Menaker, focused on the success in the use of social media by the AKC, the newly launched Marketplace and the GOOD NEWS of increased registration numbers. In 1992 the numbers began the downward trend which continued until 2015. This was further covered in the report of the CFO who cited that as of 5-31-16 registrations have increased 7% (litters) and 11% (dogs). This increase represents \$700,000.

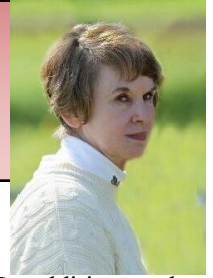
The CFO continued his report noting an increase in revenue, certified pedigree sales up 10%, royalties plus 31% and e-commerce showing an increase as well. Increases were cited for expenses and payroll which are obviously not on the plus side of the ledger. Investments yielded a 1.2% return of 1.1M.

The President's report by Dennis Sprung began with the new reinstatement procedure regarding dogs disqualified for having bitten. This follows an incident at a show in early May which highlighted a need for procedure revision. The changes implemented were: A two week advance notice to the Show Chairman of the show at which the reinstatement is proposed to be done; A list of all dogs disqualified in the past 5 years to be provided to show Superintendents. These dogs are not permitted to be entered at a show until reinstatement has occurred; A new insurance policy (portal to portal) for Judges; Positive identification of the offending dog at the time of the bite and at reinstatement via a DNA swab being obtained; Owners proof of insurance; A \$500. reinstatement fee; and The reinstatement assessment is to occur prior to the start of judging at the designated show.

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Connie Butherus

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There were a few questions posed regarding this new procedure but by and large it was deemed to be an improvement.

The President introduced Brandy Hunter who outlined the AKC Public Relations activities and initiatives. In addition to the yearly roll out of the most popular dog breeds, newly recognized breeds and the ever popular Meet the Breeds events there is now a thrust to control the message regarding negative press coverage. A series entitled I Am A Breeder is in test runs. There will be released in the Fall of this year PSAs regarding Pick the Right Breed and the value of the breeder. The Public Education effort, Club Communication, press releases, Agility, Rally, Duck Diving, AKC Humane Fund, AKC/CHF, donations, the Kids Corner and a Vet site by Dr. Jerry Klein are all part of the positive messaging being put forth by the PR Department.

In conclusion it was two days well spent in representing the AHCA at the June meetings. The information presented was more than worth the investment of time on my part.

The next meetings are scheduled for September 11 and 12 at the usual Newark Airport hotel.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Butherus
AHCA Delegate to the AKC

AHCA History and Archives

“What has Changed in 52 years”

Helen Stein



Since very little has transpired in connection with the Archives since the last issue of Topknot News, I submit the following Afghan Hound Club of America breed column from the August, 1964 issue of *Pure-Bred Dogs, American Kennel Gazette*. Written by Donald A. Smith, the content is timeless.

"The mail has brought so many good letters in response to recent columns that we wish it were possible to quote at length here from each and every one. As it is, we can do no more than say "Thanks" and attempt to pass along to other readers the gist of what these fanciers have had to say.

May's request for opinions on proper handling procedure brought replies from Wallace Pede, Arnold Hartman, Carol Duffy, and Paul and Sheila Werner, among others. These letters together with oral comments and discussions both in and outside the Parent Club leave little doubt that there is a clear consensus against not only tail-holding but also against head-holding and gaiting on a tight lead. It would also seem plain that all three of these practices are today prevalent coast-to-coast.

The Standard's discussion of show-ring gait starts with the words "when shown on a loose lead", and it seems to me that it should hardly be necessary to explain that this is the way an Afghan Hound should always be shown -- not strung up by the neck when gaiting or, for that matter, when standing.

In expert hands, of course, a tight lead can help disguise a bad front gait, but in novice hands it more often completely wrecks what might be good movement. In either case, Afghan Hound gait certainly cannot be judged on a tight lead, and I feel it follows that any judge who puts an Afghan Hound up without seeing it move on a loose lead should be subject to severe reprimand -- to say the least.

Indeed, as a number of my correspondents point out, the judge is the crux of the problem. Handling styles inevitably consist of what the judges expect or tolerate. More than one exhibitor under Muriel Boger got the shock of their dog-show careers when the judge gave them a sharp rap on the knuckles of the hand holding the tail. She didn't have to do it very often. And there once were a good many judges who wouldn't even look at the gait until you had your dog moving at an easy pace on a loose lead.

Head-holding when posing your dog, whether held up by the lead or by a hand clamped on the muzzle, received a goodly number of brickbats in my mail. As Col. Pede points out, the Standard says "proudly carried head" and presumably this means proudly carried by the dog, not proudly held by the handler.

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“What has Changed in 52 years”

Helen Stein
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"Baiting" seems to be another practice to which some object but which others feel acceptable if it will keep the dog standing still and "natural". As the Werners note, however, "A dog slavering after a bit of boiled liver and prancing about on its hind legs hardly fits the description 'dignified', 'aloof' or even 'gay' ". If rumors recently heard are true, I would add here, parenthetically, that in some quarters this "baiting" business is being vastly overdone to the point of being inhumane and degrading.

Thus far I have listed only the major malpractices which seem to concern the fancy. There are, of course, many others not so easy to define and proscribe against. Carol Duffy summarizes it as follows: "I think all the present-day fidgeting and fussing is not only unnecessary, but distracting as well. It's not restricted to tail-holding. It's all the head-gripping, top-knot dusting, coat brushing, feet placing, back stroking, tummy pushing and neck stretching, etc., etc."

I think that the Werners summarize it very well in a positive way with the following suggested statement: "The Afghan Hound should be shown naturally. He is always presented clean and well-groomed. When standing for examination the handler should avoid unnecessary interference with the dog after the initial posing or necessary re-posing. The Afghan Hound is a free-moving dog and must be gaited on a loose lead."

There is assuredly much more to be said on these and other topics recently raised here, but this shall have to suffice for now.

In closing, just one bit of late news: After topping the Northern California specialty, Virginia Withington's Ch. Pandora of Stormhill went on to take two BIS awards in Montana, bringing her total to four all-breed bests and 14 Group firsts. This certainly represents the greatest number of BIS wins for any Afghan Hound bitch since before the time of Ch. Majara Mirza more than a dozen years ago -- and it may well be the all-time record for the female of the species."

Respectfully,
Helen Stein

Nuggets of Nostalgia

Do you know the
ladies and dogs in
this picture?



For the answer
see page 14



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW BREEDER-JUDGES

By Perry Rooks & Allan Reznik

Kirlyn Fouts - Judge, Breeder and Exhibitor

Did you grow up in a doggy household?

Growing up, Mom had 4 brothers that farmed and someone always had puppies. We never had any cats though. And the dogs were never allowed in the house. I guess that I was always “animal crazy” since I can remember raising multiple breeds of fancy pigeons, ducks, geese, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, and a brief stint with chinchillas.

When did you see your first Afghan Hound? Was it love at first sight and did you know this was the breed you wanted to devote your life to?

In the ‘60s Dog World magazine was available at most newsstands. I believe I still have the copy that opened my eyes to the breed. There was a photo of the breed, a brief write up of the kennel, and the breed standard. A list of dog show locations was in the back of the mag and my wife and I learned of an upcoming show in Omaha (only 75 miles from where we lived in Iowa). We talked to a few breeders, and “the hook was set”, so to speak.

Where and when did you get your first Afghan Hound?

At the above mentioned dog show in Omaha, we met Dorothy Cobb and her son-in-law (handler), Ralph Murphy. They had a young male with a couple of points and they were looking for a home for him. His name was Forrest Fire of Cobb’s Webb. He was a nephew of Ch. Shahmir’s Sampson that Ralph was handling. “Forrey” finished and we bought his younger half-sister, Space Rendezvous at Cobb’s Webb. Ralph showed both of them to their championships.

What are the defining characteristics of the breed for you?

The long arched neck, dead level topline with proper tail set, long silky coat, nice “houndy” head with a topknot and long beautiful ears. These all contribute to the look of the well balanced hound that I am looking for. Last but not least, when I watch them move, I want the hair to stand up on the back of my neck. To quote the late and great Anne Rogers Clark, “they are a goose pimple dog.”

What qualities do you worry we might be losing in the breed?

I would say for the most part, in my opinion that the breed is in pretty good shape. I have noticed that there are a few examples of poor tail carriage, but that is mostly in the minority.

Name two or three dogs and two or three bitches that were most influential in your breeding program.

I never was able to have a breeding program until quite late in life due to many obstacles and challenges. I went to the Grayslake Specialties in the late ‘70s and fell in love with Ch. Akaba’s Royal Flush. I had made arrangement to breed my bitch to him, but he was not available. Instead she was flown to California and was bred my other favorite of the day, Ch. Coastwind Gazebo. She did conceive, but did not live long enough to go full term and whelp the puppies.

Who do you consider the greatest Afghan Hound you ever saw?

All things considered, I would probably choose Ch. Tryst of Grandeur. She was magnificent.

Who were your mentors in the breed and in the sport?

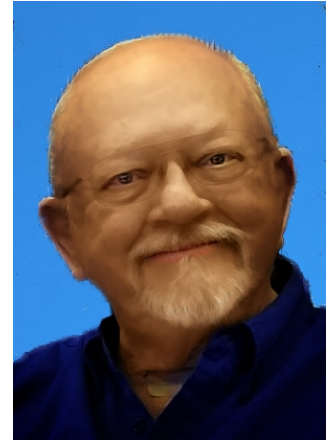
Easy answer to that question would be Bruce Clark and Stephen Fisher at Shylo. After my last tragedy in the breed, they made available to me our beautiful, “Halle” (Ch. Shylo Moonraker). She was almost finished when she came to us and they finished her easily. She was bred to their Swede, Xenos Comment son. 6 puppies were born and they just turned a year recently. They have done incredibly in the show ring. They also helped me to pick out GCh. Shylo Black And Blue All Over. He went Best in Sweeps at the National 2 years ago and won numerous Breeds, as well as several Specialty BOS and 2 Group 1’s. They have been so kind and helpful that I can’t say enough about their generosity.

Would you ever withhold awards?

Yes, I would. I feel as a judge, you are looked at to judge breeding stock and unworthy animals, in my opinion, should not be in a breeding program.

What advice would you give an exhibitor showing to you for the first time?

Bring me sound animals that exhibit breed type that can move.



Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP) – Summer, 2016

The Afghan Hound Club of America has received a check from Purina for our club's participation in the PPCPP.

Here are the stats:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Number of Parent Clubs participating	191	193
Total Dollars earned w/ weight circles	\$458,000.00	\$440,000.00
Afghan Hound fanciers signed up for PPCPP	421	412
Afghan Hound fanciers submitting weight circles	50	32
Amount received by AHCA from Purina (in 2013 AHCA earned \$604.73)	\$469.20	\$558.54
Amount received by Canine Health Foundation for the AHCA Donor Advised Fund	\$469.20	\$558.54

Remember, one does not need to be a member of AHCA to participate in this program, which benefits both the individual and the Afghan Hound Club of America.

Also, if you're not interested in submitting your weight circles to Purina, send them to me and I'll submit them on behalf of the AHCA.

As always, thanks very much to all who have participated in this program!

Helen Stein
PPCPP Liaison

Answer to Nuggets of Nostalgia From Page 12

"Silver Dream and Dragon Lady" -- Gini Withington (Stormhill) with Ch. Stormhill Silver Dream;
Judge Babbie Tongren; trophy presenter (unknown); Reigh Abram with Ch. Eljac's Dragon Lady
of Dureigh
photo circa 1960

If you recognize the "Unknown" member of this group please let the editor know.

REMINDER / UPDATE

— ITEMS FOR SALE —

Lt. Colonel Wally Pede is offering the items pictured in the last issue of Topknot News for sale to the highest bidder. These items are from his personal collection accumulated over his lifetime of involvement with dogs. Bids & questions should be submitted to Lt. Colonel Pede at privatepede@cox.net.

25% of the purchase price will be donated to the Afghan Hound Club of America in honor of Kay Pede.

All dimensions are approximate. Purchaser will be responsible for shipping.

Bids Close Oct. 1, 2016

REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATES

See AHCA National Information for Regional Specialties around that event

**Note: This information was gathered by TN Editor from other sources, and accuracy cannot be guaranteed.
Please refer to <http://www.akc> or <http://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org> for more detailed information*

<p>Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows) Auburn, WA Judge First Show: Lucy Orłowski Sweeps: Jan Butler Judge Second Show: Ken Tippie Sweeps: Lonnie Patterson Friday & Saturday August 5 & 6, 2016</p>	<p>Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club Romulus, NY Judge: Jacqueline Quiros-Kubat Sweeps: Karen Giles Saturday - October 1, 2016</p>
<p>Midwest Afghan Hound Club Lorain County Kennel Park, Ohio Judge: Michael Canalizo Sweeps: Erica Jantos Friday - August 12, 2016</p>	<p>Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Assoc. (2 Shows) Frenchtown, NJ Judge First Show: Dominique Gorgon-Denis Sweeps: Melissa Williams Judge Second Show: H. Russell Hastings III Sunday - October 9, 2016</p>
<p>Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus Lorain County Kennel Park, Ohio Judge: Rachel Irvin Sweeps: Deb Coudriet Saturday - August 13, 2016</p>	<p>Sand "N See Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows) Ocala, Florida Judge First Show: Denise Ross Sweeps: Linda Jackson Judge Second Show: Erika Peters Sweeps: Anthony Saia Friday & Saturday - November 18 & 19, 2016</p>
<p>Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio Lorain County Kennel Park, Ohio Judge: Nancy P. Self Sweeps: Neva Jean Johnson Sunday - August 14, 2016</p>	<p>Omaha Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows) Council Bluffs, Iowa Judge First Show: Patrick Gilfoyle Sweeps: Julie Lux Judge Second Show: Joan Weatherly Sweeps: Joy Atkins Miller Saturday & Sunday - November 26 & 27, 2016</p>
<p>Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows) Lake Elmo, MN Judge First Show: Gil Ullom Sweeps: Dr. Aaron Todd Miller, MD Judge Second Show: John Roger Morton Friday - August 26, 2016</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> FOR SALE</p> <p>The Afghan Hound Club of America Topknot News is now offering business card size (approximately 2.5" x 3.75" same as this size) For Sale Ads. Ads are to be for Afghan Hound related items which are for sale or services. <i>No "Win" ads or other animal ads</i> will be accepted. Acceptance or rejection of ads is at the sole discretion of the Afghan Hound Club of America BOD.</p> <p>Cost is \$50/issue or \$125/3 consecutive issues. Ads must be submitted camera ready. Submit to Editor, Topknot News hrh3judge@verizon.net</p>
<p>Afghan Hound Club of Greater Denver (2 Shows) Greeley, CO Judge First Show: Chris Kaiser Sweeps: Penny Whitaker Judge Second Show: Pam Bruce Sweeps: Nanci Alderman Thursday & Friday September 8 & 9, 2016</p>	
<p>Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty Warwick, RI Judge Dogs/Intersex: Stephen Fisher Judge Bitches: Dr. Jerry Klein Sweeps: Rosemary Sutton Saturday-Wednesday - September 17-21, 2016</p>	
<p>Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club Warwick, RI Judge: Diane Burvee Sweeps: Christine Farrar Thursday - September 22, 2016</p>	
<p>Potomac Afghan Hound Club Warwick, RI Judge: Jan Swayze Curry Sweeps: Leslie Stoffels Thursday - September 22, 2016</p>	

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Afghan Hound Club of
America 2017 Breeders' Cup
Charlotte, NC
April 29, 2017

AHCA INVENTORY ITEMS AVAILABLE

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Inventory of Items For Sale

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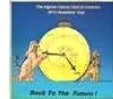
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Ways & Means

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Directors Chairs/side table
Green 7 \$40.00

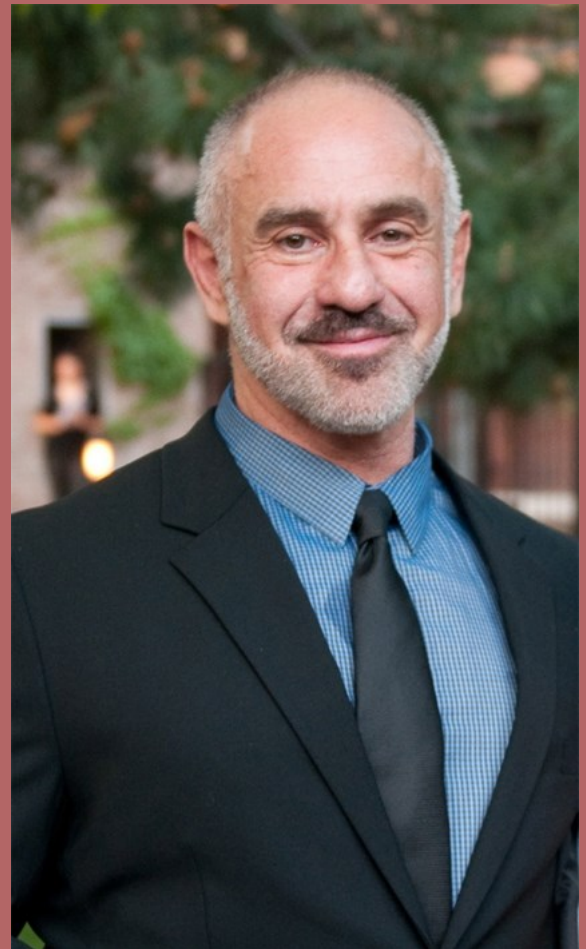
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Pink /3 Sage/3 Gray/1 Beige/2

The 80th National Specialty Show

The Judges



**STEPHEN FISHER,
DOGS AND INTERSEX**



**JERRY KLEIN,
BITCHES AND JUNIOR
SHOWMANSHIP**

Some of the Art Auction Items



Kay Finch
"Johnny"



June Boone
Silk



Original
Peter Belmont

The 80th National Specialty Show
The Judges



**ROSEMARY SUTTON,
SWEEPSTAKES**



**LURE COURSING,
DENISE COMO**



The 80th National Specialty Show

See Back Cover for Details

Schedule of Events

<u>Saturday 9/17</u>	Agility AHCA Board Meeting	off site all day
<u>Sunday 9/18:</u>	AKC & ASFA Lure Coursing Evening Welcome Party/Meet & Greet	off site 4 pm – 6 pm - indoors
<u>Monday 9/19:</u>	Morning Obedience / Rally Mid Morning Sweepstakes Triathlon, Liberty Afternoon Dog Judging Breed Education & Dinner	morning - indoors outside grounds outside grounds outside grounds 6 pm – 10 pm
<u>Tuesday 9/20:</u>	Morning Judges Education Seminar Late Morning Jr Show Late morning Bitch Judging General Membership Meeting Art Auction & Dinner	9 am outside grounds outside grounds 2 pm – 5 pm 6 pm – 10 pm
<u>Wednesday 9/21</u>	Morning Rescue Meeting Regional Club Meeting Parade of Rescues Afternoon Best of Breed Judging Gala/Awards Dinner	8 am – 9 am 9 am – 10 am prior to BOB outside grounds 6 pm – 10 pm
<u>Thursday 9/22</u>	AM Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club PM Potomac Afghan Hound Club	outside grounds outside grounds

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