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Letter from the Editor

The Afghan Hound Breeders' Cup this year was chaired by Linda Shipley and she created an event to remember in Charlotte. We feature pictures of the winners in this issue not because their owners have some special stature in the breed, or our club, but because they were the winners of one of our National events. That is Afghan Hound News and reporting the news surrounding the Afghan Hound Club of America and the Afghan Hound in America is our mission, as well as educating our readers/members and hopefully entertaining you a bit. If you want to see pictures of Afghans winning local shows get a copy of one of the Dog Show magazines. Their mission is to publish win pictures, it's not the mission of Topknot News.

I hope you enjoy this issue. It contains some timely information on Canine Influenza and Foxtail, a little known nemesis of which we all need to be aware. There is also a great tribute to one of the giants of our breed, Lt. Col. Wally Pede.

If you see a member of the TN staff at a show come say "hi" and let us know how we are doing.

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Attention AHCA Members

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

Dorma Sue Busby



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by
Ken Amos, President



The results are in!

I just received the results of the ballot initiatives that were sent for a vote by the general membership last month. 204 members voted — almost 60% of our membership, a great response!

5 of the initiatives passed and one was rejected. 4 of the items were changes to our By-Laws and required a 2/3rd majority of ballots cast (137 out of 204) while 2 of them were changes to our Policies & Procedures and only required a simple majority.

1. By-Law Article IV, Section 2 to allow for e-balloting: (168 Yes) (33 No) (3 Abstain) **PASSED**
2. By-Law Article I Section 1 to add a 4th type of membership (non-voting)—Associate Membership: (171 Yes) (31 No) (2 Abstain) **PASSED**
3. By-Law Article III, Section 3 to add language for the duties of the club Treasurer: (197 Yes) (7 No) (0 Abstain) **PASSED**
4. By-Law Article IV, Section 4 to allow the Board to use telephone conference calls: (190 Yes) (13 No) (1 Abstain) **PASSED**

P&P changes requiring a majority vote:

801.2. When the National Specialty is held with Regional Club Specialty Shows it may be scheduled before or after the Regional Specialty Shows: (155 Yes) (49 No) **PASSED**

900. To combine the Breeders' Cup and National Specialty into a single event: (99 Yes) (105 No) **REJECTED**

Several of these issues were minor updates to the By-Laws while some were long standing arguments that needed a full membership vote to decide. The next step is to submit the vote to the AKC for their approval to change our By-Laws. Once that is received (we modeled the language after AKC recommended By-Laws so I am confident of approval) we will update the By-Laws and begin the process of crafting the necessary P&Ps around Associate Membership.

The only requirement for membership in our By-Laws is that “membership is open to all legal residents of the United States of America who are eighteen years of age or older and in good standing with the American Kennel Club, who subscribe to the purposes of this Club, and who conform to the Election to Membership process”. We just added the associate membership as a non-voting status entitled to all other club privileges except for office holding. How many years in the breed and other specifics have to be spelled out in P&Ps.

More work to be done. But thanks to all who cast their ballots!

Ken Amos, President
Afghan Hound Club of America

29TH ANNUAL AHCA BREEDERS' CUP

April 28, 2017 — Charlotte, NC

Best of Breeders' Cup

Ch. Sura Spring Fever

GCh. Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura x
GCh. Kasban Sura Spring Fling

Breeder: Suzanne J. & Wm R. Neill, Alicia Jones & Laura Part Mauldin

Owner: Suzanne J. Neill, Christine O'Connor & J. Bartlett



Best of Opposite Sex

Just Meant To Be Of Meadow Valley

Xenos Torque x XOXO
Sugar Baby Love Of Meadow Valley

Breeder: Ria Wagner & Toni Wagner

Owner: Meg & Bill Turner



29TH ANNUAL AHCA BREEDERS' CUP

Judges Critique

JoAnn Jones — Jovan Afghan Hounds

April 28, 2017 — Charlotte, NC

Thank you breeders and the Afghan Hound Club of America for giving me the honor of judging the 29th annual Breeder's Cup. The parent club and Breeders' Cup owe thanks to the Carolina AHC and Tara AHC for the perfect setting for this show. Everyone worked so hard: members, friends, and anyone with Afghans to love. It was a success with the food, fun and raffles — a class act enjoyed by all. A big thank you!

I have always enjoyed reading critiques, but some appreciate them and some do not. I wish the entries had been larger, but the sign of the times is changing; litter registrations are becoming fewer and show numbers are declining. My heart is broken to accept this. I came into the breed during the popular years in the late 70s and 80s, which we will never see again, but I learned so much during those days. These dogs will have my heart forever.

Now for the discussion! The entries were of good quality. The headpieces were excellent: eyes, expression, chiseling, and good under jaws were evident, without a bad bite to be found. This was true for both sexes. I was very pleased! I found temperaments for both sexes very nice; no shyness, sharpness, or fear of strangers. All youngsters stood for examination like pros, which I appreciated. I had one teenage male give attitude, but the examination went fine. From my experience, those bad boys do outgrow this with age!

Overall, I found my entries to be nice and sound coming and going. This was refreshing; no kennel blindness here — found no cow hocks, hackneyed fronts, nor crossing over on the side movement. The years of the extremely powerful rears without fronts to carry them seem to be gone. This was not present in any of my entries; I applaud you breeders.

I am concerned over the lack of arched necks and smooth shoulders. I found at least a dozen short, narrow necks going into sharp shoulder blades. This was my only comment on otherwise beautifully bred puppies. My only other concern: I had to search for natural, bowed rears. You can create a bowed rear, by turning the toe in to open the hocks, but left to stand on their own... This is why I always have exhibits stand on their own in the middle of the ring in a natural stance, and I walk behind rears. This tells all. Cowboy rears please come back in style!

And finally, natural muscling should be cherished in our Afghan Hounds. I would have expected to see more muscling in the older exhibits.

Individuals:

6-9 Puppy Dog:

Just a Dream of Meadow Valley, (cream): I enjoyed looking at this male. He will be a nice, upcoming star. He is a handful at this age, as handler was having a hard time keeping all four legs on the ground in the stack. Easy and nice on the move.

9-12 Puppy Dog:

High Kaliber's Air Jordan (blk masked red): Very handsome and correct size. This male captured my attention walking into the ring. Muscular, nice solid top, bowed rear, with nice lift. I knew he was going to be a mover, but felt the handler could have moved him out more. Quality animal.

12-15 Dog:

Criston Argus (blue brindle): Handled to perfection on the move. Open gait, sound. I would've liked more natural muscling and fuller body.

15-18 Dog:

Ch. Sura Spring Fever (dark blue): What can I say? Keen eye expression, chiseled head, arched neck into smooth flat shoulders, solid topline, bowed rear. These were my first thoughts upon touching him, but would he move? Yes, he did move! I could not take my eyes off him; he was going to be hard to beat.

18-21 Dog:

Llacie's Salvador Dali (dark red brindle): Beautiful head, topline, nice to go over, he also needed more muscle and body at this age. I hope he matures later with stronger loin and muscles.

6-9 Puppy Bitch:

Just Meant to Be of Meadow Valley (blue): I never talked about any class but this class. There were four young ladies to die for. I could've watched them move all day, and they could've managed that task. My choice was handled so correctly for the feminine, dynamic mover she was. I would not change a thing, except her tail is straight. Hoping the ring develops.

9-12 Puppy Bitch:

High Kaliber's Swoosh (black and silver): Beautiful head and eyes. I loved her femininity and size. She had a good topline, front, and bowed rear. Easy and light on the move. I liked this baby girl a lot.

12-15 Bitch:

Paladin's Sweet Tart of Spice Hill (black and silver): Beautiful eye and nice honest movement. Easy and balanced with correct style.

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Judges Critique – (Continued)

JoAnn Jones — Jovan Afghan Hounds

15-18 Bitch:

Kominek's Electra at Wicked (blk masked red): This bitch I could not fault. Nice front and rear; I would just like a little more open side gait.

18-21 Bitch:

Ch. Jorogz' Girl in the Diamond Slippers (blk masked red): Here she is: the feminine, natural-saddled, classic red bitch. Perfect to go over, nice coming and going, but would not gait. Something seemed to have upset her. I worked hard to find a comfortable speed for the team, and she was composed enough to win the class. I was not embarrassed to use this quality bitch.

Summary:

My dog line up: 128(15-18), 134(18-21), 112(9-12). I had them stand one at a time in the middle with no interference from the handlers. But that 128 took my breath away--perfection! And then the movement--exciting to have this male entered in my ring. Ch. Sura Spring Fever had to be my Best!

Now my girls: 105 (6-9), 115 (9-12), 129 (12-15). Same ring procedure with self-stacks in the center. The 105 bitch covered the large ring with controlled gait and with such femininity and carriage. Just Meant to Be of Meadow Valley was my Best of Opposite. Congratulations to breeders Suzanne and William Neill, Laura Mauldin, and Alicia Morrison Jones. You are a treasure to the breed and hats off to this magnificent dog. Congratulations to Ria Wagner as well. You have such a classic eye for the breed. I enjoyed your lovely entry; thanks for breeding her.

Sincerely, JoAnn Jones - Jovan Afghan Hounds

2017 AHCA National Specialty

Joy Atkins-Miller

1. AHCA2017.COM 'store'.

- a. Sue Busby has volunteered to do the Ways & Means we will be offering at the store and on site.
- b. I am not doing a Raffle like last year.
- c. Evening Event menus: Breeders Seminar is complete; Art Auction & Awards menu will be selected by June 10. Erika Peters is ready to take reservations. Ticket sales preferably will be by check, with the names written on the check for clarity in tracking dinners paid for. I emailed Erika that this HAS to be done so AHCA does not lose money as happened at the Breeders Cup. I have put it out on Facebook and will continue to do so.

2. Show Sponsor. Nestlé Purina has agreed to be our main Show Sponsor to the amount of over \$3500. They will provide us bags w/ sample products in them and will have the Preserving the Future logo on one side. Since N-P usually only offers 100, I negotiated the number to 175. I am seeking donations to fill with exhibitor goodies. Since I joined us with IHCUS on performance, AHCA exhibitors will have access to the state of the art Bathing Room inside the Event Center, as well the 24 hour Service Center with 2 tubs there to groom and showers for exhibitors.

3. Chairman Positions: 2017 NATIONAL CHAIRS

Show Chair, Joy Atkins-Miller

Media Wizard, Erica Jantos

Breed Seminar, Barb Bornstein

Agility, Mikki Razor

Trophies, Rhonda Miklacic

Dinner Res, Erika Peters

Ways & Means, Sue Busby

National Anthem, Patrick Byrne

OR-Tri & Sec, Vickie Fagre-Stroetz

Decorations, Joy & Anna Tyler

Show Supt, Foy Trent

Emer Response, Joy & Purina

Announcer, Allan Reznik

Art Auction, Donahue and Pfeil

Auctioneer, Jason Taylor

Awards Dinner, [OPEN](#)

Awards MC, Stephen Fisher

Awards Chair, Barb Hastings

Breed Education, Barb Bornstein

Catalog Advertising, [OPEN](#)

Catalog Sales, Sue Busby

Chief Ring Steward, Lex requested Tony Saia (not confirmed)

Club>Show Sales, Sue Busby/Becky Morisette

Grounds, Joy and EXHIBITORS

Judges Education, Harry Bennett (not confirmed)

Judges Hospitality, Lee & Mike Canalizo

Jr Seminar, Alicia Morrison Jones

Lure Coursing, Eddie Kominek

Rescue Raffle, Martha Powell

Vendors, Jody Gardner

Dinner Reservations, Erika Peters

2017 AHCA National Specialty

Joy Atkins-Miller

(Continued)

4. Hotel Room Nights/RVs: As of May 28, 565 room nights have been booked at the Holiday Inn. There are only a few rooms left. Ken has signed a contract with the Comfort Inn, Pacific, MO at my bequest that has open availability for any overflow. RVs and their rentals have lowered the room counts in my opinion. AHCA will make \$10 per night from Sept. 10-14 on all RVs. The total cost is \$40 per night, payment made to AHCA. Bob Jordan takes our \$10 per night out and sends a check to Three Rivers KC for \$30 per night. I will not have an idea of how many RV-ers until June 1st.

5. Agility/Obedience/Rally:

Agility Classes at the Ibizan Hound Club of the U.S. Agility Trial will be considered our National Trial, to be held inside the Purina Event Center on Tuesday, Sept. 12. IHCUS' CLOSING DATE IS TUESDAY, AUG. 29TH. IHCUS entry fees: \$25, first entry; \$20, 2nd entry of the same dog; \$15, each add'l entry of the same dog. IHCUS accepts online entries through LabTested Online: <http://www.labtestedonline.com/>

Because AKC does not allow one club to hand out another club's placement rosettes or trophies, it is a problem that I am going to have to solve. AHCA is getting our Agility at no cost.

Obedience and Rally judges costs will be shared with IHCUS. That is our only cost.

6. Coursing:

Selma and Eddie have the AKC & ASFA consents, the premiums in the works, have "hired" Leonore Abordo, Sandra Moore and Dr. Anne Midgarden as our judges, but I have no copies of their contracts. Lure Coursing will be held at N-P's Herding Field at Purina Farms, our Show site. I have contacted Alan Ansalm, president of SLASH, to contact Eddie and share his knowledge of the Field and equipment.

7. Art Auction:

We have XXX items donated towards the live and silent auctions. Items are coming in.

8. Vendors: Jody Gardner and I are getting the Vendor info together to get out. Apparently there are more requests for information than I was led to believe there would be at an outdoor show. We will get the info out soon. I have eight 10' X 10' spaces under the Main Show Tent. Morgan's Market has requested space for their own tent.

9. Premium List: Eddie has done the LC premiums. Vickie Fagre and I have worked hard updating the Triathlon Premium. I am finishing up on Obedience, Rally and Conformation Premium Lists changes and will email them to the Officers and BOD for approval by the AHCA Board.

10. Site plan: The Site Plan is attached below. We have a 40' X 80' tent with no center interior poles. There are 5 poles staked on each long side; one each at the center of the short ends.

11. Streaming Video: I have not pursued streaming video. I do have a videographer to record each class. The intention is to make DVD copies and offer them for sale at a reasonable price or upload them to You Tube immediately.

12. Trophies: Rhonda Miklacic with help from her son, using Eddie's detailed zip file, stepped up to take over the Trophy Donations. She has already sent out a mailing of 200. Julie Roche's \$5000 for trophies includes tall, sculptures pots for all major National wins (HIT, BOB, etc.), BOW, BOS, R/WD, R/WB, BBBE, BP, Best Brace, BSDog, BBBitch, BIS, BOS to BIS and Sculpted figurines for all First Place winners.

13. Supporting Specialties: The Afghan Hound Club of St Louis will be the only supporting Specialty. However, the Gateway Hound Club is holding their all Hound Show, including Sweeps, on Friday, Sept. 15, as well. Of course, Three Rivers KC wants AHCA supported entries. If that could happen, I need to know ASAP.

2017 Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty

Judges

LEX ROBERTSON

Dogs and Intersex

My fascination with Afghan hounds started at a young age from reading my giant little golden book entitled simply, "Dogs". Although there were 40 breeds with descriptive paragraphs and pictures, which I read and re-read till the pages loosened from the binding and the cover became cracked, only one totally captured my heart.

The first time I actually saw an Afghan Hound was nearly 60 years ago. Someone with a red brindle Afghan Hound was visiting my neighbor. Of course I could barely contain myself and I ran across the alley to gleefully proclaim to the owner and my neighbors that I knew what breed of dog I was actually looking at while my heart beating so hard they could probably see it. Of course I had to ask if I could please pet the dog. I was ecstatic that I was finally



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Judges — (Continued)

able to touch this enchanting creature that I had only read about. I remember her with all this neck, the darkest of eyes, big hip-bones, a lovely ring tail and draped in the silkiest of brindle coats. This may seem like a trite way to start a biography, but the truth is I have never lost this heart pounding adoration for what to me is The Breed! Over the years I have bred a few good dogs, that I was proud to have carry the Xandali banner. The name Xandali was derived from a part of mine, and my wife at that time first names, in the great tradition of Sandy and Glorvina, and many more who came before me.

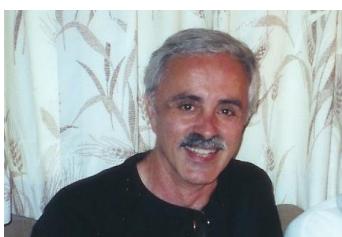
I showed quite a few dogs for other people, friends mostly, and then some clients that became friends. I think that time gave me a wider perspective of the breed as a whole, by having my hands on dogs who displayed virtues that were important to the people who bred them. We have so many intrinsic details in our breed, which gives the breeder the possibility to place a focus on one detail, or some above all others, thereby slightly changing the look that one promotes to the fancy.

To be asked to judge the AHCA National Specialty is a dream come true, and an honor and privilege that I will not soon forget.

If I seem to be a little flushed and you notice what looks like a heart beating fast under my shirt, please don't call the paramedics, it will just be my sheer joy at being in the center of such a glorious ring.

Thank you again for this esteemed honor.

Best,
Lex Robertson
Xandali



RICHARD SOUZA

Bitches & Jr. Showmanship

Richard Souza has been active in purebred dogs for over fifty years. In his primary breed, Afghan Hounds, he along with Mike Dunham has bred over 80 champions including two National Specialty B.I.S. winners, 15 individual Specialty B.I.S. winners, and Ch. Coastwind Gazebo, the top Afghan in the country for 1969-1970. In addition to being a National Specialy winner, B.I.S. Ch.

Coastwind Abraxas, also broke the longstanding record for top producing sire held for many years by the great Ch Shirkhan of Grandeur. Abraxas held that title for twenty years.

The siring power of the Coastwind stud force produced nearly 250 A.K.C. champions of record during that period in the breed often referred to as "The Golden Age of Afghans"—a time when breed entries and population were the highest on record and remains unparalleled competition to the present day. Most American kennels today can boast of having Coastwind in their pedigrees.

In other sight hound breeds, Mr. Souza has bred Saluki champions, an all breed B.I.S. winning Whippet and a National Specialty winning Whippet.

As a judge, Mr. Souza has had the privilege of evaluating and critiqing sight hounds in Germany, France, Spain, Sweden, Australia, South Africa and Canada and, most recently, England. He is a founding member and past president of Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club and past Vice President and Show Chairman of Del Monte Kennel Club.



ROBERT DiNICOLA

Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes

& Triathlon Conformation

In 1976 Angela and I purchased our first Afghan Hound from Carl Sanders and Walter Green, Champion Zebec Paragon of Anrob, *Zappa*. *Zappa* Sired 18 Champion Get, one of which was Best In Show, SBIS winning Champion Anrob's Gone with the Wind, *Gable*. In his illustrious show career *Gable* went on to win 38 Group 1's. That was pretty good for just showing on Sundays. Thank you Judy Umeck for breeding this fabulous dog and litter.

In our 40 years of breeding, raising and showing Afghan Hounds our dogs were always owner handled. To date we have bred co-bred and owned over 40 Champion Afghan Hounds. I have been a 40 year member of the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey, holding many positions from President to Board Member. Currently I am the Club's treasurer. I still live with five beautiful Afghan Hounds.

Robert DiNicola, *Anrob*



AKC Delegate Report

Connie Butherus



Historically the June meetings are the least attended meetings of the four quarterly AKC Delegate meetings. There does not seem to be a detectable reason for this less than optimum turn out yet the tradition remains from year to year. Those who chose to absent themselves from the June 2017 series of meetings missed out on some important and relevant information. One is able to read the minutes and become informed of the meeting content however the flavor of the discussion, the back and forth exchange of ideas and the networking with the other Delegates and AKC Staff are often of equal significance.

On Sunday June 11th I met with a Sub Committee of the Delegate Parent Club Committee working with non AKC member Parent Clubs. As additional breeds are recognized and begin the process of full AKC recognition members of this Sub Committee are available to mentor and assist them in attaining the desired full recognition. Most but not all of these Parent Clubs seek member status. As of the above noted meeting eight of us are working with about 25 Parent Clubs.

There are significant advantages to Parent Clubs (PC) in having member status. First and the most important being the ownership of the breed standard. AKC member Parent Clubs OWN their breed standard. Not so for non member Parent Clubs. In addition member clubs are entitled to a Delegate who has both voice and vote regarding the governing rules, timely access to relevant information, notices, changes and all manner of content affecting the sport. Delegates are able to attend any of the Committee meetings. For a PC Delegate the Parent Club Committee meeting is a must. It is devoted to all matters dealing with the mission, structure, functions and scope of Parent Clubs. An active e-list is available to PC Delegates which enables and fosters exchange of information and ideas. Lastly AKC member clubs are entitled to reduced approval fees for their events.

Monday June 12th began with the meeting of the Parent Club Committee. The Sub Committees reported on their progress over the last quarter. Information was presented by the Rescue Alliance Group, Archives, Self-Evaluation, Future Conferences, Non member PCs and Group Realignment Sub Committees. Additionally the Legislative Sub Committee had a presentation by Sheila Goffe who heads the AKC legislative matters area. She spoke of the need for community residents to be keenly aware of local ordinances which can and do impact pure breed dog owners and breeders. These local enactments often make their way up the ladder of regulation to the State legislature for action. At that level the AKC may well be informed and do an e-mail blasts to the dog fancy in the targeted State. A Liaison list for Parent Club legislative chairs is now available on Facebook at doglaw@akc.org.

The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program continues to grow in leaps and bounds. In March a total of 57,700 AKC certificates had been awarded. As of June 1, 2017 there were 62,400 on the books. CGC testing is available to any AKC registered dog. Pure bred and Canine Partner (Mixed Breed) are on equal footing when earning a CGC certificate.

There was a good bit of discussion regarding the AKC Marketplace which will be relaunched in October of this year having

been renovated, renewed, refreshed and rehabilitated. It will provide a place for breeders to advertise their breeding program and puppies. Parent Club recognized rescue groups will be able to list available dogs at no charge we have been told. The Parent Club designated breed referral individual will be listed for every breed club having submitted that contact information. It was suggested that each Parent Club designate a liaison to monitor the information published on the Marketplace. For example there have been instances where some of the advertising breeders have falsely claimed Parent Club membership, Breeder of Merit status, etc. Errors of this kind will be corrected if reported but go unchallenged otherwise.

A Puppy of Achievement (POA) pilot program was announced in which puppies between 4 and 6 months of age can earn non championship points toward a POA certificate. It is based on a point system of puppies defeated at shows offering this competition. Last year there were over 600 of these classes offered with nearly 11,000 entries reported. This program will be in place for one year and then evaluated regarding its continuance.

The Canine College is up and running with future Judges and those expanding their approved breeds flocking to be tested. It is to be noted that the content of this on line coursework and testing is not Parent Club approved nor created. It is the produce of the AKC and its Staff. Parent Clubs will be contacted when their breed is to be included. The Parent Club Committee has requested that the breed videos developed by the AKC a number of years ago be included for reference as the content of these videos has the seal of approval of each Parent Club.

The issue of altered dogs and bitches in competition was once again raised. This past year the AKC BOD denied a proposal expanding the existing provisions regarding altered veterans and non- regular classes. The new request would allow the following:

Champion dogs and bitches who are veterans and have been altered to; Make an entry in the Best of Breed class; and Not having to have first won the non-regular competitive Veterans class in order to compete in the Best of Breed class.

This provision would be limited to independent National Specialty shows. More to follow on this but please do not hold your breath in anticipation of this becoming a reality anytime soon.

At the Dog Show Rules Committee there was a great deal of discussion regarding the need for additional regular classes to be offered for Bred By Exhibitor puppies. The reason for this request being that earning points in the regular puppy classes disqualifies the exhibit for the Bred by Exhibitor (BBE) medallion awarded to those dogs who complete their Championship solely from the BBE class. The addition of an 18 to 24 month class was also proposed. Some of us wondered why the need for additional classes when at least two of the existing classes, Amateur Owner Handled and Novice classes are rarely if ever entered much less adding up to 6 additional classes. The matter was kicked up the ladder to the AKC BOD.

At the Coordinating Committee it was announced that AHCA's own Abbe Shaw was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Delegate's By Laws Committee.

At the Forum the following day Dealing With Misconduct and getting it right the first time was presented by the AKC Staff, Patty Proctor of the Field Staff (AKA as The Rep) and Wanda Forlines the Director of Compliance. The standard used in

AKC Delegate Report

Connie Butherus

(Continued)



Experts at Cornell University Explain Dog Influenza

determining what is and what is not detrimental to the sport of dogs being a family attending a dog show for the first time. Would or would not the action, event, conduct, language or behavior exhibited offend this family or deter them from future engagement with the world of dog events? That is the question to be considered by an Event Committee. The procedures to be followed were reviewed as each Delegate present dearly hoped and prayed that he or she would never be involved in any way in the proceedings being described at the podium. A bit of advice was given for one and all on a show committee and especially those designated to be on the Event Committee " keep the bright blue book, Dealing With Misconduct, with you at all times during the show" and lastly it is not advisable to have the Show Chair on the Event Committee due to the other duties that person must see to.

At the Delegate meeting sixteen new Delegates were introduced and 2 new Parent Clubs were voted into member status, the Hungarian Pumi Club of America and the American Polish Lowland Sheepdog Club.

The items voted on and passed were 3 amendments regarding field trial rules and one dealing with the Grand Championship points awarded to winning exhibits from the non-regular classes. The points awarded will be the same system used for the regular classes, total number of eligible dogs defeated.

The President's report by Dennis Sprung focused on the legislative and outreach aspects of the organization. Items cited included National Pure Bred Dog Day (May 1st), the AKC Legislative Conference, Responsible Dog Ownership Day, AKC Lobby Day held at the Capitol in Washington D.C. The report concluded with a video.

The CFO's report was a positive picture of the financial health of the AKC with growth demonstrated in most areas. Increases were reported in registrations of dogs (6.5%) and litters (6.6%). Registrations, the core business of the AKC, have turned the corner from the downward spiral we witnessed which began in the mid 1990s. Entries at events have increased which in turn resulted in increased income from the Event and Recording fees. Investments were reported to have had an increase of 5.2%. With entries having increased in Agility, Rally and CAT and new events being offered such as Scent Work the future looks promising in the performance and companion areas.

Proclamations honoring Alan Kalter and Carl Ashby were read and presented for work they had done as AKC Board members on the AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) Alan having founded the PAC while Chairman of the BOD and Carl for having served as Chair during his tenure.

The next series of Delegate meetings are scheduled for September 11 and 12 which as luck would have it will be in conflict with the AHCA National Specialty!!! Decisions, decisions, decisions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Butherus
AHCA Delegate to the AKC

ITHACA N.Y. (WENY) -- Experts at Cornell University say the recent outbreak of dog influenza in Chemung County was actually traced back to an outbreak nearly a thousand miles away.

Researchers at the Baker Institute say this strain started in Georgia then spread to Florida, and up the eastern seaboard. It even made its way to Texas. "A dog was supposedly at a show somewhere in the Midwest, came back into the Southern Tier and that's how we suspect it came here," says Edward Dubovi, professor of virology at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine's New York State Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC).

Research shows this particular strain can even be traced all the way back to an outbreak in Chicago in March of 2015.

The AHDC is working with nearly a dozen other laboratories across the country to continue to research and further investigate the virus.

"Turns out this particular strain came out of Korea with some dogs that were rescued there from the meat markets. The genetics link the virus directly back to Korea," Dubovi explains.

While two cases have been confirmed so far in Chemung County, one kennel (unable to be identified) has had some fatalities, possibly linked to this illness. "There were a number of dogs that died in that facility, but again we don't know how many of those were directly linked to flu. We know that one of the dogs that died had influenza, but there may be other factors associated with it also," says Dubovi. While many dogs don't show significant signs of being sick, owners can be on the lookout for symptoms similar to those found when dealing with the human flu, such as runny nose, loss of appetite, and lack of energy.

Dubovi says it can get worse from there.

"The danger involved in this is what we consider the secondary infection. There are a number of bacteria that the dogs carry, also, that once the lung defenses are compromised, these agents then enter and can cause major problems: so the secondary bacterial pneumonia," Dubovi says.

Dogs are at the highest risk of contracting the virus at animal shelters, boarding kennels, grooming salons, canine daycare, dog parks and other locations where the animals are in close quarters. There are preventative measures owners can take to protect their pups.

"One of their options is to actually vaccinate them for this strain of virus that's circulating out there. So there's vaccines which are available for this. The other option that you could do is just totally isolate your dog," Dubovi explains. Cornell University developed an interactive map where you can view cases being reported across the U.S. That webpage can be found here: <https://ahdc.vet.cornell.edu/news/civchicago.cfm>

Canine Health Report

Eileen Laudermlch



It is still too early for the 2nd quarter report but I have the results for the 4th quarter of 2016 and the first quarter of 2017. Apologies for the lateness of the 4th quarter but I was in the middle of some health issues. As per approval of the board, we made a full donation of \$2500 to Canine Health Foundation. This amount has been matched by the AKC. In August I will be attending the Canine Health Conference and the program proves to bee very informative and broad in scope.

The testing numbers for the 4th quarter of 2016 are as follows:

Hips: 27 total Excellent 14, Good 12 Fair 1 and Moderate Dysplasia 1

Eyes 17 tested all normal

Thyroid: 15 tested all normal

Dentition: 1 full

Heart: 1 normal Heart 1 Normal

elbows: 10 normal

AC 1 normal

Degenerative myleopathy (DM) 2 normal and 1 at risk.

The testing numbers for the 1st quarter of 2017 are as follows:

Hips: 24 tested Excellent 10, Good 12, Fair 2

Thyroid: 11 tested all normal

Eyes: 26 tested all normal

ACA: 5 all normal

Elbow: 2 normal 1 degenerative Joint disease unilateral right

The end of last year I also received reports of testing since 1977. I plan to share some of that information in TN Keep up the great work! Testing our beloved Afghan Hounds will help to maintain or improve the integrity of our breeding programs for generations to come. The Canine Health Foundation relies on donations from Parent clubs, Weight circle plans, individual donors, the AKC and Purina. Please consider a donation of any amount. Also, the "Walk of Fame" imprints walkway bricks at the Purina Center recognizing Champions, beloved dogs or participating clubs. The cost is \$100 with \$75 of that amount a donation which is tax deductible.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Laudermlch RN CCRN (ret)

Memorial

Members who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge:

Carol Esterkin

Susan Lascoe

Missed by us all.

Obedience/Rally/ Versatility

Lynda Hicks



2018 AKC National Obedience Championship will be held on March 24-25, 2018, and the AKC Rally National Championship will be held on March 23, 2018 at the Purina Event Center, Gray Summit, MO.

There are a number of new Rally classes, titles, rules, and exercises which will become effective in November. Those are still in the process of finalization by AKC, and information will be updated as it becomes available on the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/events/rally/news-updates/>

Due to the many changes in AKC Obedience and Rally rules over the past few years, a number of AHCA's current P&P's are outdated. I have attached a request to the board to consider several modifications and clarifications of our current policies to take the newer AKC rule changes into consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda Hicks

Rescue Report Martha Powell



The Directors of the Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue Charitable Trust (AHCARCT) have decided that it would be in the best interest of rescue Afghans and The Afghan Hound Club of America (AHCA) to dissolve the trust and turn all remaining funds over to Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue. Based on that decision a new organization is being formed called Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue (AHCAR). This new organization will be a 501C3 so that all contributions will still be tax deductible. The Board of Directors will consist of the current Board of Directors of AHCA. The President of AHCAR will be elected from the members of the current Board of AHCA and the Executive Director of AHCAR will be the current AHCA Rescue Chairman who is appointed by the President of AHCA. At the June meeting of the AHCA Board of Directors H. Russell Hastings was elected President of AHCAR and Martha Powell agreed to continue to serve as AHCA Rescue Chairman and as Executive Director of AHCAR. It is the belief of all involved that this new streamlined organization will better serve the needs of rescue Afghans and help us continue to fulfill our operating philosophy of "First the Hounds".

In May there were 29 Afghan Hounds seized in a cruelty investigation case and placed in a kill shelter located in San Bernardino, CA. The owners of the dogs subsequently released them for adoption. Through the combined efforts of AHCAR and Afghan Hound Rescue of Southern California all of these Afghan Hounds were adopted to regular homes or foster homes. All will be spayed or neutered. AHCAR will assist with costs.

Junior Showmanship Alicia Jones

- Tara Richardson and I will be conducting the Junior Showmanship seminar at the National. The number of participating Juniors will determine the length of the seminar. As a Purina Ambassador, Tara will reach out again this year for items for the Juniors bag (ie., spray bottle, towel, apron, slip lead, etc).
- I have been in touch with Barb Bornstein regarding the Breed Education Seminar, "The Essence of the Breed". She came up with the idea of Juniors attending the seminar. Jerry Bazar and Tracee Elwess have donated money to the seminar, so Barb will be allowing Juniors to attend free of charge. The only requirement is each Junior must submit their AKC Juniors number with their reservation. Barb also suggested I contact Erika Peters and have a table designated as a Juniors table. I could sit with them during the seminar and answer any questions.
- I have been researching Juniors who may qualify for *The Young Sportsman Scholarship Award*. There are six Afghan Hound Juniors listed in the 2027 rankings. The only one I know that is within the required age range of 16-20 is Hartley Hall. I have not reached out to her or her parents yet as I'd like to confirm the ages of the Juniors listed in the rankings. I will inquire with the Board regarding posting an advertisement for the scholarship on the AHCA Facebook page.



Mentor Program Christine Pinkston

This 'committee' has had no recent submissions from participating members. However, I have had several inquiries from judges and prospective judges looking for assistance locating a ringside mentor. These I pass along to Harry Bennett.



In regards to this committee:

Surprisingly it has become apparent that not all breeders/or sellers of Afghan Hounds are furnishing the new home with contact information in the case where 1. the dogs are going out of the area and 2. There is a local Afghan Hound regional club and local persons who can be of help. Sounds simple. It is simple. Please remember to do this.

Christine

Lure Coursing & Web Page Eddie Kominek



The AHCA will be holding two ASFA trial weekends this summer at Kominek Farm in Limestone, TN: 6/24-25 and 8/12-13. Profits from both trials are going to fund judging expenses at the 2017 National in St. Louis. Premiums available on the AHCA website and accessible from the AHCA Facebook Page.

Website initial overhaul from Joomla 2.5 to 3.7 completed. Layout was overhauled including a responsive template which looks much better on tablets and phones. Several interior pages need to be revamped, content updated and layouts reformatted. AHCA member participation is requested in the form of media such as videos on grooming, care of the afghan, training, etc. Statistics pages were updated with 2016's info. Calendar was upgraded to DPCalendar professional. Meeting minutes from the prior board meetings uploaded. New members were added to the website as users.

National Liaison Brenda Brody



Happy to report that plans are in progress for the 2018 National to be held in CO. And there are at least 3 sites that are in consideration for the 2019 National that will soon be presented to the Board. Plus there are 2 different locations with proposals for the 2018 Breeders' Cup.

Thank you to those members who have taken it upon themselves to get involved with these events.

Brenda Brody



Judges Education Harry Bennett

I have been contacted by DJAA requesting our participation with an Afghan Hound seminar on Thursday, July 20th in Houston, TX at the Reliant set of shows. If anyone is interested in assisting with the presentation or may be available and willing to participate with dog (s) for the Hands-on portion please contact me. I will need 6 representatives for proper certification of these prospective breed judges.

As usual, the Judges Education Seminar will be conducted on the day of the Regular Class Bitch judging at our upcoming National Specialty.

Over the Breeders' Cup weekend, I met with President Ken and Christine Pinkston to discuss the distinction of Judge mentorship, requirements, and extent of responsibility. If there is someone who is interested to be listed as such and is not yet named, please contact me. I am in the process of updating and outlining specifics of Judges Coordinator for P & P and will submit that to Jennifer Taylor.

Harry Bennett (AHCA JEC)

Save The Date ~ AHCA Breeders' Cup ~ Tucson, AZ ~ March 23, 2018

Outreach Committee Stir Greer

This is not so much a report as it is a request for assistance, from 2 groups: Regional Club Secretaries & AHCA Members who have sold/placed dogs to AHCA-Eligible individuals



If you are a Regional Club Secretary and have not yet sent your Membership List to Regional Club Chairperson Sharon Pearce, please do so within the next 2 weeks. I will be asking Sharon for a copy of these, in order the MOC can identify the individuals that are not yet AHCA Members (or who are previous AHCA Members), yet eligible to be, and suss out/encourage interest in AHCA Membership. Regional Club members will be contacted for their input.

If you are actively selling/placing puppies/adults to individuals who are not yet members of a Regional Club or the AHCA, and you would like to sponsor these individuals for (AHCA) Membership, the MOC would love to assist you in encouraging your buyers/adopters to take a more active role in Afghan Hounds, in whatever manner holds their interest. The AHCA needs more Members in every interest: Lure Coursing, Conformation, Breeding, Rescue, Agility, Obedience/Rally, Club Administration, Event Services. There doesn't exist an individual lacking skill that would benefit AHCA's endeavors to protect, preserve, and promote the Afghan Hound.

On a general note, with (as I recall) 75 litters born in the US by last AKC registration report, to encourage the breeding of Afghan Hounds is perhaps the most important "outreach" activity to the strength of the breed. Too many people will rush past the importance of this, in order to allay their anxiety and qualify this with words like "responsible" and "careful". No goal was ever reached with attitudes of anxiety at the helm. I feel our fancy has been overrun by anti-breeding sentiment. We have a proud breed. But not for long if we ourselves are not proud of the very activity that is necessary for its literal survival.

I'd like to thank those AHCA Members who have been sponsoring Applicants. And I know from speaking with a number of you, your frustrations on having your Applicants stall the process and drop by the wayside. Let us know if we can assist!



Social Media Erica Jantos

Parent Club Public Page <https://www.facebook.com/afghanhoundclubofamerica/>



Goals: Weekly posts of some type of Afghan Hound info to increase AHCA profile on Social Media.

Parent Club Private member group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/afghanhoundclubofamerica/>

Goals: Ensure that there are weekly posts of some kind, either by myself or the membership to ensure that there is an ongoing dialog with the AHCA Membership.

Nuggets of Nostalgia

Do you know these people and dog?
Find answer on page 15.



Corrections ~ Updates

Change in email:

Betty Stites	sighthound2@gmail.com
Deb Peters	windigo_afs@att.net
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New member not included in new Directory:

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Weehawken, NJ 07068	

Name and Address:

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Newark, Ohio 43055

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Sheila Billings
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Matthews, GA 30818

Maryln Gilly
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Bellevue, FL 34420

Archives and Purina Program

Helen Stein



AHCA Archives report July, 2017

AHCA has received some items of interest, including a small scrapbook (made by Robert Luzietti) donated by Ken Amos & Linda Shipley and two filmstrips from Wally Pede which I'll have converted to DVD format so that I can view them! We also received about 25 issues of Our Afghans, which duplicate copies that we already have on file so I will send these to Anna Strombergto be used at the Meet The Breeds booth at the AKC/Royal Canin show.

I'm currently working on a project for the National which will feature Afghan Hounds in History. I'm not offering any details on this, as I think our Show Chairman would like it to be introduced to everyone at the National Specialty!

AKC Studbook for the Afghan Hound is sent to me every month in pdf format. AHCA members may sign up to receive this; we currently have 8 members signed up.

Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP) -- Summer, 2017

The Afghan Hound Club of America has received a check from Purina for our club's participation in the PPCPP. The amount, \$488.52 is up slightly from the amount we received in 2016. Under Purina's guidelines, this money is to be used in funding education, health research and/or rescue efforts. In addition, a matching amount will be sent by Purina to the Canine Health Foundation to be used in our Donor Advised Fund (a savings account in the name of the AHCA).

Here are the stats:	PPCPP participation year		
	2016	2015	2014
Number of Parent Clubs participating	194	191	193
Total Dollars earned w/ weight circles	\$438,000*	\$458,000	\$440,000
Afghan Hound fanciers signed up for PPCPP	427	421	412
Afghan Hound fanciers submitting weight circles	52	50	32
Amount received by AHCA from Purina (in 2013 AHCA earned \$604.73)	\$488.52	\$469.20	\$558.54
Amount received by Canine Health Foundation for the AHCA Donor Advised Fund	\$488.52	\$469.20	\$558.54

*Our letter from Purina states "...in excess of \$438,000..."

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 Afghan Hound fanciers are not interested in submitting their weight circles to Purina, they can 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
AHCA Archives
PPCPP Liaison

Awards Barb Hastings

Awards for the 2017 National and Breeders Cup have been ordered. Once the statistics reports are received, I will begin sending out letters of recognition.

Barb Hastings
Awards Chair

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking"
Henry Ford



FOR SALE

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. **No "Win" ads or other animal ads** will be accepted. Acceptance or rejection of ads is at the sole discretion of the Afghan Hound Club of America BOD.

Cost is \$50/issue or \$125/3 consecutive issues. Ads must be submitted camera ready.

Submit to Editor, Topknot News
hrh3judge@verizon.net

2016 Competition Statistics

Carol Rivette



The Top-Producing Sire - 9 Champion Offspring

GCH Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura
Owner: Suzanne J Neill & Christine O'Connor & Alicia Jones
Breeder: Suzanne J Neill & Christine O'Connor & Alicia Jones

The Top-Producing Dam - 6 Champion Offspring

GCH CH Shylo Moonraker
Owner: Kirlyn Fouts & Bruce Clark & Stephen Fisher & Eric Whitney
Breeder: Stephen Fisher & Bruce Clark

The Top-Winning Dog in breed competition - 800

GCHS CH Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo
Owner: Karen Wagner/A Arrant
Breeder: Karen Wagner

The Top-Winning Bitch in breed competition - 655

GCHS CH Sunlit's Queen Of Everything
Owner: Tara Richardson
Breeder: Rosemary Sutton & Jacqueline Pendygraft & Tara Richardson

The Top-Winning Dog in breed Competition – Owner Handled - 1380

GCHB DC Bakura Suni Formula One MC LCX CGC
Owner: Lynda Hicks & Toni D King & James Hicks
Breeder: Lynda Hicks & Toni D King

Top Junior Handler – 173

Libbie Flanagan
Top Lure Coursing dog AKC- 56 pts

DC Komar's Kiss N Tell SC
Owner: John & Marion P Roby
Breeder: John & Marion P Roby

Top Lure Coursing dog ASFA - 77 Hounds Defeated

Exquisite Red Skye At Night FCh
Owner: D & L Reisinger
Breeder: Beth Anne Hall

Top NOTRA Racing Afghan Hound - 6

Debmar's Surrender To The Dance ORC
Owner: Vicki Fagre-Stroetz

Top LGRA Racing Afghan Hound – 8.00

El Zagel's Arcadian Colors GRC
Owner: Fagre-Stroetz

Highest Point Total in Obedience – 589.5

GCH CH Mahrani's Wish U Luv At Stormhill BN RN JC CGC
Owner: M Offerman/S Frei/T Vanderzee/S Nickolls

Top Agility Afghan Hound - 556

Popovs Purrfection At Cayblu RE MX MXB MXJ MJB RATO
Owner: Cathy Kirchmeyer
Breeder: F. Tromp

Top AKC Rally Afghan - 309

CH Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay CD RE AX OAJ CGC
Owner: Mikki Razor and Jarnell Carter
Breeder: Jarnell Carter and Gary Wimberley

Best in Novice Rally - 289

GCH CH Mahrani's Wish U Luv At Stormhill BN RN JC CGC
Owner: M Offerman/S Frei/T Vanderzee/S Nickolls

Versatility Awards

CH Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay CD RE AX OAJ CGC
Owner: MikkiRazor & Jarnell Carter

DC Asia Soraya Tazi of Suni RE SC THD CGC
Owner: Claudia Jakus & Linda Hicks

Miscellaneous Statistics

2016 New Canine Good Citizen

CH Prophhecy's Georgio Armani @ Shining Mtn CGC
- Denise K Kelly & Nancy J Shandre

GCH CH Bakura Suni Ruadh Rinn CGC
- Toni D King & Lynda Hicks

Zavin's Fast Love CGC
- Beth Eisman-Thomas & Michael Quinn & Tabitha Thomas & Steven Cory

Naji's Peace Love 'N' Wildflowers CGC
- Yvette Lopez

CH Sirae' Memories Are Made Of This JC CGC
- Suzanne Popson & Andy Popson

El Shazaam Icon Desert Breeze CGC
- Barbara L Schubring

Kalani Eclipse Of The Son JC CGC
- Ellie Stonequist & Barbara K Benson

Kalani I'M Ready For My Close Up CGC
- Ellie Stonequist & Barbara Benson

Jolie Hyperbole BN JC CGC
- Gary Larimer

**Answer to
Nuggets of Nostalgia
(from Page 13)**

Applause Midnight Lace Medina (Bitch)

1982 AHCA National Specialty Show

Best In Sweepstakes

**Judge Mary Blacker, Handler Laurie Paulson
(both AHCA members)**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW BREED JUDGES

By Allan Reznik

James Donahue, Wynsyr Afghans, Wauconda, Illinois

Did you grow up in a doggy household?

I grew up on 7 acres just north of San Antonio, Texas. While we did not show dogs during my childhood, we did have some toy dogs as pets. We also had a veritable menagerie consisting of miniature horses, poultry, peacocks, and aviaries where my family bred exotic birds. My mom was also a breeder of Persian cats.

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?

I vividly remember seeing my first Afghan Hound in a pet supply catalog when I was about eight or nine years old. I became obsessed with the image of that dog and incessantly begged my mom to let me have one. Remarkably she never gave in, and I had to wait many years to have one of my own. In the meantime, I started collecting every book I could find on the breed, reading them multiple times from cover to cover.

Where and when did you get your first Afghan Hound?

The first thing I did when I went away to college and had a place of my own was to get an Afghan puppy. My first dog was purchased as a pet. He was a red dog from Marion Roby that I did some lure coursing with. Shortly thereafter, I went to my first dog show in San Antonio. The first thing I saw was the junior showmanship competition, and there was a very young Juan Miranda showing a white Afghan with hair to the ground. It was a beautiful sight, and I remember thinking that if this kid can do this then so can I! I had a rare sort of beginner's luck. My first show Afghan finished with four majors in one four-day cluster, and my second became a multiple group winner. I was hooked from day one and the rest is history.



What are the defining characteristics of the breed for you?

We are fortunate to have a wonderful standard that clearly elucidates the outstanding points of type, while still allowing for a wide variety of styles within the breed. For me, the characteristics that are absolutely necessary are the peculiar coat pattern, Eastern expression, aristocratic bearing (as befits the king of dogs), prominent hipbones, croup, and tail. Without these elements, the Afghan Hound becomes at best generic, and at worst ordinary, which is the last thing that I believe the breed should be.

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

Over the past several years, I have noticed a disturbing trend of untypical heads. Too often we are seeing dogs that lack the proper proportions of back skull to muzzle. This is often accompanied by a downfaced look (more reminiscent of a Borzoi), with weak underjaw. Sometimes the head has become so narrow that the eyes are practically set on the sides of the head, which does not give the clear outlook needed in a functional sighthound. While the Afghan Hound is not a "head breed," we must keep heads true to type and function.

I also feel that I see too many examples of Afghan Hounds that are too low on leg and/or long in body, rather than the square outline described in the standard. This is not really anything new, unfortunately, but is a real pet peeve of mine.

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

As far as our own dogs, I feel our best producer has been SBIS Ch. Wynsyr Out of Africa, who in his own right has sired numerous group and SBIS winning offspring. Other dogs that have been incorporated that I feel have a strong influence on our dogs today are BIS/SBIS Ch. Paladin The Darkman V Isameh and his nephew, MBIS/MSBIS Ch. Fabelhaft Zoot Suit.

The bitches are what I consider to be most important in a breeding program, which is why we so rarely keep males. Virtually all of the Afghans we have bred go back to Wynsyr's foundation bitch, Ch. Charlemagne Kiara, a Tut daughter. More recently I feel that two bitches that have been influential for us would be our Swedish import, Ch. Alphaville's Foreign Copy T'Wynsyr (mostly Tifarah pedigree), and my Ch. Beachbrook's Drama Rama, who produced the first litter that Scott and I bred together. We now have puppies that are a couple of generations down from these bitches, and we are incredibly excited about the future.

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By Allan Reznik

James Donahue, Wynsyr Afghans, Wauconda, Illinois (Continued)

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

This is difficult because there have been dogs that I really admired for different reasons. For overall type and balance I would have to say "Corbu," MBIS/MSBIS Ch. Fabelhaft Zoot Suit. A close second would have been Ch. Shekinah True Heaven Nazira. Different in style than Corbu, and maybe less famous, but a beautiful Afghan Hound and great producer.

A dog that I regrettably have only seen in videos and photos that really fits my vision of the standard was BIS/SBIS Ch. Paladin The Darkman V Isameh. I always think of the iconic photo of Michael Liss with "Moe" stacked in front of the white fence when I try to envision my ideal Afghan Hound.

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

My initial mentor was Carl Sanders (Zebec Afghans). I met Carl very soon after I became involved in the breed. He taught me not only the finer points of grooming and handling, but also about canine structure and movement in general. During down time at shows, he would hand me a copy of one of the all-breed magazines and a Sharpie. My task was to trace the outlines of the dogs and identify those that were balanced, and those that were not. Carl taught me the importance of studying all breeds, not just my own. I really admired him as one of the great professional handlers.

Other Afghan breeders who have influenced my understanding of the breed would be Rosemary Sutton (Summerwinds) and Tony Saia and Floyd Gale (Beachbrook), who I have been fortunate to co-own and co-breed with.

Would you ever withhold awards?

I certainly hope that I never must. However, I do feel that withholding awards is a responsibility that judges must uphold when necessary.

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

The most important thing is to relax and have fun. I will do my best to make it a positive experience for everyone who steps into my ring.

Foxtail Grasses Can Be Lethal to Dogs

Originally published By DogHeirs Team | June 11, 2012 (dogheirs.com)

Read more at <http://www.dogheirs.com/dogheirs/posts/1327-foxtail-grasses-can-be-lethal-to-dogs#WIFtUEJ9LFUYU2Rx.99>



Editors Note: At the AHCA Breeders Cup this year the area had a large amount of Foxtail growing. Those of us from the north were not familiar with this plant or its potential danger. We are reprinting the article as a service to our members.

Foxtails are grasses with seed awns that are extremely dangerous to dogs. Foxtail awns are barbed, razor-sharp needles, designed to burrow into the ground with the seed. However, they can also burrow through a dog's skin and enter soft tissue where they can cause serious injury, infection and death.

Foxtails are found most often on wild barley grasses and grow to be 2 to 5 feet in height and have a top with hairlike needles that resemble a fox's tail. In some varieties the spikelets (top) look like common barley or rye grass.

Not all foxtails have lethal awns, but grasses such as foxtail barley and foxtail grass have particularly nasty awns. Other kinds of grass, such as Ripgut brome and Canada wild rye, also have potentially dangerous awns.

Foxtail Grasses Can Be Lethal to Dogs

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(Continued)

Like a bullet, a foxtail's torpedo-shaped awns can penetrate any part of a dog's body. The awns most commonly lodge in a dog's nose, ears, underbelly, rear end and paws. Long-haired dogs are particularly susceptible, as the barbed foxtail stays attached to the dog's fur and are difficult to spot in long fur.

Once the foxtail awn begins traveling through an animal, they do not break down. A foxtail in a dog's ear can perforate an ear drum. In a paw, it can lacerate the pad and move into the limb. In the nose and mouth, foxtails can eventually migrate towards the lungs.

Muscular movements (or air flow, in the case of nostrils) can cause the foxtails to continue to burrow through soft tissues and organs, causing abscesses and infection that can lead to physical disruption and death.

Geographical Areas Affected

Foxtail grasses can be found throughout the world. The grass is not native to North America and is most commonly found in the Western United States, with the greatest foxtail problem occurring in California. Foxtails can be found in southern US states as well.

The grass most often invade disturbed sites. Like a weed, they grow at roadsides, landfills, fence rows, open fields, mountain trails, vacant lots and sometimes lawns.

Prevention: Foxtails are at their most deadly when they become dry and brittle, and the grass heads begin to separate. They cease to be a danger when the spikelets are mechanically abraded (say by farm tractors) or break down in the ground. In some habitats, foxtail can break down in a matter of weeks, but in others it can take months.



The best precaution to protect your dog is staying out of areas with foxtails. As there are many kinds of bromes and barleys it is best to ask your local veterinarian if any foxtail is found in your area and familiarize yourself with what foxtail looks like.

If you discover you have them in your yard it is best to get rid of them completely. Once mowed, the spikelets (which contain the foxtail) need to be raked and thrown away.

If you take a dog to areas where foxtail grass is, make sure you thoroughly check him/her over after being outdoors. Pay especially close attention between the toes, around the ears, eyes and nose and underbelly.

Symptoms: If a dog has a foxtail lodged in between toes, in nostrils or ear canals they may start sneezing vigorously and pawing at the affected area. Sometimes the foxtail is not easily visible (if ingested or inhaled), other times there will be visible wounds.

Signs include:

- excessive sneezing (foxtail in nose)
- a lump on skin that is painful to touch
- violent shaking of head (foxtail in ear)
- pawing at eye
- puss discharge from area on skin
- visible abscess
- bacterial infection (commonly *Actinomyces bovis* and *Nocardia asteroides*)



Foxtail Grasses Can Be Lethal to Dogs

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Should the awns move into the chest cavity of a dog, they can cause Pleural empyema (Pyothorax), which is an accumulation of pus in the pleural cavity, likely caused by the bacteria carried by an awn.

Wherever the foxtail is located, once it's through the skin of a dog it should be examined by a vet in order to make sure the entire awn is removed.

Treatment

Once a foxtail has penetrated the skin and entered into muscular tissue or organs, removing it almost always requires an anesthetic and surgical procedure by a veterinarian. Abscesses may form, and may require draining and antibiotics will be prescribed for infection.

A German Shepherd needed surgery to remove and clear large internal abscesses caused by foxtail. The dog made a full recovery after surgery.



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So you think an Afghan Hound is for you?

By Susan Howell Hamlin

Purported to be the oldest recognized breed of dog, legend also says that the Afghan Hound was the breed that Noah took on the Ark. Images of Afghan type dogs have been found on the walls of the ancient caves in the middle east. However, it wasn't until the late 19th and early part of the 20th centuries that several of these unusual dogs were imported to England...and it wasn't until 1931 that Zeppo Marx (of Marx Brothers fame) brought a pair for breeding to the United States. The rest, as they say, is history.

Why would anyone ever want to own an Afghan Hound? If you're a dog lover and have an eye for beauty and glamour, an Afghan Hound might appeal to you. Aside from the fact that they are drop-dead gorgeous animals, why would a person be tempted to purchase one of these unusual looking dogs?

Just seeing an Afghan Hound and admiring their exotic looks is one thing, but living with them and caring for them is an entirely different matter.

My initial introduction to the breed was at the New England circuit in Vermont in 1953. When I saw my first real live Afghan Hound, I knew I had to have one. It wasn't until 10 years later that I was able to acquire my first Afghan Hound. It wasn't until that time when that puppy stole his way into my heart that I became truly aware of the breed's character.

The Afghan Hound is not an in-your-face breed. The fact that their personalities don't need constant attention appeals to me. They

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are by nature independent and somewhat standoffish. The Afghan Hounds I've known (and have owned me), have been my friends, and are happy with kind words, and a pat on the head. However, they don't need you to play with them all the time. The Afghan's aloof personality charms me. That is not to say, they don't like attention – but it has to be on their terms.

Their independent nature has labeled them dumb in some circles. Because they don't train like a Border Collie, Poodle, German Shepherd, or Golden Retriever, they have often been categorized on the low end of intelligence ratings. Somewhere in their beautiful heads, they think they know better, can do it better their own way, and are infinitely smarter than you. In fact, they just might be. They just don't play by the same rules as most people (and dogs) understand them.

Sighthounds need exercise – walking on a leash is good for your dog and for you. Running at full tilt in an enclosed space is also good. Lure coursing is also great fun for your dog. I must commend the American Kennel Club for bringing Agility, Rally, and Lure Coursing in addition to Obedience to the competitive arena, along with the conformation end of the sport. Nowadays, just observe Afghan Hounds in Agility, Obedience, Rally and Lure Coursing. They love the work, and are remarkable to watch.

Training methods have evolved over the years. If you can fool an Afghan Hound into thinking he/she originated the idea, the battle is mostly won.

AHCA member (Susan Zoppe – now retired from performing) had a circus act with seven Afghan Hounds for nearly 40 years (not all the same dogs, of course). Her Afghans performed flawlessly and with great precision. I have seen them perform with tails wagging, as they go about their business in the ring, happy as they can be. Susan has trained them with patience and love, and the job they do is unique and amazing.

If you think you might enjoy living with this independent breed of dog, by all means, you should have one. But aside from that unusual temperament, be prepared for the time-consuming grooming side of the Afghan Hound.

That glamorous coat that is an absolute wow factor when you first lay eyes on the breed, is a lot of laborious work, with some coat textures more so than others. Be prepared for a bath every week or so. Brushing and blow drying take a great deal of time. However, if a dog is trained from puppyhood to have its feet handled, to stand or lie on the grooming table for hours on end, then there should be no problem. If the dog is allowed to run in your fenced back yard, the long coat can hide a multitude of foreign objects and/or parasites that might climb aboard. The Afghan Hound is definitely not a wash and wear dog.

Afghan Hounds can be extremely clever escape artists. Climbing over six foot fences with ease, and going under fences where there doesn't seem to be any place to slip through are just a couple of challenges you might encounter. Some people I've known have even covered their kennel run tops with chain link in order to prevent untoward flights. All Afghan Hounds are not escapees, but there are enough so that you might think twice.

One of the neatest traits of the Afghan Hound is their persistent sense of humor. They are born clowns, and never cease to amaze with their clever, funny antics. On the other hand, some of their ruses are not so funny, particularly if you are the victim. In retrospect though, you have to laugh at the cleverness of these indomitable hounds. I recall once putting some frozen chicken out to thaw, way back in the corner on the kitchen counter, surely out of reach. Wrong! A short time later, I returned to the kitchen to find one of my darlings, all fours up on the counter chewing on the frozen package. There goes our dinner, I thought...but waste not, want not...I cooked the bird and gave it to the dogs.

I realize everyone has their favorite breed of dog – the special breed of dog that they love to pieces and could never replace. While some people do not have the time and temperament to live and work with an Afghan Hound, if you think you do, you're in for a most adventurous and pleasant surprise!

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A Tribute

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LT. COL. WALLACE H. PEDE, AKC JUDGE EMERITUS

AKC Multi-Group Judge Emeritus Wallace H. Pede, affectionately known as "Wally" or "The Colonel", will be 94 years old on July 11th. While that in itself is an accomplishment, there is much more that is extraordinary about this man.

A few years ago we received a call from one of our writers. She had just seen Lt. Col. Wallace H. Pede "on television in the "Bomber Flyover in Washington D.C." The news crew did a brief interview with the Colonel, one of the few remaining WWII vets who gathered at the capitol on May 8th 2015 for the 70th anniversary of V-E Day.

TheDogPress.com was able to obtain that V-E day video clip. (see display below) The NBC on-camera was brief and unplanned but so valued by the media that the network dispatched a courier to his Virginia home to pick up the old b/w photo that was edited into the broadcast.

Col. Pede flew 28 combat missions and at the end of the war in Italy, the bombers flew wingtip to wingtip and dropped their bombs. The TV crew said he was the pilot on that historic mission but the Colonel corrected that. Our "dog show celebrity" was flight navigator on that bombing drop. His closing comment about the guys who didn't come back reminded viewers of the costs of that campaign.

Wally Pede's first litter was collies but then Kay saw an Afghan Hound on TV. Even though he didn't consider it a "manly breed", Wally was undone. As an aside, Wally and Kay were married over 59 years and while everyone in the dog fancy knows "The Colonel" as a strong, assertive in-control judge, his beloved Kay could turn him into melted ice cream.

In 1955 Captain Wallace H. Pede was sent "overseas" on the U.S.S. America and he tells us that Kay talked about getting an Afghan Hound when they got to England. Upon their arrival, she began making inquiries and they decided on an Afghan from Gwen Angel, a



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famous Saluki breeder. The Pedes began going to shows and of course, they were hooked. Wally showed the dog, gaining experience and finally, they went to the Crufts Dog Show, which even then, was the largest, most prestigious dog show in the world. There they learned as do most novice dog owners, that their first show dog really wasn't of the caliber to win big.

Kay wanted "the most beautiful dog in the world" and Wally, even then competitive in everything he did, wanted a winner. They decided to purchase an older pup, did the research and acquired Bletchingley Ragman of Scheherezade. He was a bargain because he was very shy and the breeder Peggy Riley agreed to a conditional sale. Wally took the dog everywhere, even to his base office, socializing him to everything and everyone. (There's a lesson there.)



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Within six months, he took his first Best In Show and after that, there was no stopping Captain Pede's advancement in both his career and in the dog world. Wally's steady hand and hours of training paid off when cannons were fired off at a show held in conjunction with the fair. While other dogs cowered, Ragman stood fast and confident, going on to win BIS that day. Then, in 1961, with Brits cheering the Yank to victory, Wally and Ragman became the **first American to win the Group at Crufts Dog Show**. Very few "foreigners" have since experienced that honor.

Transferred back to the states, then to Okinawa, Wally says "I'll bet that it is the only litter whelped on Okinawa that produced five American Champions, two Group winners, a BIS winner, and one of the breeds top producing bitches." The Pedes were then sent to Hawaii where the dogs had to spend four months in quarantine. Finally, Wally and Kay Pede returned the States. Unable to fly the dogs, Wally personally checked out the Queen Mary's canine accommodations and made arrangements with the local butcher to provide special food for his dogs.

They settled on two acres in Springfield VA, close to the airport and the Scheherezade kennel name from Arabian Nights. There the Pedes began to develop a limited breeding program based on Wally's definition of "inbreeding" which he sees as "the breeding of mothers and sons, sires and daughters, and sisters and brothers - which is the closest you can get, obviously." They encountered and corrected "a problem with monorchidism. It was there, obviously, in our stock. This is another thing I find fascinating: many people are afraid to talk about the bad problems (their dogs) have as though, somehow or other, it is a reflection on themselves. What dogs are carrying genetically is not in any way a reflection on any dog breeder."

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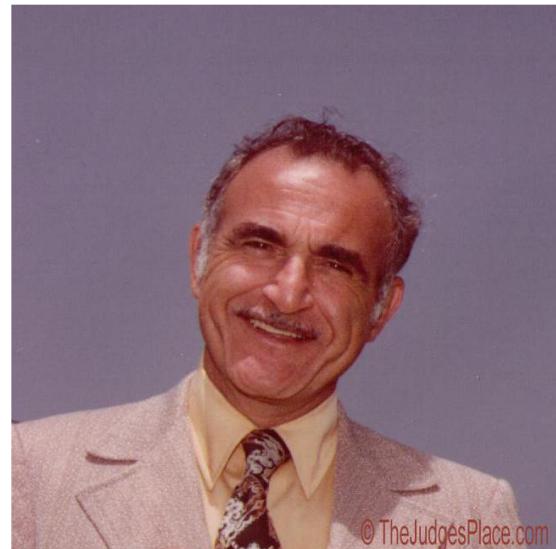
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Wally Pede became an AKC judge known for his strict ring procedure and analytical application of the breed standards. By the mid-70s, he was in great demand and judging assignments increased. Working breed exhibitors found him as knowledgeable and fair as did Hound handlers.

The Scheherezade Afghan Hounds began to make news. In a 1983 Afghan World interview he stated the following about close linebreeding

"Before we bred for the litter that Shadow was in, we had bred Komira to her father, to a son and to a grandson. We wanted to be certain that she was the one to be bred to her brother. People had asked why we hadn't bred the two of them sooner. As a matter of fact, we had a very big breeder visit the house to use the dog. This breeder said, 'I'd just put these two dogs together: they are two terrific dogs.' True, we could have saved about eight years in the breeding program, but there was one big exception: if we had a problem, we wouldn't know whom to blame, and we wouldn't know from whence it came. Dancer was bred to his mother before he was bred to his sister. I'm not telling you the dogs don't have problems, but, by breeding them closely on each side, at least we know where they (the problems) come from."



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Wally also ran on puppies that were going to be sold as breeding dogs. He initially graded his Scheherezade Afghans between three and five months but said "I won't send a puppy to anyone until it is between four and five months old."

On Judging, Col. Pede (licensed for All Hounds and Hound Group, All Working and Working Group, plus most Herding breeds) says "Every judge ought to get out and take his dog into the ring. At least he could show everybody, 'This is what I think a dog ought to look like.'"

On breeding to the AKC Standard, he said "One of the nicest compliments I think we ever received was from a young lady who has been in Afghans for about eight years. She said 'You've got those old-fashioned Afghans' and I asked her when they had changed the Standard - of course, our Standard has never been changed."

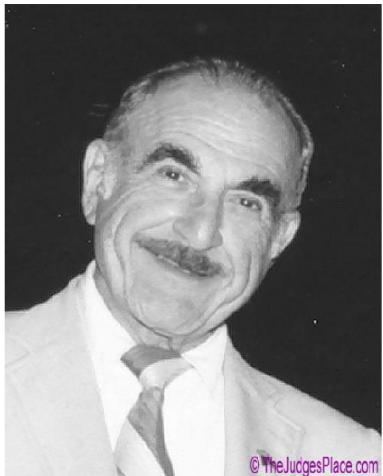
Rolling the clock back to 1959, Wally Pede became a judge while they were still stationed in England. When they returned to the states, he applied and became an AKC judge in 1961. In fact, he was the first Breeder-Judge to do an Afghan Specialty. It was an

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unprecedented honor as at that time, most specialties were judged by All Breed judges.



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Why didn't he become an all-breeds judge? Simple. He never wanted to. The Hound and Working Group was enough. He told Afghan Hound Review that he put in so much time and study mastering all of the Working Group (before the herding dogs were split off into Herding Group) that he just didn't want to "put all that work into doing all the other breeds, although, again, unless one is ignorant, stupid or asleep, a judge has to learn many things simply by judging 300 or 400 shows."

As a successful breeder-owner-handler of Working breeds, this editor can vouch for his reputation as a "no-nonsense stickler for breed type and movement." He appreciated the overall picture of breed type but he never overlooked the

details. He was impeccably fair, often awarding bumbling owner handlers but equally admired and respected by the pro handlers.

The Senior Conformation Judges Assoc. (SCJA) was a milestone in judges education. With all-breeds judging legends such as Bill Kendrick, Tip Tipton, Mel Downing, and the Colonel's organizational expertise, the Senior Conformation Judges Education Association (SCJA) became a reality in 1983. Wally says "In 1989 we put on the first Judging Institute. It was held in Indiana, Pa. At that time there was no formal judges' education at AKC or anywhere else in the country."

The judging "school was open to all, even those who were not yet AKC approved judges. Asked why SCJA chose to do it that way, the Colonel's well known logic was irrefutable "Why should we wait until a guy is a judge before we start educating him?"

On dog shows in general, Wally Pede says succinctly "I don't think - in our dog world today - that good producing dogs get the acknowledgement that the big winners do, but they are equally important."

Wally and Kay were married nearly 60 years. His beloved wife passed away August 9th 2015. It was tough for Col. Pede but family, friends, and a stiff upper lip saw him through his greatest loss.

As he celebrates his 94th birthday, quietly remembering Kay, the "big war" and all that he has accomplished for the dog world, we trust that he will know how much he is honored and loved by every person reading this. Email [**Col. Pedé to send him your best wishes.**](#)

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A Revealing Half a Hair Cut

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Every so often a chat group conversation develops about what front assembly is, isn't, or should be on a sighthound, and amid ever diverging ideas and theories someone will remember the studies I did long ago and ask that I share some of them again. And so it comes around again. This photo was taken in the 80s of a very fine coursing dog when he was 7 or 8 yrs old. I took the photo only

for my own amusement as I have always seriously studied conformation and anatomy. This photo is one of many that is representative of the norm for dogs of proven field ability.

Years later this photo had become useful to counter the many fantasy diagrams often used to illustrate various concepts of sighthound anatomy. With half his coat shaved off and allowed a natural stance, this dog reveals the extent of many misconceptions about front assembly in some commonly seen educational diagrams.

It's important to realize that a photo is only useful for noting points of anatomy in profile when the angle of view (camera) is positioned level with the center of the dog and parallel to the ground as this one is. This minimizes perspective distortion and gives the most accurate proportions possible. It is also equally important that the dog be allowed a natural and relaxed stance so that the results show actual conformation rather than contortions.



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Learning to recognize anatomy is primarily practicing the skill of analytical seeing. The dots and lines that I've applied to this photo indicate some of the major anatomy points of this front assembly. Realize though that this is more of an exercise in learning to see than in evaluating a real dog as no dog should be judged from only the profile or only on appearances!

The blue dot pinpoints the withers, the highest external point over the shoulder from which height is measured. The red line vertical from it shows where the leg bones & joints fall under it. Notice that this vertical line travels directly through the joint of the upper and lower arms and drops directly through the foot pad.

The yellow dot on the left is the manubrium or point of the sternum. The horizontal line from it highlights its position (height & distance) relative to the other bones & joints.

The red dot is the exact location where the scapula meets the upper arm. The line extending upwards from it runs approximately along the ridge of the scapula.

Knowing exactly where the joints are is critical to understanding the positions, lengths, and angles of the bones. When these points are known, some things to notice include:

The upper arm is longer than the scapula.

The manubrium precedes the point of shoulder, which precedes the shoulder/upper arm joint. Notice by what amounts.

The upper arm and sternum are not parallel.

Don't stop there. There are many, many other relationships to analyze.... keep noticing and comparing.



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See "AHCA National" Information for Regional Specialties around that event

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Lake Elmo, MN
AM Judge: Jamie Ganoza
Sweeps: Allan Reznik
PM Judge: Stephen Fisher
Friday - August 25, 2017

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Denver (2 Shows, 2 Days)

Greeley, CO
Judge Day One: Pauline Hewitt
Sweeps Day One: Robin Zeigler Wochner
Judge Day Two: Dr. Paul Hewitt
Sweeps Day Two: Perry Rooks
Thursday & Friday - September 7 & 8, 2017

Afghan Hound Club of St. Louis

Gray Summit, MO (Purina Farms)
Judge: Thomas Kirstein
Sweeps: Julie Roche
Friday - September 15, 2017

Potomac Afghan Hound Club

Broad Run, VA
Judge: Heather Lindberg
Sweeps: Mimi Baker
Friday - September 29, 2017

Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club

With Wine Country Cluster
Romulus, NY
Judge: Eugene Blake
Sweeps: Nancy Caswell
Saturday - September 30, 2017

Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows, 1 Day)

Frenchtown, NJ
AM Judge: Anna Tyler
Sweeps: Louise Paulson
PM Judge: Gene Vaccaro
Sunday - October 8, 2017

Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Club

Tucson, AZ
Judge: Ms. B. Capstick
Sweeps: Daniel Lockhart
Friday - November 17, 2017

Sand N See Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows, 2 Days)

Ocala, FL
Judge Day One: C. Gill Ullom
Sweeps Day One: Pam Bernard-Little-Bryant
Judge Day Two: James Donahue
Sweeps Day Two: Janie Getz
Friday & Saturday November 17 & 18, 2017

Afghan Hound Club of Omaha (2 Shows, 2 Days)

Council Bluffs, IA
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Judge Day Two: Denise Ross—Sweeps: James Moses
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