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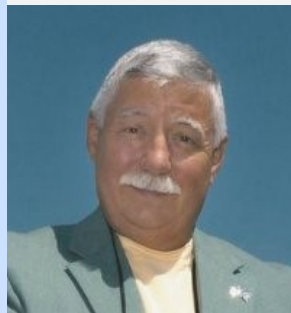
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Letter from the Editor

The summer issue is always a difficult one to put together. The Winter issue is the National Issue and the Spring issue is the Breeders' Cup Issue, but there is nothing obvious as a theme for the Summer issue. So we decided it was time to find a way to honor some of the artist's of the Afghan Hound Community, especially the ones who have contributed to this publication. I hope you enjoy our nostalgic trip back through the Afghan Hound art world.



Also, we have taken a nostalgic look at our Afghan Hounds from the past and created an interesting comparison to those of today. We often hear that they are not the same hound today as they were some fifty or sixty years ago. Take a look and see if you agree with that and be sure to let us know how you do with identifying past or present day Afghan Hounds by sending in your answers to me. We will tally up the responses and recognize those of you who score 100% in the next issue. We will also give you an opportunity to answer the challenge at the upcoming National in Denver. I encourage you to participate!

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Please submit photos and call names of your beloved dogs who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge this year for our Memorial in the Winter edition of Topknot News.

"The great way is not difficult for those who have no preferences. When love and hate are both absent, everything becomes clear and undisguised." — Verses of SengT'san

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ATTENTION: AHCA Members

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

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Dear Members of The Afghan Hound Club of America,

Do you all remember standing up dominoes in a row as a kid and pushing them over to watch them fall as each one knocked down the next one? Well sometimes when things go wrong in life, it's like that. Once the first domino falls, things just keep going wrong. It was like that the past few months as the Board struggled with the issue of Judges for

the 2019 National. First, the Spring issue of Topknot News was late getting into the hands of the membership with the Members Only information. The P&P's require that the membership be given 30 days to comment on potential new members prior to the BOD approving them. The potential new member names are sent out with the Topknot News mailing, so the result was that the Board had to delay action on new members at our summer meeting as a result of that delay. We approved the new members pending no negative comments in 30 days from the membership. Because we wanted the new members to have the opportunity to vote on Judges for the 2019 National, we delayed sending out ballots until the 30 days passed. That made the ballots late, so we opted to send them as we have always done in the past but not realizing that if we later changed the number of Judges for 2019, it would be confusing to some members.

When we were finally able to have a conference call and discuss the results of the survey concerning the Judges for 2019, which was 168 to 148 in favor of having one Judge, we were faced with a dilemma. So we could:

- Change to one Judge for 2019, as the majority of members wanted, and leave the Ballots as they were which would result in confusion for members.
- Change to one Judge for 2019, as the majority of members wanted, and send out new Ballots. That would have been an added expense and would probably result in just as much confusion as option A.
- Do what the membership wanted regarding the number of Judges for the National but delay the change until 2020.

Needless to say, it was a very difficult decision and a very contentious Board meeting, but in the end we decided on option C. You can always second guess things and say we should have done this or that sooner or differently but in the end, I believe we handled the situation in a manner that reflects what the majority of the membership would want.

We have a site and date for the 2019 Breeders' Cup. It will be held in conjunction with the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey Specialty in early May of next year. The Chair is David Giordano and he is already hard at work.

The 2019 Specialty is also coming together under the expert guidance of Chair Erica Jantos. It will be a great time at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach as we celebrate our wonderful breed and it's Spirit of Independence.

Our 2018 National is fast approaching. Ann Weinberg, Linda Jackson and their hard working team have finalized the arrangements. It should be a high time in Denver! Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Russ Hastings — President



Thank You...

With Heartfelt
Gratitude and Appreciation,

Team Topknot

Thanks all of the talented artists
who have contributed
Their beautiful artwork for the covers
On our publication.

Your contribution to the
Afghan Hound community and
To Topknot News is remarkable.

Gracious thanks,
~ Russ Hastings, Editor

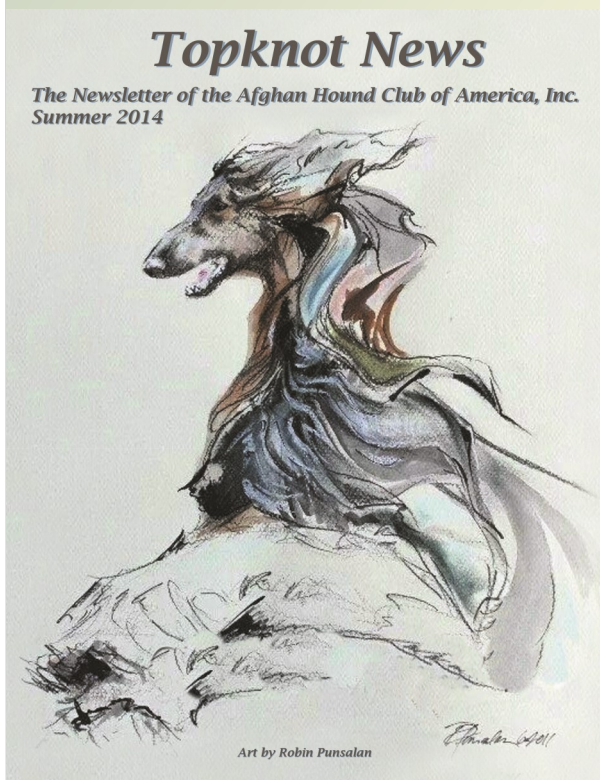
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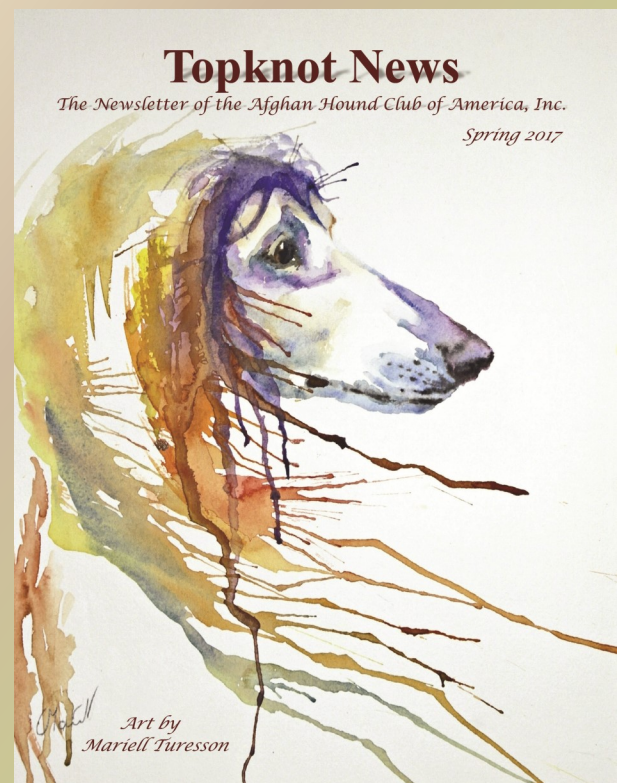
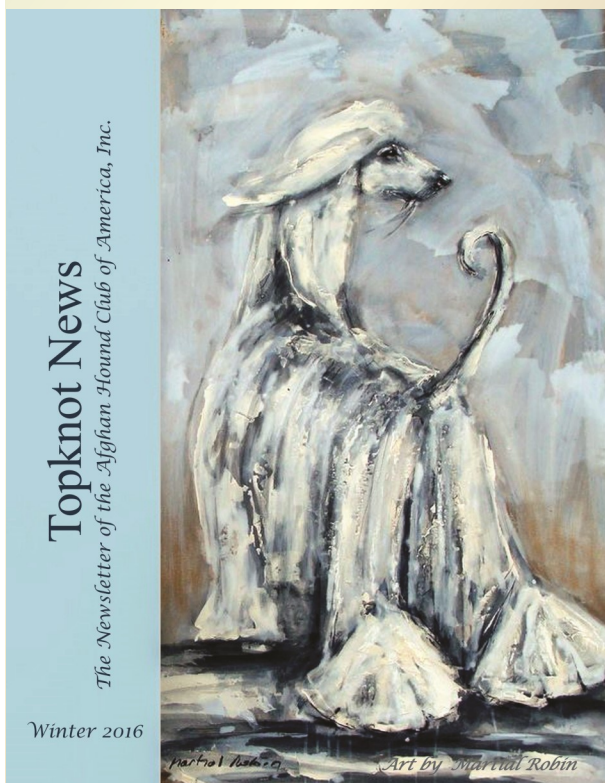
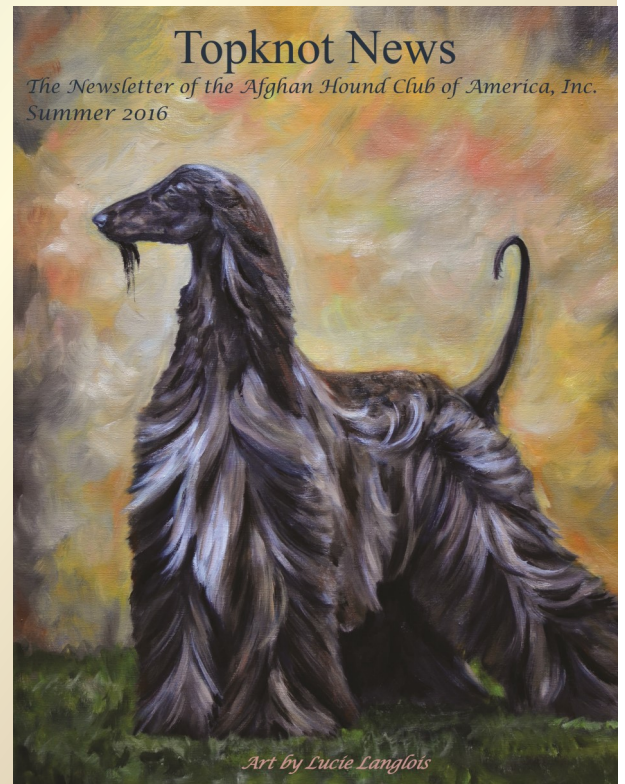
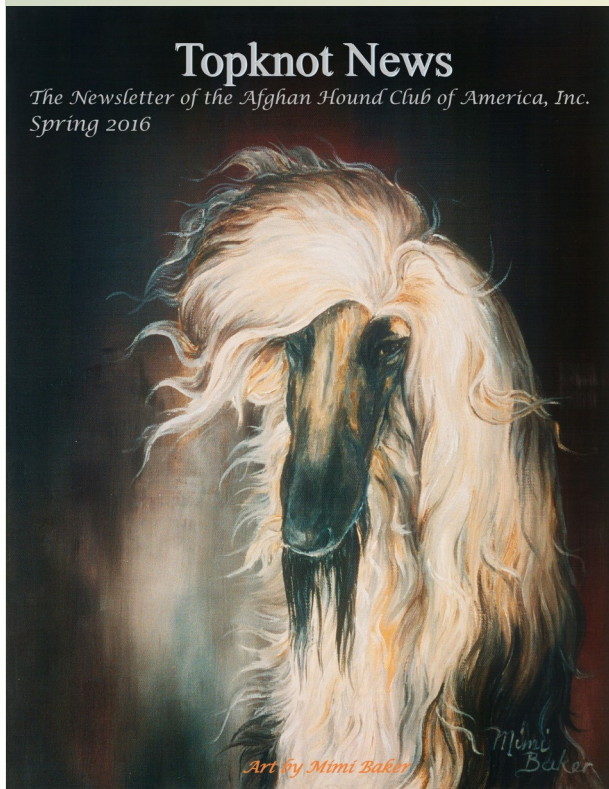
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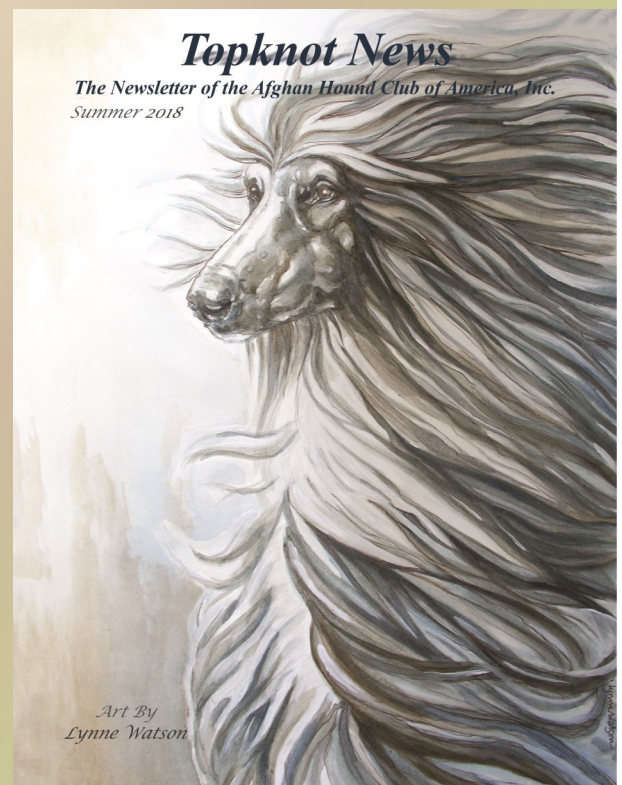
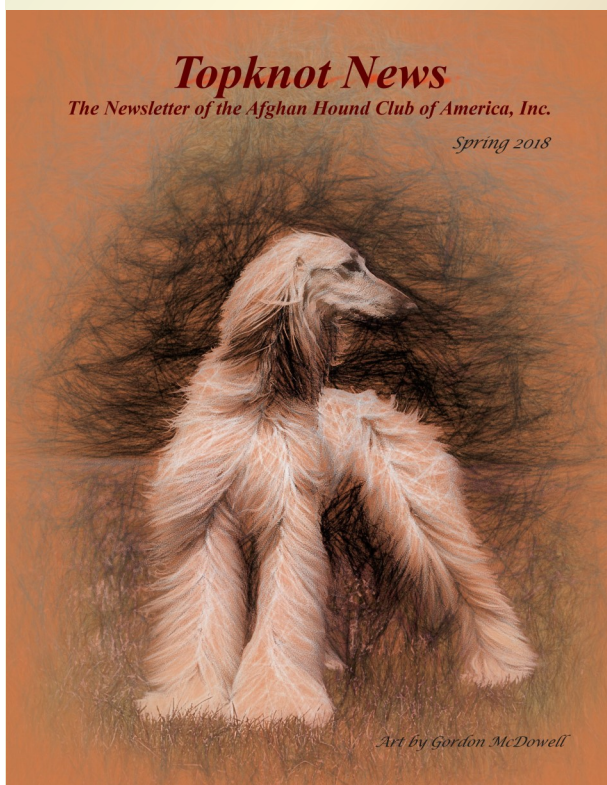
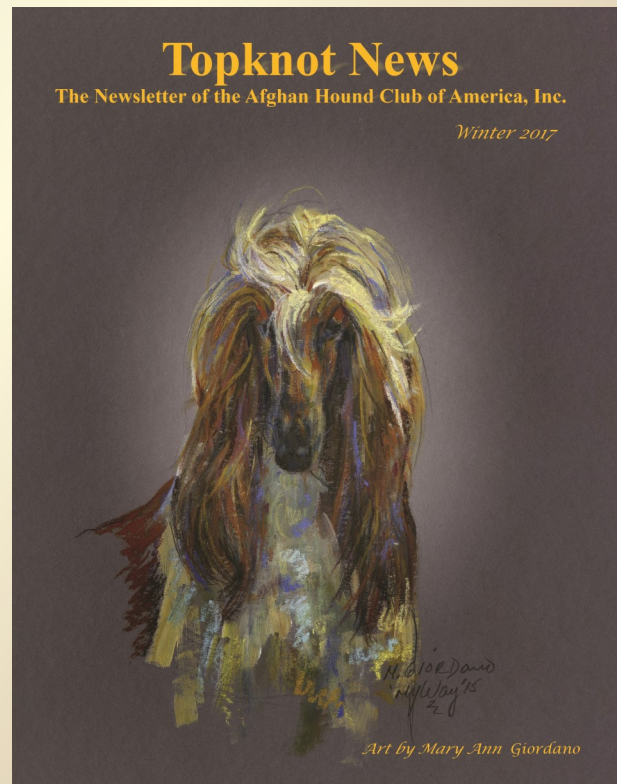
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The Genius of Kay Finch

by Mary Blacker

Originally published about 20 years ago for the Canine Collectibles magazine — revised.

Kay Finch Ceramics began in Santa Ana, California in 1937. Two years later Kay and her husband, Braden, moved to Corona del Mar. Braden resigned his position as editor of a Santa Ana newspaper to manage the rapidly-growing business that was eventually to have up to sixty employees. In Corona del Mar, the business flourished from 1939 to 1962, the year of Braden's death.

By this time Kay was a world famous sculptor, artist, dog breeder, and dog show judge. When she passed in 1993, she left a legacy of highly sought after ceramics, bronzes, and artistic treasures, many of which depict the purebred dog.

My first awareness of Kay Finch was in 1951 when a picture of her and “Johnnie” (Ch. Taejon of Crown Crest) appeared in DOG WORLD magazine. Still a youngster, the Afghan Hound, had already won two Hound Group firsts and an all-breed Best in Show in his first six shows. Soon after that, I purchased my first Afghan Hound puppy, a son of a litter sister to “Johnnie”. It wasn't until 1955, however, at the prestigious Morris & Essex dog show held on the estate of Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge that I had the honor to meet Kay and “Johnnie”.

Being an impressionable teenager, meeting Kay and Johnnie was a big moment in my life. Kay was a warm and gracious lady who treated me as an equal, welcoming me and my Afghan into her group of friends at the dog show. That was my first memorable meeting of which there were to be many more over the years.

Kay was well-known in the dog show world for her Crown Crest Afghan Hounds, Salukis, and Yorkshire Terriers. The Afghan and Yorkie fanciers also knew her for her delightfully charming figurines of those breeds. Kay also made a proliferation of non-related items — owls, penguins, elephants, rabbits, chickens, pigs, cats, horses, donkeys, and lambs, to name only a few. Her Christmas plates, Santa figures and mugs, bathroom accessories — soap dishes, bottles, wall plaques, banks, people, angels, indoor and outdoor fountains, and the list goes on.



One of the things that made Kay's dog figures particularly desirable is that many of them were styled after famous dogs in the history of our breed. Kay produced more Afghan figures than any other breed — some twenty or more. Her standing Afghan (tail down) #4830 is styled after Ch. Felt's Thief of Bagdad, and another #5016 is of Ch. Jubilee Julian of Crown Crest. She made what is known as the “Banu Head” #476 styled after her black brood bitch, Ch. Five Miles Banu of Rebel Hill. She later made a bronze of the Banu head. Her 18” sitting “Best in Show” Afghan #5490 is Ch. Taejon of Crown Crest.



The glazed pottery Afghan #5082 is Ch. Rudiki of Prides Hill, a famous Afghan Hound of the 40's who is considered the “Father of the Breed” in America. Freeman-McFarlin Potteries was authorized to cast copies of the Rudiki in ceramic. They were finished in

goldleaf, silverleaf, and other glazes. This popular piece was later cast in bronze, mounted on a silver pedestal showing his show record, and presented to his owner, Marion Foster Florsheim. In 1982, the bronze Rudiki was donated to the AKC Dog Museum.

There were some unauthorized castings in silver metal that came out of Mexico, and currently some unauthorized castings, and pottery Afghans are being offered at dog shows. Usually you can tell the unauthorized pieces because they have very little detail in coat and often are atypical in color.



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(Continued)

Most of Kay's figurines were marked, "KAY FINCH — CALIFORNIA". The dogs were assigned model numbers (as noted earlier in this article) and were coded to indicate the year of introduction. The models created prior to 1946 have three digits. Models created after 1946 carry four digits with the first two digits signifying the year of introduction. These model numbers do not appear on the pieces.

Kay Finch Ceramics were sold in department stores and fine gift shops throughout the U.S., Canada, Alaska, and Central and South America. Besides the many pieces she made for sale, Kay made figurines and plaques to be used as trophies at dog shows, and frequently she made one-of-a-kind pieces for gifts to her many friends.

Occasionally one of these pieces will be found that is not in any of her sales brochures or catalogs. Her style, however, is unmistakable. Her soft pastels and multi-colored pieces are uniquely Kay's. Most often her animals and even some of her dogs were in soft pinks, lavenders, blues, etc. The figures usually have black "hair lines" and indications of a furry foot. Frequently these are also seen around the eyes.

Kay Finch dogs are considered "crossover" pieces or "double collectibles" — pieces that are in demand by more than one interest group. California Pottery is sought after today by collectors. It isn't important whether the piece is a dog, bottle, plate, etc. Dog collectors desire them because they collect vintage dog figurines regardless of the breed.

For all the many things that Kay has produced, one might think them easy to acquire, but there is something about their appeal that causes people to keep them forever. This is particularly true of the dogs. There are breeders, exhibitors, and one-dog owners whose pursuits have taken them from dogs to other interests, and they haven't even owned a dog in years. Still, they wouldn't dream of parting with the Kay Finch Afghan on their mantle or bookshelf!

BREEDS PORTRAYED IN FIGURINES:

Afghan Hound	Dachshund	Poodle
Airedale	Shepherd	Scottish Terrier
Boxer	Maltese	West Highland Terrier
Bulldog	Pekingese	Whippet
Cocker Spaniel	Pomeranian	Yorkshire Terrier

BREEDS ON ASHTRAYS/WALL PLAQUES:

Afghan Hound	Chow Chow	Saluki
Beagle	Collie	Samoyed
Bedlington Terrier	Dachshund	Scottish Terrier
Bloodhound	Doberman Pinscher	Springer Spaniel
Boston Terrier	German Shepherd	Poodle
Boxer	Irish Setter	Wire Fox Terrier
Cocker Spaniel	Irish Wolfhound	Yorkshire Terrier
Chihuahua	Kerry Blue Terrier	

Editor's Note: The artistic contribution of Kay Finch is a valued asset to our afghan hound community and her collectible treasures are loved and coveted by many.



The Genius of Kay Finch (Continued)

Playful Puppies
First designed and produced in 1955



#4830
Ch. Felt's
Thief of Bagdad



#5490
Ch. Taejon
of Crown
Crest
Best In Show
18"



#5757
Wind blown afghan



#5082
Ch. Rudiki
of Prides Hill
Goldleaf
Produced by
Freeman-McFarlin



#5458



Left:
Ashtray/
Placques



Left:
Afghan Angels



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW BREED JUDGES

Allan Reznik, Oriana Afghan Hounds



Did you grow up in a doggy household?

I did not. I grew up in a big, cosmopolitan city: Montreal, Quebec, Canada. I was always an animal lover, and my patient parents indulged me with fish tanks, rodents and, eventually, a Beagle. They claimed it was a “phase” I would outgrow. Ha!

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

I fell for Afghan Hounds before I ever saw one in the flesh. I was a precocious kid, an insatiable reader, and at age 10 or 11, stumbled over a copy of *Dog World* magazine. I inhaled it! Memorized the contents! Brought it to school and tucked it inside my textbooks to read in class. This was in the mid-1960s. There were pages and pages of ads devoted to Afghans, show photos of Kay Finch, Sunny Shay and other luminaries, and a breed column written by Conni Miller. I was mesmerized by the breed. So exotic, so other worldly. I heard about a dog show taking place and since I was too young to drive, I convinced my father to drop me off in the morning and let me hang out for the day. The world was a much simpler, safer place then. Children did not get abducted. I watched the Afghan exhibitors groom their dogs and one, an eccentric Englishwoman named Vera Hampton of Zarada Kennels, whose name I knew from her ads, beckoned me to her set up, handed me a pin brush and said, “Make yourself useful, young man!” I was in heaven.

Miss Hampton had obtained her first Afghans from the famous el Myia Kennels of Mary Matchett. Later that day, she pushed me into the ring to show a young dog of hers since she’d entered littermates in the same class. As luck would have it, the dog I showed won the class. The judge was the immortal all-rounder Alva Rosenberg whose name I also knew from the magazines. It was as if I’d run away from home and joined the circus, such was my joy at spending the day in this magical place. Miss Hampton said she could use my help at the dog shows the next weekend but I told her I couldn’t impose on my father again. “Leave it to me!” she said with complete confidence, asking for my phone number. She called my parents, and the next weekend she picked me up, driving many miles out of her way, and we travelled to the show together. This was the first of many shows over many years that we attended, long after I had my driver’s license and my own car. A great lady who believed in paying it forward and encouraging newcomers long before “mentoring” became fashionable.

Where and when did you get your first Afghan Hound?

After university, in my first apartment (early 1970s) I acquired Victory Hall Tom Foolery bred by Victor Toucho in Pittsburgh, a pretty domino of Akaba/Esfahan breeding, out of Esfahan Fool’s Gold, a nice-producing bitch. He was a grandson of BIS Ch. Akaba’s Royal Flush, top sire in the breed for a number of years. “Tommy” was a small male at 26 inches but I am only 5’ 6” so we made it work. He was a decent dog, a good dog to learn on, and in those days the judges found dominoes very eye-catching. It seems fitting that the last Afghan I finished to his title a few years ago from the Bred-by class, Ch. Oriana Bombay Star, was also a domino. “Bombay” was co-bred with my late partner, Charles (“Chuck”) Milner and in his brief show career, earned about a dozen Bred-by-Exhibitor Hound Group Firsts beginning at age 8 months, always over adult competition.

What are the defining characteristics of the breed for you?

The Afghan Hound has a unique shape and outline, that should identify it at a glance. Square, up on leg, with a long, strong head surmounted by a topknot, possessing prominent hipbones, and distinctive croup and tail. Add to that the strong, effortless, floating movement we strive for, and a primitive air about him, and you have the King of Dogs.

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

A long and low Afghan Hound is never correct. Our breed standard is one of the best in dogdom; it must always be our guide and blueprint. The breed’s correct proportions are clearly articulated. When I see oversized dogs presented like setters with sloping top-lines (even when they don’t actually possess this fault), I despair. Is it ignorance or arrogance that leads some exhibitors to show such incorrect animals and stack them so offensively, in direct violation of the standard?

Round eyes ruin expression and are far too frequently seen.

I worry, too, that we are losing the signature hipbones and croup that give the Afghan Hound its unmistakable silhouette. Fat, round butts are unacceptable!

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

Impossible to name just one. Many Afghan Hounds over the decades have left an indelible impression on me, for different reasons. Among them: Kaftan Korrigan (a son of Kaftan Khan of Grandeur), Coastwind Peony, Gold Coast Calcutta, Rajah’s El Cid, Sandina Spellbound, Boy Blu of Grandeur... and others.

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

My earliest mentors were Vera Hampton of Zarada Afghans, Audrey Benbow of the world-famous Sirhan Borzoi and Janet Buchanan of Auldstone Scottish Deerhounds and Salukis (today a popular all-breed judge). Having attended dog shows in the Northeast in the 1970s during what I call the “Golden Age” of Afghan Hounds when typical breed entries at the all-breed shows were in the 100

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to 150 range and we had Open classes of 30, I am so thankful for lifetime friendships with the Canalizos, the Schwartzes, the Sprungs, the Reismans, Peter Belmont, the Horns and the Tongrens, when all were still actively breeding and showing. So much knowledge that was shared so generously. Later, more valuable knowledge was gleaned from my distinguished magazine colleagues, the international judges Bo Bengtson (Bohem Whippets) and Richard Beauchamp (Beau Monde Bichons).

Why did you wait so long to apply for your judge's license?

For most of my 40-plus years as a professional journalist, I was the full-time Editor-in-Chief of several national show dog magazines. My occupation was and still is viewed as a conflict of interests by the AKC. (I never understood why; I didn't sell ads, we had sales reps to do that.) Be that as it may, in the summer of 2017, when the publisher of *Dogs in Review* decided to call it a day and close shop (ironically, *DIR* turned a small profit but some of the other titles in their stable did not), I was suddenly in the position to be able to apply. I love the discipline of judging, and seeing dogs I might not otherwise have the privilege to put my hands on. Last year, I judged Sweepstakes at three different Afghan Hound specialties. In 2016, I did Sweepstakes at the Tibetan Spaniel Club of America National Specialty (my second breed) and drew an entry of 60. I am thoroughly enjoying this newest chapter of my life in dogs.

Would you ever withhold awards?

It would never give me pleasure to do so but I view it as part and parcel of the responsibility of judging. If a dog is so lacking in type and quality that it has no business in the show ring or in the whelping box, it is our duty to explain that—with kindness and diplomacy—to the exhibitor. This is not an inexpensive sport so it makes sense to apply those lost entry fees toward purchasing a better quality, more competitive animal.

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

Please relax and have fun. Let your Afghan Hound show with dignity, on a loose lead, and let your own pride shine through.

AKC Delegate Report Connie Butherus



The June AKC Delegate meetings were held on the 11th and 12th this year. They were preceded by an Education Summit on the 10th. (See report).

Matters important to Parent Clubs were covered in the Parent Club Committee and this Committee drew a large and vocal group of Delegates. Major items on the agenda addressed were:

- The AKC Archives collection will be relocated to the new AKC headquarters with the upcoming move. There will be a reduction of space. However absolutely no Parent Club materials will be discarded according to the Archives Director.

- One hundred sixty parent Clubs now have their approved health statements on the AKC Marketplace. This information informs the public of possible health considerations when seeking to acquire a dog. It also demonstrates due diligence by the Parent Club regarding the wellbeing of a particular breed.

- The disaster relief trailers now total 68 throughout the US. There are 16 in the pipe line. In the 5 years of the existence of this program 393 clubs have donated a total of \$1.7 M and AKC Reunite has contributed \$2M; Parent Clubs are reminded that the contact for their Rescue program and the breed referral person need to be included on their AKC Marketplace pages.

- The Veterinary Outreach program has held eleven Lunch and Learn sessions at Vet schools so far this year. This effort informs Veterinary Students about the AKC and the resources available such as the AKC/CHF.

- The newly formed Breed Sustainability subcommittee has held two meetings thus far. The group is focusing on the need to preserve breed type, the decline in the available gene pool in low entry breeds, mentoring, breed education and promoting of responsible breeders.

- The staff has requested the relevant Delegate Committees to consider a change in the rules which would allow for the awarding of 1 championship point to the BOW when the entry is one dog of each sex in competition. BTW this was done in the earlier years of dog shows. It is a revival of what had been done previously. The logic being BOW has defeated another dog of the same breed. This issue would require a change in the Rules and would need to be voted on by the Delegates which has yet to occur.

- The AKC Museum of the Dog is moving to the new AKC headquarters in NYC shortly. In preparation for the move, it has been determined that the holdings need to be assessed for "deaccession" or in other words reduction. There are many duplications and numerous items of questionable value. Alan Fausel, the Director of AKC Cultural Resources spoke to this concern. The relocation of the holdings is a very costly concern and the inventory situation must be addressed prior to the move. To make his point he produced a glass rendering of a GSD which had been donated. It was an Avon cosmetic bottle! The vast majority of the holdings have not been donated by dog clubs but rather by individuals. However prior to items being offered at public auction clubs will be made aware well in advance of any potential sale. All proceeds from the sales will be used in the preservation, protection and maintenance of the existing collection.

- The report by Carmen Battaglia addressing low entry breeds was distributed. There are currently 96 breeds determined to fall into this category — Afghan Hounds are not one of the breeds. Low registration numbers for these breeds and other factors

AKC Delegate Report (Continued)



affect the sport, gene pools and entries. Only 40% of pure breed puppies born are being registered according to this study. As we all know entries in conformation are down across the board. This is found in companion events as well. The link between the size of a breed's gene pool and the implications for its health are of great concern.

The Coordination Committee recapped the happenings in all of the Delegate Committees held during the day. Of special interest were the following:

The issue of Service Dog abuse. The airlines are beginning to address this and requiring prior documentation of the need. The old adage of "For every harsh ruling someone has abused a privilege" seems to apply here.

In performance events, Herding is up 20%, CAT (coursing ability test) and FAST Cat are both increased as is Earth Dog; and Registrations continue to increase in both litters and dog numbers.

The Delegate meeting was preceded by a presentation on the explosive detection dogs which included a live demonstration. The issue of the domestic supply of these dogs was addressed.

Following this, 14 newly seated Delegates were welcomed and two new member breed clubs were approved, Neapolitan Mastiffs and Sloughis.

All of the proposed amendments were approved. Two of the four were changes in wording and did not change the intent of the content, another addressed electronic communication and the fourth stipulates that the same Judge will not be approved to judge the breed, group and BIS/RBIS at the same show except in hardship cases.

The financial report is always of interest and has been very positive the last few years in contrast to the doom and gloom previously put forth. Registrations continue the five year trend of growth. This is the core component of the AKC. Revenue is up but so are expenses. The reserve fund continues to be healthy and investments are doing very well.

The President thanked those responsible for the well-attended and successful Education Summit held preceding the meeting and introduced Doug Ljungren, AKC Executive Vice President of Sports and Events who recapped his presentation on the Evolution of Dog Shows and Events which address the state of the sport of dogs in 2018. Please treat yourself and access this outstanding presentation at AKC.org/edsummit.

The Club Development Department followed and outlined their activities since their establishment in 2017. Their stated goal is to reduce the bureaucracy, promote clubs to get the word out as to the accomplishments of the AKC. Specifically cited were AKC Reunite, AKC TV, Museum of the dog, Government Relations Department, the Marketplace, AKC/CHF and the Humane Fund.

The relocation of the AKC in NYC is targeted for September. The new address will be 101 Park Avenue at 41st Street. This is in the area of Grand Central Station which has huge numbers of people, commuters and visitors that one hopes will assure high visibility for the AKC.

After three days of all things AKC the Delegates were quite ready to return to their abodes and reflect on the massive amount of information presented and assumed to have been absorbed.

Canine Health Report Anna Tyler



The Chylothorax Research forms have been added to the AHCA Website - thanks, of course, to Eddie Kominek.

In depth descriptions of the disease and Dr. Jonathan McNulty's material from the 2005 Symposium have been added. The Research forms - Step #1 and Step #2, along with the DAF form are included. Also, a Gallery Section was set up so owners can share photos and give tribute to their dogs affected by this disease and tell their stories. Again, much thanks given to Eddie for doing such a beautiful job getting all this up on the web site and sharing it with so many Facebook locations. Great job!

A couple things:

- 1) AKC CHF has been asked and has started redirecting the funds we used to send to tick borne disease research to be held to use for the Chylo Research. This will be held for us until we get the research started and AHCA asks to release the funds for the Research.
- 2) AKC will match the DAF in 2018 for our Research. We need to take big advantage of this.
- 3) The AHCA needs to take action to start the AHCA CHYLO GOFUNDME PAGE. This is very public and gets people very involved and invested to donate. Since AKC is matching funds in 2018 we need to get this live and active as soon as possible. It needs to be kept active for a very long time.
- 4) At this time, we have blood from one affected dog and two others that I am aware of sending blood in. We also have several siblings, parents, and grandparents' blood being shipped in to support the affected dogs.

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- 5) We were to check and see if Breeder's Cup profits were to go to the DAF Fund for the past few years. Was this confirmed and is there money to send to the fund?
- 6) The Board needs to discuss reimbursements to owners of affected dogs for vet and shipping of samples to the Researcher.
- 7) We need to let the membership know they need to send receipts to Purina now instead of Weight Circles as this money still adds up for Research.

AKC Canine Health Foundation DAF 2nd Quarter 2018 Statement

Thank you for your important support of the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF). Your donations and club fundraisers, and your regular participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCP) help enable CHF to award research grants that make a true impact on the lives of dogs. *Please find attached your organization's second quarter CHF Donor Advised Fund statement for 6/30/18.*

There are more ways than ever to *double your impact* for canine health research. In 2018, the American Kennel Club (AKC) will generously match all donations made in support of hemangiosarcoma research, up to \$250,000. Additionally, in 2018, the AKC will continue their match of cash donations from new and lapsed donors (last donation made on or before 12/31/15) up to \$500,000. Please join us to put your money to work for canine health research!

To view all of CHF's new and active research for canine health, please visit the 2018 Research Grants Portfolio . Contact us directly about research support or to specifically discuss studies of interest. You can also search all active grants by research program area on our website. Please also contact us or visit akcchf.org to learn more about specific grants, or to receive a list of projects of special interest to your breed or organization.

Thank you for your continued commitment to dogs, and to CHF's mission to help all dogs live longer, healthier lives. We appreciate your partnership! — The Staff and Board of Directors of the AKC Canine Health Foundation



Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc. Donor Advised Fund

1/1/2018 Balance	\$590.11
Contributions	\$1,500.00
PPCP Contribution	\$564.29
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	\$ 6.42
MOU Grant Support	\$ 0.00
Management Fees	Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.
Research Support*	\$ 0.00
6/30/2018 Balance	\$2,660.82

*To obtain a history of your organization's research support or to learn about research areas in need of sponsorship, please email chfgrants@akcchf.org

For questions please contact: Andrea Fiumefreddo, Programs Director: andrea.fiumefreddo@akcchf.org or Linda Black, Finance Director: linda.black@akcchf.org

Notice Regarding AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Funds: Per Foundation policy, a minimum annual distribution of 5% of the fund balance is a recommended standard for each donor advised fund to meet IRS regulations. Thank you for your help in keeping the Foundation compliant with these regulations.

AHCA Treasurer Report

Robert Jordan



Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue Checking Account stands at \$52,407.68 Afghan Hound Club of America Rescue has paid out around 2,500.00 so far this year but Martha has raised more than enough money in donations to cover her expenditures.

Afghan Hound Club of America Inc. Checking stands at \$30,725.10 in the bank and \$24,257.30 in Quick Books.

Checks written for judge's compensation and other expenses for the National Specialty account for most of difference. We have also paid around \$1,000.00 toward a Rally and Obedience trial that James and Linda Hicks are putting on in August. It looks like it

should make the club some money. Their entries are almost full already.

Our accident and liability insurance isn't due to renew until August. However, I filled out the renewal application and paid it in advance. Since the National Specialty dates are after the renewal date for that policy, Equisure would not issue the insurance certificates that we need for the various venues until after the new policy is in place.

Pursuant to the minutes of the Tucson board meeting, I applied to Equisure to increase the coverage for the clubs Fidelity Crime Policy to \$100,000.00. Equisure does not offer that type of coverage but acts as a broker and places that policy with Travelers Causality and Surety Company. The underwriters at Travelers declined to increase our coverage from \$70,000.00 to \$100,000.00 but did offer to increase it to \$85,000.00. I have accepted their offer and the increase will go into effect with the renewal of that policy which will be next month. The increase to \$85,000.00 increased our premium by three dollars. I was under the impression that the policy was a bond for the club treasurer. However, it covers the entire board of directors and key chairs. It also covers a myriad of things, not just theft. I printed the policy and have it for anyone interested to read.

Trophy donations for the National Specialty are lagging. I discussed it with Ann and she wanted to do another mailing. The first mailing cost almost \$400.00 so I told her that I would do a mass email to our members, and we have begun to receive a few donations. And finally, the expenses for the last issue of Topknot News are also paid and we are not broke but I am having my annual pre-National Specialty panic attacks though.







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CHYLOTHORAX DNA RESEARCH STUDY




Your help is needed to support research into a devastating disease - Chylothorax. The University of Missouri, Chic/OFA and the Canine Health Foundation have partnered with the Afghan Hound Club of America to research Chylothorax disease in Afghan Hounds. We've made it easy for you to help us with this research through our GoFundMe drive. Please share and help get the word out so we can get some answers about this devastating affliction. Thank you!

<https://www.gofundme.com/chylothorax-research>

Nuggets of Nostalgia

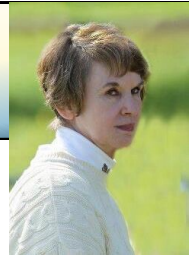
From **DOG WORLD** magazine
June 1951



This male afghan sired one of the world's largest afghan litters — 14 puppies! Do you know how he is? **Find the answer on Pg. 24**

AKC Education Summit

Connie Butherus



The American Kennel Club hosted an Education Summit for All-Breed and Parent Clubs on June 10, 2018. This event was held on the Sunday immediately preceding the June Delegates meeting (held June 11-12, 2018), at the same hotel as the Delegate Meeting. I represented the AHCA as the Delegate and Morris and Essex Kennel Club for which I serve as Secretary. Many of the attendees there were representing more than one Parent and or All Breed Club. One of the folks represented no less than 9 Clubs and was the proud recipient of 9 sets of registration materials. Lucky lady!

The Education Summit was well attended and as one may expect many were Delegates. Of the 336 in attendance 244 were Delegates. It was a bit like preaching to the choir but it did give the attendees an opportunity to hear relevant information from the AKC, Parent and All-Breed Clubs which shared data about the current state of dog shows/events, knowledge and experiences. It was a very informative day and kudos to the AKC for holding this event. It did make for a very long three day marathon of all things AKC however.

Topics and speakers are listed below. The entire program is being release on line in a webinar style format. It can be accessed via AKC.org/edsummit.

The Evolution of Dog Sports

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of Sports and Events, reviewed the evolution of dog sports and discussed the importance of reaching new generations of audiences. His presentation was again given at the Tuesday Delegate meeting for those few Delegate who had not been present on Sunday. The content was outstanding and one might rate his presentation among the best of the day.

Club Development

Glenn Lycan, AKC Director of Event Operations Support, addressed the current state of All-Breed dog shows with an emphasis on ways that successful events have attracted participants. He had an open discussion with a panel to describe what effective strategies have been utilized and how they plan on taking events to the next level. The panel consisted of:

- Guy Fisher of the AKC Club Development area;
- Phillip Briasco, president and Show Chair of the Greater Ocala (Fla) Dog Club;
- Karen Burgess who has served as the Show Secretary/Chair for many National Specialties, All Breed shows and performance and companion events throughout the country;
- Louise Leone who is the Show Chair of the Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club;
- Charles Stewart who is the Show chair of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Kennel Club.

The take away message from their collective presentations being MAKE IT FUN! They stressed diversity of events offered, the need to add new events, have live demonstrations, be sure to include the local 4-H groups, waive the entry fee for Junior Showmanship and offer educational sessions targeted to public information. Having a welcoming web site is essential to draw in the public as well as potential club members.

Government Relations

Sheila Goffe, AKC Vice President of Government Relations, discussed the current efforts of the Government Relations team to protect the rights of dog owners. She stressed the need to constantly monitor local ordinance proposals as those if successful often migrate up the governmental structure to the State level and can cause no end of harm to responsible dog owners and breeders. The AKC currently monitors over 1800 bills throughout the US. An emerging issue of concern is the influx of dogs from abroad and the resulting health issues.

Juniors

Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Vice President of Sports Services, discussed adding Juniors to the Club's membership and providing opportunities for Junior's involvement in club activities. Give them a job and hold them to getting it done. A panel discussion was held and included a Junior Showmanship participant, Shannon Loritz, Marjorie Tuff who developed the successful Juniors program of the Collie Club of America and Jane Wilkinson who works with the 4-H clubs in her area and encourages the 4-H young dog handlers to become involved in the local kennel clubs shows. In addition to a no fee entry for Junior Showmanship, Clubs were encouraged to feature the Juniors at many levels of the show such as awarding a Best Junior Handler of the series with clustered shows.

Breed Preservation

Mark Dunn, Senior Vice President of Registration and Customer Development, shared registration data contrasting the growth in numerous breeds against the decline of others. He facilitated an open discussion on vulnerable breeds with the help of representatives from several Parent Clubs which are currently focused on breed preservation. Speaking to the challenges of their specific breeds were Parent Club representatives of the Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Otterhounds and Scottish Terriers. The decline in litter and dog registrations, the increase in low entry breed were stressed as well as the effect on gene pool available for breeding.

Mark and his department have researched the statistics for all AKC recognized breeds from 2008 through 2017. This massive study includes all of the registration numbers and entries for conformation shows in the US. The Afghan Hound report was sent to the AHCA President and Delegate in March. It both reflects the decline as well as the slight increases to date. Overall registrations are showing an increase in litters (up 6%) and dogs (up 5%).

AKC Education Summit (Continued)



AKC Canine Health Foundation

Dr. Diane Brown, AKC Canine Health Foundation Chief Executive Officer, addressed the work being done to advance the health of all dogs and their owners through scientific research and the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat and cure canine disease. Parent Clubs were cautioned regarding direct funding of researchers rather than having the research proposal submitted for peer review to determine the validity of the work as well as having in place a progress monitoring system. These critical elements may well not exist with direct funding. Her presentation was very well received.

Club Communication/Public Education/Community Involvement

Brandi Hunter, Vice President of Communications and Public Relations spoke as to how to successfully represent a club through the best public relations and social media practices. Ashley Jacot, Public Education Manager, discussed ways a club can get involved in the community, including a number of Public Education initiatives.

2018 AHCA National Report Ann Wennberg

Welcome to Beautiful Colorado! 2018 Afghan Hound National Specialty GREELEY, COLORADO

The Double Tree by Hilton will be our host hotel that has been open a year now. This is a very beautiful hotel that is accommodating to the dogs and their owners.

All our banquets, meetings, and of course the Welcome Party will be held in the most amazing banquet room. Plan to attend the Welcome Party on Monday, all the meetings in the mornings and Banquets in the evenings. They are important for the club and informative for you. Remember the Art/Auction, which we have all seen the amazing Art Pieces Anna Taylor has been gathering; and the Awards Banquet, which I believe for the first time, we will be honoring all our Juniors that competed at the National in Junior Showmanship; for education we have a lawyer, Kristina Bergsten, who will be presenting "Advance Protective Durable Power of Attorney for Pet Care"! Later in the evenings, let's all meet at the "Rockies Retreat Room", the bar on the 4th floor, that will be ours for the week.

Agility competitors, will be competing at the Front Range Agility Association of Denver, on Sunday, Sept. 2 in the Foothills Sports Arena in Denver. Any National Awards will be awarded to qualifying competitors on Thursday, Sept. 6, just before Best of Breed competition. Even though this event is in Denver, if at all possible, plan to go and watch the event and the amazing performance of the Afghans.

Lure Coursing will take place at the Deko Ranch which is about 30 miles out of Greeley. If you haven't been to a Lure Coursing event, this year needs to be the year you go and watch how amazing these Afghans run to show off their hunting skills.

The rest of the events will be at Island Grove Park, in Greeley, no more than a 5 minute drive from the Double Tree Hotel. This park has been set-up with Dog Shows being an important part of the grounds.

Obedience and Rally will be inside the 4H building, on Wednesday. Again an event to watch, never know what the Afghan will do in the Obedience ring. We will be in the far North part of the Fairgrounds, by the Bunkhouse, which is a Historical Building. No Dogs will be allowed in the Bunkhouse, nor the porch or patio. However, in the Bunkhouse you will find the restrooms — no Porta Potties here, free ice, coffee will be made, and place to eat your lunches or just sit and meet with your friends.

There will be RV parking, around the Bunkhouse, that will have electricity, and water in some of the spaces. The Dump station is close to where we are showing, we can dump any time during the week if needed, and there is no fee. There are also 6 spaces that we have been assigned that are in the grass area, also with electricity, but no water hook-up.

Grooming set-up will be in front of the Bunkhouse, if you bring your own canopy; the Grooming tent is north of the ring, and there are lots of trees and shade. There is also the Live Stock Building, a short walking distance from the ring, where we will have a couple of portable bath tubs set up and you can set-up with electricity to blow dry your dogs. There will be no bathing stations or grooming rooms at the Hotel.

Temperature is usually mid 80's to mid 90's, we don't get to pick our temperature. Be prepared with light weight clothing, but bring a sweater or light jacket, we can be tested weather wise. Rare but not impossible. Be prepared to DRINK PLENTY OF WATER to stay hydrated. Pop, coffee, alcohol will not save you from the altitude! Remember WATER, WATER, WATER and you will be in good shape.

2018 AHCA National Specialty Judges



Regular and Non-Regular Dog Classes and Best of Breed

Jay T. Hafford, Thaon, Reg.

We at Thaon, Reg. have bred or owned many Specialty Best in Show winners. They have amassed more than one hundred Specialty BIS wins. We have owned or bred seven all breed Best In Show winners. But our proudest achievement is the four National Specialty winners. Thaon, Reg. has won the National a total of seven times. More than any other kennel in the history of the breed. MBIS MSBIS GCH. Thaon's Mowgli holds the record for most Na-

tionals won by an individual dog with four consecutive Nationals 2009-2012.

My interest in this breed is an international one. I have judged several times in Europe, most recently in England. My working credentials include being Show Chairman for an all-breed club for several years as well as President of that club. I was Show Chairman for the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty as well as a board member of the Afghan Hound Club of America for six years. I have judged many Specialties including the Afghan Hound Club of America twice. I also judged the Australian National in 2002. My love for this breed never wavers. I have worried that the breed is going in the wrong direction at times. Then, I am inspired again by breeders around the world and their vision. I look forward to being inspired here in Colorado. I am and will always remain a student of this fantastic breed. Thank you for this opportunity.

Regular and Non-Regular Bitch Classes

JoAnne M. Buehler



JoAnne has been involved with Pure Breed Dogs most of her life. She fell in love with Afghan Hounds when she met her first one while still in college. A few years later, she acquired her first black-masked red puppy. She has been breeding and competitively showing Afghan Hounds since then. In addition to handling her own dogs in conformation, she has handled Afghan Hounds and dogs of other breeds for friends. She has also participated in Coursing and Obedience activities, conducted handling classes, and served in many capacities of Specialty and All-Breed Clubs. She Chaired and Co-Chaired AHCA National Events, served as Trophy Chair for seven AHCA Nationals and currently serves as Trophy Chair for her local All-Breed Club, National Capital Kennel Club.

Judging since 2002, JoAnne is currently approved by the AKC to judge the Hound Group, the Sporting Group, Dalmations, Poodles, Berger Picards, Pembroke and Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Collies, Norweigan Buhunds, Anatolian Shepherds, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Cane Corso, Doberman, Giant Schnazaur, Great Danes, Great Pyrenees. Greater Swiss, Leonbergers, Rottweilers, Samoyeds, and Kerry Blue Terriers. She plans to expand this list later in 2018 with breeds in several groups.

To date, she has judged Specialties for breeds in each of the Groups, save Terriers, which she has just added. Breed Type is as important to her in Judging as it is in Breeding; she believes correct breed specific movement is a key to understanding Breed Type, which enables dogs to do their designated 'work'.

JoAnne holds a BS in Biology (SUNY/Albany), a MA in Secondary Curriculum and Instruction along with doctoral course

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work (MSU), and an additional partially completed MS in Public Communication (BU). She loves judging almost as much as breeding and rearing puppies, and her pleasure is shared with exhibitors.

Thank you for inviting me to judge the 82nd AHCA National Specialty!



Beginner Puppy Classes (4 —6 Months)

Cindy Vogels

A native of Rockville Centre, New York, Cindy earned a Bachelor of Music (Flute) from New England Conservatory of Music and a Master of Music (History) from the University of Colorado. Her interest in dogs began in High School, and she and her mother, Jackie Gottlieb, have bred over 100 “Andover” Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier champions; they have owned numerous top winners and producers including Ch. Andover Song N Dance Man most of whose 30 year old breed records still stand. Cindy also bred champion Kerry Blue, Norfolk and Welsh Terriers, Brittanys and Greyhounds. Cindy is AKC approved to judge all Sporting, Terrier and Toy breeds, 27 Hound breeds, Best in Show and Junior Showmanship. A busy judge, she has adjudicated at many prestigious shows world-wide, including judging Best in Show at both Montgomery County KC and Westminster KC. Her participation in dog clubs include: former President and AKC Delegate, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America; presently, Show Chairman, Evergreen Colorado KC. Cindy also serves on the Board of Directors of Take the Lead and is Treasurer of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, Long-time Colorado residents, Cindy and her husband of 40 years, David, enjoy an eclectic mix of house dogs. When not indulging their granddaughter, the Vogels family enjoys sports, travel and are ardent “foodies.”

Junior Showmanship Classes

Robin A. Hug, Adair'n'Hug Alaskan Malamutes



I have been involved in the sport of purebred dogs for over 40 years. I got my start in Australian Shepherds (yes, before AKC recognition) and I then went on to enjoy Akitas, Borzois, Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens and my final and permanent love for over 28 years the Alaskan Malamute. My husband, Joseph, and I have been fairly successful in the conformation ring. Our dogs have won our Top Twenty Event four times. In 2001 with “Strutz”, in 2005 and 2006 with his grandson “Stewart”, and most recently in 2011 with “Princess” a girl we co-bred, as well as Multiple Best in Specialties.

Most of our dogs are breeder-owner handled. We have put obedience titles on our malamutes and have participated in weight pulls. Our oldest daughter, Courtney, aged out of Junior Showmanship and served six years in the Air Force. Our youngest daughter, Katie Jo, was also a Junior and was Best Junior Handler at the 2005 and 2006 Alaskan Malamute Nationals. We are a family very dedicated to the Alaskan Malamute and the Dog Fancy. I am a dog trainer and teach puppy kindergarten, conformation and junior obedience at Blue Springs and Katy did Dog Training Center in Englewood, Colorado.

I am truly honored and wish to thank you for allowing me the pleasure of Judging Juniors at your National Specialty.

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Sweepstakes Classes (All) and Triathlon

Kathryn Carr, Kaimar Afghan Hounds

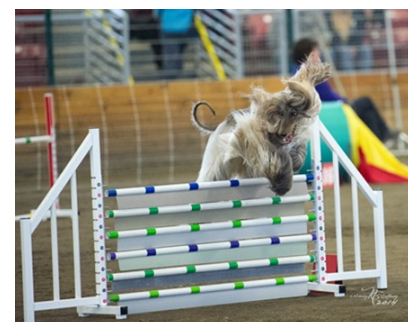
It seems hard to believe 38 years have passed since the first Afghan Hound walked into my home and heart. Since then many beautiful Afghan Hounds have graced my life — and couches, and chairs, and beds.

With a limited breeding program, I have owned, bred, and shown a Multiple SBIS winner, BOB at the 2008 AHC of Canada National Specialty, the winner of the 2003 AHCA Breeders' Cup, and Specialty and Group winners. All these beautiful dogs have been proudly Breeder/Owner handled.



I have done my best to breed healthy, happy dogs with the ability to excel at whatever they do. In addition to Conformation I have had some success in Obedience, on the Coursing field, and most recently in the Agility ring.

In 2016 I was thrilled to learn my dog Keeper was ranked the #2 Afghan Hound (AKC standings) competing in Agility in the United States.



Keeper is the first dog I have trained and I am very proud of her accomplishment.

My mother, Ivy, has supported me in so many ways and is an important part of Kaimar Afghan Hounds. My achievements in dogs wouldn't mean much to me without her. Thank you for always believing in me.

It is my very great honor to judge Sweepstakes at the AHCA National Specialty. Thank you to the members of the Parent Club for the opportunity and to the exhibitors for sharing your special youngsters with me today.



Obedience and Rally

Linda Scanlon

I began my AKC conformation as a teenager with Australian Terriers. I bred/owned/handled the first triple titled Aussie — conformation, obedience, earth dog.

Salukis entered my life 44 years ago and from a small breeding program there have been multiple champions in the ring and field including specialty winners, dual titlists, tracking and obedience titled dogs.

I was the first person to earn the AKC UD on a saluki (2 individuals) and also earned multiple Will Judy/Dog World Awards and all breed highs in trial in the US and Canada and the only

Canadian UD titled salukis, we think.

Initially, I was approved to judge Salukis and Australian Terriers and currently judge BIS, hound and herding groups, all levels of obedience and rally, lure coursing and junior showmanship. I am the only AKC judge fully approved for this combination of events. I have judged multiple Specialties including having been twice selected by my peers to judge conformation at the National Saluki Specialty. Out of country assignments include Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, Germany, Finland, New Zealand and Sweden.

2018 AHCA National Judges (Continued)



Lure Coursing



Tom Golcher (left)

and

Dean Wright (right)



Agility



Lauren Duckworth (left)

and

Pam Johnson (right)



2019 Breeders' Cup David Giordano

Afghan Hound Club of America Proudly presents the 31st Breeders' Cup, Friday — May 3rd, 2019

Tentative host hotel is the Hampton Inn, located in Cinton, New Jersey, off the major highway Route 78. The show site is located 15 miles from the hotel. It really is a beautiful drive through the back country crossing the Delaware River.

The first three shows are all at the same site, Tinicum Park, Route 32, Erwinna, PA 18920. On Sunday we will move across the Delaware River like George Washington for the Battle of Trenton....(lol, could not resist) Trenton Kennel Club on Sunday and Monday.

Judging information at this time.

May 2 Central Hound Association of New Jersey.... Judge (pending)

May 3 AM: AHCA Breeders' Cup

PM: Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey (Terry Wilcox)

May 4 Bucks County Kennel Club... Judge (pending)

May 5 Trenton Kennel Club...Judge (pending)

May 6 Trenton Kennel Club...Judge (pending)

This should easily be five shows of Majors!!! We are working with both all-breed clubs on their judging panel.

The theme for the 2019 Breeders' Cup will be "Born To Run". What a great theme for the most athletic animal God ever created — The Afghan Hound.

When we have more info I will talk to Dorma Sue and present a much more detailed report.



AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA TRIATHLON

Triathlon Rules Updated June 2016

PURPOSE: To recognize those Afghan Hounds that participate in conformation, coursing and obedience, rally, and or agility during the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all Afghan Hounds that have reached the age of 1 year old and have an AKC number, or an ILP/PAL number. All dogs entered must participate in Triathlon conformation, lure coursing and one of the following; Obedience, Rally or Agility. If they fail to participate in any event they are no longer eligible for the Triathlon. If they participate and they are dismissed or disqualified from any event, their score shall not count and they shall be no longer eligible for the Triathlon.

All eligible participants will be eligible for placements, first through fourth; however, the Triathlon winner must achieve a qualifying score in both (1) obedience, rally, or agility and (2) lure coursing. Placements will then be awarded according to the highest score.

TRIATHLON CHAIR: The duties of the Triathlon chair include reviewing all entries and making sure the dogs are entered properly and participate in all the correct events. He/she must collect and tabulate all scores and placements according to the rules and regulations of the Triathlon and post them in a timely fashion on a sturdy poster board (or something of a similar nature) in a location that is easily accessible for everyone to view.

RULES: The scoring for the Triathlon is based on scores earned in the following events, (1) obedience, rally, or agility, plus (2) lure coursing and (3) triathlon conformation. Scores of these events (Agility and rally being alternative options for an obedience score) will each have a 100 points base score. The total scores for all three events will be added together. The dog with the highest point total and has qualified in obedience, rally or agility plus coursing will be declared the Triathlon winner. If a dog enters more than one of the Obedience, Rally or Agility option, the highest score will be used. Entries in Agility, Obedience, and Rally are acceptable and encouraged. In the event of a tie the tie breaker rules apply. At the conclusion of the performance events and the triathlon conformation judging, the winner will be announced.

OBEDIENCE: The obedience score will be ½ of the total points earned in a regular, preferred, or optional obedience class, or 100 points maximum. Except that the following point deductions shall be applied in calculating the total score: Preferred Novice, deduct 10 points. If the dog enters more than one class the higher score will be used in scoring this dog for the Triathlon.

RALLY: The rally score will be 100% of the total points earned in Rally Advanced or Excellent Class.

AGILITY: The agility score will be 100% of the total points earned in any Jumpers or any Standard class for dogs that receive a qualifying score. For dogs that do not receive a qualifying score, the following shall apply:

—Novice classes - receive 50 points.

—Open or Masters classes - receive 65 points if one error, or 50 points if more than one error.

If a dog enters more than one class, the higher score will be used.

TRIATHLON CONFORMATION: Dogs will be brought into the ring together and gaited. They then will be brought back into the ring individually and examined and scored and then they may leave the ring. Each dog is eligible to receive a score of 50-100 points. The judging will be based on a 100 point system. The dogs will not be judged against each other but by how closely each dog fits the standard as interpreted by the judge. No placements will be awarded.

LURE COURSING: The lure coursing score will be ¼ of the points earned in ASFA Scoring plus 22%. ASFA Lure Trial entrants must be entered in one of the Regular Stakes, Open, Field Champion or Veteran Stakes. The AKC scores will be ½ of the total points earned in the AKC Lure Coursing Trial plus 22%. AKC Lure Coursing entrants must be entered in one of the following stakes: Open, Veteran, or Special Stakes. Since the AHCA offers both ASFA and AKC coursing if a dog enters both and runs in both, the higher score will be used to determine the dog's Triathlon score.

TIE BREAKER: There will be no Bonus Points awarded for placements. The Total of the raw Scores will be used. In the case of a tie, placements will be utilized for tie breaker points. Placements will be given points of 4, 3, 2, and 1 for First through Fourth Place in a four-dog or more class. Only 1 point will be awarded for a one-dog class, 2 points and 1 point for a two-dog class, and 3 points, 2 points, and 1 point for a three-dog class. BIF, HIT and HCS will be utilized as final tiebreakers, used only after all placement tie-breaker points have been awarded.

(Revised 6/10, 9/11, 4/16, 6/18)



Memorial



Members who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge are missed by us all.

Fred Figg

AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA TRIATHLON

(Continued)

See Revised Entry Form Below: Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.

~~Purina Farms, 200 Checkerboard Drive, Grey Summit MO 63039~~

TRIATHLON

~~Monday September 11th through Wednesday September 13th, 2017~~

ENTRY FORM

~THIS ENTRY FORM **MUST BE USED FOR ENTERING THE AHCA TRIATHLON ~ YOUR ENTRY TO TRIATHLON CONFORMATION CLASS IS INCLUDED ~ THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR TRIATHLON**

~Copies may be reproduced~

Complete the entry portion of the form below and mail the entire page to
Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Triathlon Event Chair, 5525 – 257th Ave NE, Stacy, MN 55079

Entries close at 6:00 pm EDT on ~~Wednesday August 16, 2017~~

Breed AFGHAN HOUND	Sex	Call Name	
Full Name of Dog			
AKC Reg No	ILP No	Date of Birth	Circle one: USA Canada Foreign
Breeder(s)			
Sire			
Dam			
Actual Owner(s)			
Owner's Address			
City	State	Zip	
Owner's Agent, if any, at this show			
<p>I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog or duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club and the Afghan Hound Club of America in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for the Triathlon and the events included in the Triathlon for which I (we) have signed separate complete entry forms. I (we) certify that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.</p>			
<p>SIGNATURE of owner or agent authorized to make this entry</p> <p>_____</p>			
<p>Telephone # _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>			

TRIATHLON SCORING SUMMARY ~ TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TRIATHLON EVENT SECRETARY	SCORE TOTALS
<p>LURE COURSING TRIAL ~ ASFA TRIAL (1/4 OF THE TOTAL SCORE FOR 2 JUDGES X 1.22) MAXIMUM 100 POINTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or AKC TRIAL (1/2 OF THE TOTAL SCORE FOR 2 JUDGES X 1.22)</p>	
<p>OBEDIENCE TRIAL ~ 1/2 of the total points earned in a regular, preferred, or optional class. MAXIMUM 100 POINTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~ Preferred Novice, deduct 10 points.</p>	
<p>RALLY TRIAL ~ 100% of the total points earned in Rally Advanced or Rally Excellent MAXIMUM 100 POINTS</p>	
<p>AGILITY TRIAL ~ 100% of total points earned in any Jumpers or Standard class for dogs that receive a qualifying score. MAXIMUM 100 POINTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Novice classes ~ receive 50 points Open or Masters classes ~ 65 points if 1 error or 50 points if more than 1 error.</p>	
<p>TRIATHLON CONFORMATION CLASS ~ MAXIMUM 100 POINTS</p>	
<p>If there is a tie: Assign points for placements: 4,3,2,1 points for 1- 4th placements in 4 or more dog class; 3,2,1 points for 1-3rd placements in 3 dog class; 2,1 points for 1-2nd placements in 2 dog class; 1 point for 1st place in 1 dog class If the tie is not broken above: Utilize BIF, HIT and HCS as final tiebreaker.</p>	
TOTAL	

Archives/Library Helen Stein



Purina Parent Club Partnership Program —PPCPP Helen Stein

A question for the Board: Are we still sending copies of Intro to new members? At one time the Corresponding Secretary sent a copy to all new members. I'm not sure if this is still done. Should I put an announcement in Topknot News?

Video transfers: I believe that all video transfers are complete. The final set of items — miscellaneous items such as regional specialty shows, videos of dogs, etc. — were completed in the last couple of months.

Recent donations include:

From Betty Stites: A short VHS tape of Marian Florsheim with Ch. Rudiki of Pride's Hill, footage shot at Mrs. Florsheim's home — circa 1946. I had this converted to DVD.

From Paul Lepiane: 5 boxes of books, catalogs, pedigree information. I received this shipment yesterday, 5/29, so haven't gone through material but it's obvious that there is much history included here. Many books of pedigrees (with photos) of dogs outside the U.S. as well.

We have not yet received a check for our participation in PPCPP; we normally receive the check in late May or early June. This money is a result of Purina Pro Club members submitting weight circles and designating the AHCA as the recipient of the PPCPP funds (donated by Purina).

Effective 7/31/18, Pro Club members must submit purchase receipts to Purina to earn credit; weight circles will no longer be accepted.

I'll submit an article to Topknot News informing AHCA members of the change.

Things That Make Me Smile...



"It made me smile to see that The Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club matched the donation of \$500.00 that the Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club gave to the AKC Canine Health Fund for the study of Chylothorax."

- Barb Hastings

Please submit 'things that make you smile' to
dlendeafghans@gmail.com

Obedience/Rally/ Versatility Lynda Hicks



The Afghan Hound Club of America will be hosting a week-end of all-breed Rally and Obedience trials August 4 and 5, 2018 in Leander, Texas.

This will be a first-time set of trials at a new facility, and we hope will be a good fund-raiser for AHCA, and continue to be an annual event.

"Empathy and Apathy are only a few letters different"
- Unknown



Answer to Nuggets of Nostalgia From Page 15



This male afghan Ch. Kazan's Makari is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Smith, Kazan K's, RFD3, Box 458E, New Brunswick, N. J. Makari is the proud father of one of the world's largest afghan litter—14 puppies.

Spirit of Independence

Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty

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Erica Jantos

October 26-30, 2019

Founders Inn and Spa, Virginia Beach, Virginia

2019 National Specialty, Summer 2018 Update:

Number of days to the 2019 National: -440

**September 2nd, 2018 (First day of National in Greenley): Hotel Room Block Open,
RV Reservations Open via National website**

AHCA 2019 National Team:

All positions graciously filled by AHCA Members except for these

Two open Chair/Assignments:

Auctioneer

Master of Ceremonies

1. Logo and Trophies: Waiting on proofs from Linda Deutsch. She is currently working on them and looking to have the “Spirit of Independence” completed by the end of June. A mock up of the “Bronze Boxes” has been completed. Working with the artisans to get a final price on routing the top for the medallions. All is looking to come within budget. **2019 Logo Reveal, September 1, 2019 (www.ahcanational.com)**



2. Supporting Specialties:

- A. Location: Richmond Afghan Hound Club** (Saturday, October 26, AM) has secured Mary Fisher, UK to judge their Specialty. This will be her first American Assignment.
- B. Carolina Afghan Hound Club** (Saturday, October 26, PM) and **Tidewater Afghan Hound Club** (Sunday, October 27, AM) are now planning “with 2019 in our crosshairs”

Spirit of Independence

AHCA 2019 National Specialty

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3. Marketing

- A. AHCA Annual Ad:** A one-page ad was put into the Afghan Hound Association Annual (UK). In the ad, the three upcoming AHCA events were advertised: AHCA 2018, Breeders' Cup 2019 and AHCA National 2019.
- B. World Congress 2018:** Plans are to use a similar style ad to be included in the Participant Packets.
- C. Website:** As in 2016 and 2017, plans to create a stand-alone website as moving forward. On schedule to debut this website during the 2018 National. Closed preview for the Board and for 2019 Committee Chairs will begin one week prior. We will be obtaining a generic web address. (www.AHCANational.com) so the site will be easy to find year after year and it opens the club up to advertise more than one year at once, is an outlet to sell Ways and Means items from past events, etc.



The Afghan Hound Club of America

Invites you to their upcoming
2018-2019 National Events

Sept, 2-6, 2018 "Rocky Mountain High", the AHCA National Specialty, Greeley, Colorado

Judges National: Jay T. Hafford, *Thoon (US)*, JoAnne Buehler, *Sankhya (US)* and Kathryn Carr, *Kaimar (US)*.
Denver Specialty: Heather Lindberg *(US)*. All Breed Shows: Michael Canalizo *(US)* & John Reeve-Newson *(CA)*.



Experience the True West. Set at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, the Greeley/Denver area has it all—Farm to table Dining, museums and incredible nature on its doorstep. This show is held in conjunction with two all breed shows and the Afghan Hound Club of Denver.

Airport code DEN

Room Rate 129.00USD/ 92.00 GBP * per night

May 3, 2019 Breeder's Cup Puppy Futurity, Tinicum Pennsylvania

Partial Judges' Panel: Terrance Wilcox, *Alaqodar (AUST)*

Located in rural and picturesque Bucks County this location is a great starting point to visit New York City and Philadelphia. Held in conjunction with three major all-breed shows, a regional Hound Show and the Afghan Hound Club of Northern New Jersey.

Airport codes EWR Newark or PHL Philadelphia

Room Rate 149.00USD/ 107.00 GBP * per night



Oct 26-30, 2019

"The Spirit of Independence" the AHCA National Specialty, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Held during one the most beloved American holiday's, *Halloween*. Located on at a Resort with THREE AFGHAN Specialties and the National at ONE site. Very close to notable destinations Williamsburg, Johnstown, and Washington DC

Airport code ORF Norfolk Room Rate 129.00USD/ 92.00
GBP * per night

For more information please go to the Club's website:

Spirit of Independence

AHCA 2019 National Specialty

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4. **Canine Health and Education:** Monday, October 28th, designated as “Health Day”.
- A. Afghan Hound Health Seminar:** The AHCA 2019 team would like Board approval to offer a breed specific Genetic presentation by Dr. Jerome Bell, Adjunct Professor of Genetics, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Tufts University. This seminar will be in two parts, the first part includes:
— pedigree analysis of the most influential Afghan Hound dogs and bitches, and the second part
— will discuss the genetic disorders affecting the Afghan Hound.
The cost of this speaker will be approximately \$1,500.00 (\$700.00 speaker fee plus his expenses.) We are proposing to have this event DURING THE AFTERNOON from 2:00—5:00 PM with a light reception. With the change in meal cost, we are estimating that the cost for this speaker will be about \$700.00 more than the 2016 speaker.
- B. Health Testing Clinics:** We are exploring the possibility of offering some clinics on Monday, October 28. We are weighing out the options since, historically, Clinics at our Nationals have not had strong participation and may not be cost effective.
5. **Show Secretary:** We are waiting on an updated proposal from Rau. Rau had originally sent us a contract for ALL services including ring gates and matting. It has taken time for them to understand that the hotel is paying for those items. No other club has asked this before. Since this has been prolonged due to Rau Dog Shows, the Rau quote will be shared with all parties and will allow all to bid. Planning to have options to review at the next meeting in Greeley.
6. **Performance Off Site:**
- A. Lure Coursing:** Robert Jordan has been in contact with members of the Sight Hound Organization of the Tidewater (SHOT) to use their site in Dendron, VA. The site is 80 minutes from the Founders Inn and Spa.
- B. Agility:** Mikki Razor is in contact with two Agility clubs that will have trials the last weekend of October. The closest event is outdoors and 90 minutes north of the Founders Inn. The farther event is indoors, three and a half hours south of the resort. Mikki is polling the Agility community as to which site they prefer. I have asked her to have a decision by the Board meeting in Greeley.



“Show Dogs and Stud Dogs”

by Richard G. (Rick) Beauchamp

A stud dog is not simply a male dog. Neither do show records or championships have anything to do with a dog's producing ability. Winning in the show ring proves the dog has the quality necessary to win. Siring outstanding offspring is the only thing that proves a sire's ability. These are two entirely different qualities. A dog can be a truly great show dog and a poor sire. A dog can hate the show ring and never win a point and be an outstanding sire. It is just as simple as that.

The biggest mistake breeders, novice or veteran, can make is to confuse their show dogs with their breeding dogs. They can be the same. We hope they will be the same. Often they are not. There are those who say show wins are the indicator of a dog's value to the breed. In other words, if many judges agree a particular dog is the current ideal in its breed, the dog should be bred to. I agree — but only to a degree. You can get every judge in the country to agree that the dog of the hour is the dog of the hour, but that same dog can be a complete disappointment in the breeding department. If a dog's quality is not realized in the whelping box, all we have is a box full of ribbons and nothing more.

This is not to say a winning dog cannot also be an outstanding producer. Records prove otherwise. But I cannot stress strongly enough that it is the producing ability that must be looked to and not the show record! Even the outstanding sire can be misused. Most breeds have had those truly wonderful show dogs who develop records that become the envy of one and all. Unfortunately, they become the envy of too many who feel if a dog is good enough to win every award in sight, it must be good enough to breed every bitch in sight.

In a way, the popular stud dog that produces well only with certain bitch lines can be very destructive to a breed. A few excellent youngsters emerge from the right combination and the parade begins. Every bitch that can see lightning and hear thunder is bred to the dog, but the percentage of quality produced is minuscule. The breed takes a big step backward. This is actually not the fault of the sire, but of the owners of the many bitches who follow the parade to the popular sire, regardless of the fact that he would in fact be the last choice for their particular bitch.

Truly great sires are really few and far between. There's an old saying I heard somewhere along the way that goes something like, “You can breed that one to a fence post and you'll still get good pups.” They are the rare ones, the ones that any breed is lucky to have, but it is highly doubtful that any breed will have such a dog any more than once in any breeder's lifetime. This no doubt all sounds perfectly logical, but I could write whole books on the excuses young breeders make for not breeding to the correct dog for their bitch: snow storms, rain storms, typhoons and earthquakes; the correct dog's third cousin lives down the street; it's just her first season and I'm “proving” her; etc., etc., etc.

There is only one breeding worth making — the right one. When it comes time to breed your quality bitch, stop and think, what if this turns out to be the only litter she will ever have!”

Partnership with Amazon to Benefit AHCA Rescue Fund

~ Amazon Smile ~

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The Afghan Hound Then and Now

Can You Identify the Dogs from the Past and Present?

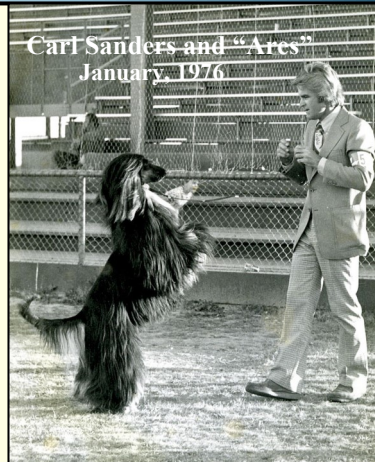


So often we hear people say that the dogs of the past were so much better than the dogs of the present.
You be the judge and decide which of these dogs are pre-1980 and post-1980.



Find out (on page 38) how to let us know your answers.

Special thanks to the club members who contributed their photos.



The Afghan Hound Then and Now



Artist June Boone renders an excellent example of a dog from the past that is representative of the Afghan Hound of the present.

Correction to 2017 Competition Statistics (Spring 2018 issue)

Top Producing Sire — Owners: Teri Tevlin & Kiyoshi Yamagami Breeder: Kazuyo Miura

Dates To Remember

~ 2019 Breeders' Cup ~ May 3, 2019 ~

In conjunction with Central NJ Hound Association,
Northern NJ AHC Specialty and Bucks/Trenton All Breed Shows



~ 2019 AHCA National Specialty ~ Oct. 27 — 31, 2019 ~
Virginia Beach, VA

Grooming the Afghan for the Show Ring

By M. L. KERR

Reprinted from DOG WORLD magazine

June '51 Show Ring Grooming Issue

Grooming the Afghan for the Show Ring

The coat of the afghan should be brushed every day; fifteen to twenty minutes will be enough when the coat is kept in shape. Brush the coat by folding the hair back with one hand and brushing down from under your fingers, thus reaching all of the hair from the skin out.

The dog should have a saddle. When the hair gets too long, it can be trimmed by using a stripping comb down the back. The saddle should be about as wide as four outspread fingers.

It is advisable to give the dog exercise but he should not be left out in the hot sun too long. The exercise will build up his front and hind quarters, but too much sun will burn his coat.

When traveling, do not use too large a crate, as the dog will be thrown around and may be bruised and his coat torn. Use a crate so that the dog will have to lie down. Pad with plenty of papers.

When you get to the show, it takes more work on the dog. Start by using a long-toothed comb to straighten out the whole coat. Then use a good cleaning powder. Sprinkle it on by folding back the coat to get the powder down next to the skin, then brush by folding the half back as in grooming. This takes the powder out, cleans the hair and leaves a soft silky coat.

Fold the ears back over the head and brush the underside, then brush the outside, using the cleaning powder.

After brushing, use Quadine spray on the coat; then a fine-toothed comb; hold the teeth slightly up, and draw the comb down. This gives the coat a flowing appearance.

The topknot can either be combed straight forward or it can be parted with each side being combed slightly forward at the front, then gradually changing it so at the back it is combed down to correspond with the hair on the chest.

The hair on the feet should be brushed outward all the way round.

Now your dog should be ready for the judge—and a win!—M. L. KERR.



The Gazette Times

Jan. 31, 1909



STRANGEST DOG KNOWN

THE champion show of the Chow Chow Club in London recently gave prominence to the strangest sort of dog in existence. The dog is the Afghan hound, which Mr. Banff has imported with great trouble from its native home. The Afghans have a curious reluctance to sell the dogs, which they use for coursing wolves. As much as \$250 for a single dog was recently refused. The appearance of the dogs is indescribably quaint. A child mistook them for goats, and an older visitor thought they were poodles. The grown dogs, which are about the greyhound size, or larger, have long whitish hair almost like merino wool down to their feet, but are smooth and of a light brown color along the back.

The Gazette Times - Jan 31, 1909

You Always Remember Your First Time of Owning an Afghan Hound!

By Marla Lutrick



The story of our Afghan Hound's rescue began with an animated movie I saw as an adolescent, "One Hundred and One Dalmatians". The movie was released in 1961, so I'm thinking by the time it got to my small town in Mississippi, I was probably at least 13.

The scene of a skinny, lanky lady with a somewhat bizarre-type alluring presence — I believe the scene was in Paris, walking an extremely exotic, long-haired dog, fascinated me. My whole world at that time was the love of dogs and horses, especially Arabians. I played with horse toys, I drew horses and dogs, I was obsessed with everything equine, and by the time I was 9, my dad bought me my first horse. I knew after the scene in the movie, I had to make a trip to the library — this was the 1960's, no internet — and find out what kind of dog that was. That animated hound somehow reminded me of an Arabian, and I promised myself when I grew up, I would have one of these dogs.

After marrying my husband, Bill, we moved into our first house in 1972. "Ah! ...we both said....now we can get a big dog"! Bill wanted an Irish Setter; I had to inform him we needed to make a trip to the book store where I showed him a picture of an Afghan Hound. Upon seeing one, he said, "that'll work"!

The search to find one of these creatures began. I called the vet's office, the Atlanta Humane Society and eventually AKC, and was told about an Afghan Hound Club right there in Atlanta. I was given Herman and Judy Fellton's phone number and immediately contacted them. I was informed about the Tara AHC by Judy (the President of the club at that time), who was so sweet and interested in my love for the breed. We went to the next meeting and joined the club, being the only members without an Afghan Hound!

We began saving our money to buy one of these exquisite hounds, continued attending the meetings and helping where we could with shows, etc. In Nov. 1973, the Tara AHC was informed by the Atlanta Humane Society of a dramatic rescue of several Afghans (18 initially, but one had died) that had been abandoned for over 2 weeks. If memory serves, they were picked up by the Humane Society after finding them in an enclosed driveway the owner used as a run. The Humane Society clipped, dipped and treated them. The Tara AHC was then contacted, and members were notified. The Humane Society kept them for several more days, but Bill and I immediately went to the facility to see them.

What a mixture of emotions and conditions we saw! Some were too weak to get up, some were roaming in the runs with a blank, somewhat glazed stare. We were told some of these poor dogs were not able to stand, as their hind legs were matted together. I made eye contact with this one particular dog, and he came up to the edge of the gate where I was standing. His extremely intense stare just pierced my heart. I stuck my finger through the gate and he licked lovingly and wagged his tail. I kept talking to him, and noticed Bill was several yards away, surveying the entire group in the kennels. I urgently called to Bill saying, "you've *got* to see this dog"! We asked an employee if he could give us any identification on this particular dog. He was reluctant, but did tell us that they had numbers on their tags, which he showed to us. The tag read number 1725.

The dogs were released several days later and Judy Fellton said, "well, do you want one?" "Absolutely!" was our response; and she replied, "did you get your yard fenced in?"... Uh....oh...no, we hadn't done that. We were passionately, but firmly told, "well, you **really need** to do that first; let me know when you do". Obviously, the fence became the goal, whatever it cost — we were so young and broke then — it didn't matter.

Our facilities were ready in Dec. of 1973 and I remember being so excited when I called Judy to say, "OK!", *I probably screamed into the phone*, "yard's fenced!" She seemed very happy to hear, and then said "let me see." I nervously waited on the other end of the line; then Judy replied, "how about contacting Joe Langford — he has one of the waifs and he's traveling a lot. That would probably be the best place to start."

Herman & Judy Fellton are on the right, and the ever-proud Tam and I are 4th from the right.



THE TARA AFGHAN HOUND CLUB
atlanta, georgia



For a totally different "Family Picture" I'm dusting off an old heart-tugger from the 70s. Shown here are some of the members of the Tara Afghan Hound Club (Judy and Herman Fellton far right) who came to the rescue when 17 Afghan Hounds were abandoned at the Atlanta Humane Society. Thirteen of them are shown here, in blooming good health compared to what they looked like 3 months earlier when they had been adopted by the club members. Probably not a show hound among them -- but what loving care they received prior to getting placed into good homes! And -- Judy Fellton is still at it, rescuing the unwanted of our breed and showing others how to do it. We salute her!



We arrived at Joe Langford's house and Joe brought the waif to his front yard. We anxiously awaited; we could hardly believe we were about to see the Afghan Hound that would be our first! As Joe and this clipped-down, skinny hound approached us, I kept looking into those familiar eyes, then started grabbing my husband's arm, screaming, "that's him, that's him!" Well, it truly was. Joe hadn't removed the Humane Society Collar and tag, and there it was — #1725. We named him Tamarack of Salix — Salix was to be our future kennel name — and called him Tam. We had chosen Salix, as it is the Genius name for the Weeping Willow tree and the graceful, flowing branches seemed to correlate on many levels to the beauty of an Afghan Hound.

On April 28, 1974 we "bought" our first Afghan Hound puppy from Peggy and Louis Swayze of Longlesson Kennels. Tam went with us to approve of our new addition, and

they were great buddies. Actually, Tam was great buddies with any dog and with every person he met. He was the most loving dog and I'm not sure how much he would have guarded us in a threatening situation — he had kisses for everyone!

This rescue endeavor was published on the back cover of "Our Afghans" shortly after this episode and again in 1988. Editor Sharon Weddle referred to it as an "an old heart-tugger". To clarify the 1988 caption: the Afghan Hounds were not abandoned "at" the humane society, the landlord of the home where the dogs' owner rented, found them in a driveway which the tenant had fenced to use as a run for his 18 Afghan Hounds. The landlord called the Humane Society, who in turn, contacted the Tara AHC. Also, it was stated that "there was probably not a show hound among them". In contrast, when the tenant's AKC papers on these dogs were found amongst his other belongings, most of these dogs were from old English lines and Scherezade breeding's, as well as some of Dr. Gerda Kennedy's Shangrila Pharaoh breeding's. I remember Kathy Aure of the TAHC took one of these waifs, and was able to attain the papers as the beautiful black and tan male was able to be identified. I well remember a B/M red bitch we all got to see go Best Adult in a Sighthound Match in Atlanta over several beautiful young hounds. She is pictured at right making the cut with the three Afghans. By the way, that is Jan Swayze pictured in front with a bitch I believe was Longlesson Black Widow, "Spider".



Bill and I have laughed over the years of our memory at a match, sometime in 1974 or early 1975.

Many members of the TAHC were

sitting around together, and I was next to Herman Fellton. I saw Herman giving Tam a fairly good stare, so I said, trying to reflect on all I'd studied about Afghan Hounds over the past year, "Don't you think he has a great head?" I was still very much a novice and all I could see was that nice Roman prominence and nice under jaw. I did not realize until later, his back skull was too wide, or either his muzzle was too short, or both! Sweet Herman just softly replied, "well, it's ok; I wouldn't call it "great"!"



Our first Afghan Hound, our precious rescue Tam, was also a "perfect" dog — truly he was! He never did anything wrong, we never had to correct him or even scold him, which is quite amazing coming from his background of just being thrown into the pen with 17 others hounds. Maybe because of his joy to be in a home and/or his nature "to please" is why he did so well in our first quarterly class with an Obedience Club in Atlanta. The owner of the Happy Tails Obedience School visited our Tara AHC one evening to present a program on Afghan Hounds in obedience. Another friend of mine from the club, Sheila McCrimmon, and I decided that we would take our "kids" and try this out. Sheila had a lovely black bitch named Clementine. I believe she was bred by Longlesson Kennels as well. At the end of the 3-month class, there was a graduation exercise and where the other students surprised! Shelia's "Clementine" was 1st place! Can you imagine — an Afghan Hound winning an obedience award over the working dogs! Well, it got even more dramatic. Our Tam was 2nd place, a Doberman was 3rd, and a German Shepherd, 4th! Ms. Clementine and "Tambo" are posing here with their long sit and stay.

Tam lived until the winter of 1984. Tam was thought to have been 2 or possibly 3 years old at the time we adopted him. Club members attempted to match dogs with AKC papers, along with the assistance of a vet, so the owners would have an idea of age. We feel he was approximately 13 when he died.



Our son was born in March of 1984, and as you can see from this picture, Tam was also an excellent baby sitter. This photo was taken just months before Tam died, and he is on the left of our son, Matt, and our Ch. Salix Paddy of Edinburg is on the right.



Over the years, we've only had the number of Afghan Hounds we could "house" so that they all got tons of personal attention — everyone had to be a house dog on some level. Our numbers never exceeded five dogs unless there was a litter of pups. We've bred champions, finished some that we bred, finished some that we bought and could not have loved them more — but then there was Tam, somehow set apart from all the rest, and always the bed dog and heart dog.

I would like to share one more story of our beloved Tam. As you can tell, we regarded him as the perfect dog. However, I do remember this one evening — oh, how it scared

us! We saw him walking down a long hallway that led to our bedroom. He was almost creeping, his head bent way down, almost touching the floor and going so slowly. He was so crouched over and barely moving! We rushed to him. I still remember the panic I felt thinking that he was seriously ill. We checked for bone or joint injury then picked him up and took him to our bed. We checked temperature, palpated his tummy, etc. To our surprise, he began giving a "timid" wag to his tail. We were feeling some relief over what seemed to be a serious situation and the more we loved on him, the more he wagged his tail. I later went into the kitchen and that explained everything. Tam's distress became very apparent — oh, how vivid the scene still is — garbage strewn everywhere! The bag on the floor, lying on its side, and the contents separated and gone through almost methodically in a priority manner with much space between the good stuff and the not-so-good-stuff. Our Tamarack, a perf....uh...."almost, perfect dog"!



A GIRL AND HER DOG

AFTER a two-year absence from a beloved mistress, four-year-old Ch. Khajah's Abou Ben of Kahayyam made sure of his continued welcome in the Williamson home by protecting the family's young daughter from attack by a neighbor's dog. When six-year-old Kelly Williamson stepped proudly out her back door with big, black Bou on lead, the pair were attacked on their own doorstep by a large mixed breed dog. It did not occur to the gentle Afghan Hound to fight, so Bou's main efforts to protect the child consisted of keeping his body between the attacking animal and the youngster.

Hearing the commotion, Mrs. Williamson also stepped outside and the attack was shifted to her. Bou again placed himself between the other dog and his owner. Fortunately, the owner of the invading dog arrived on the

scene and handed Mrs. Williamson a long-handled garden tool.

Between the two adults, the dog was finally subdued. Perhaps because of his heavy body coat, Bou was injured only about the face and mouth. Many of the lacerations required stitches. Mrs. Williamson and Kelly were uninjured.

As a young dog, Bou was shown to his championship by Mrs. Williamson. Since she felt a growing family would prevent her from campaigning him often enough to do him justice as a special, the young Afghan Hound was returned to his breeder, Emilie Robinson, in California. Following the sudden death of Mrs. Robinson, however, Bou recently rejoined the Williamson household in State College, Pennsylvania.

While Bou was in California, the family moved to a new home and, although the sur-

roundings were unfamiliar, the dog greeted his old friends with "houndy howls" of recognition.

Bou wears his stitches proudly today secure in the knowledge that he can handle such emergencies and he is living proof of the Afghan Hound temperament.

Nuggets From Another Era



Popular Dogs magazine — March 1968



Nuggets From Another Era (Continued)

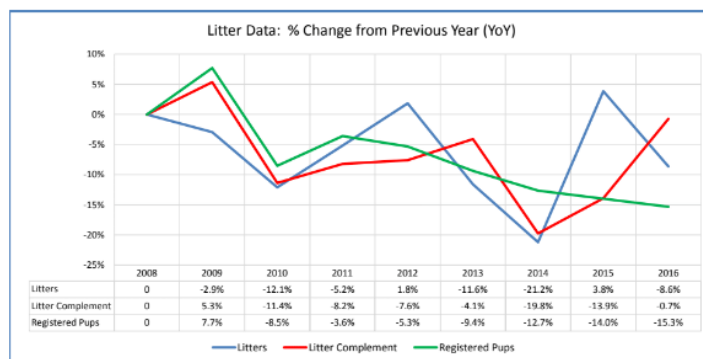
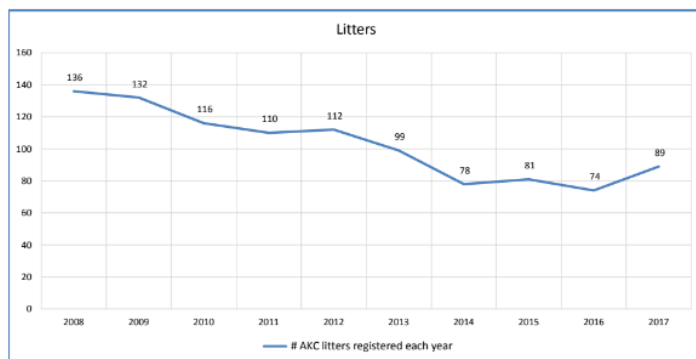
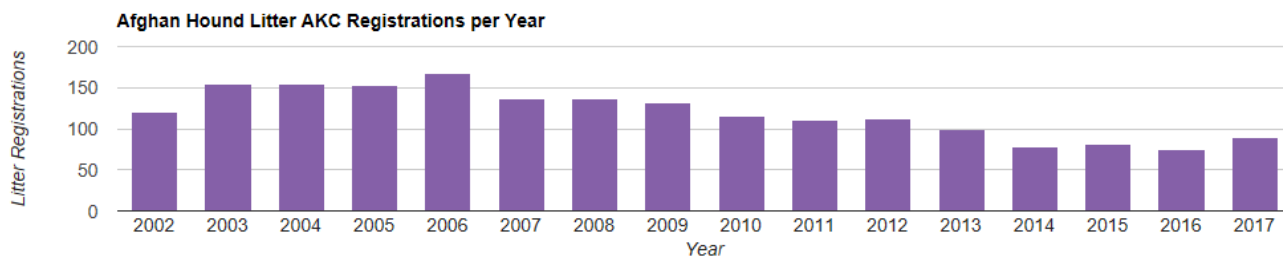
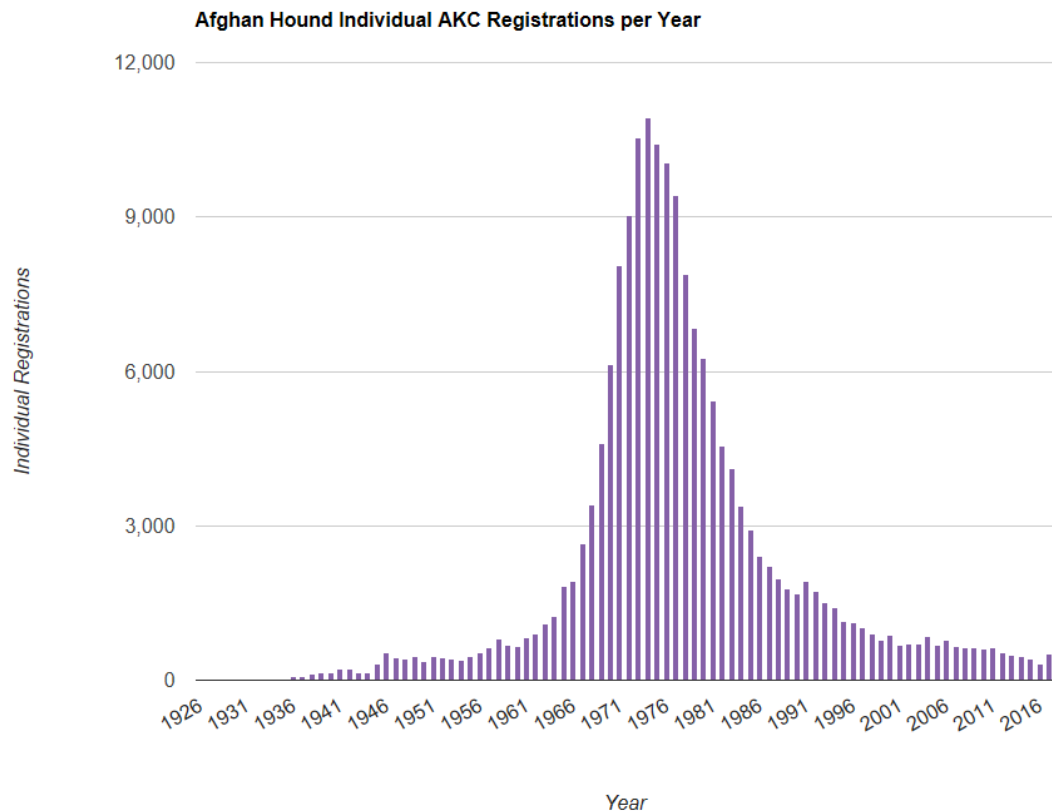


Afghan Hounds — AKC Individual Registrations Stats

Year	Registrations	Year	Registrations	Year	Registrations
2017	505	1979	6833	1941	217
2016	314	1978	7878	1940	135
2015	406	1977	9416	1939	148
2014	474	1976	10045	1938	125
2013	475	1975	10412	1937	80
2012	539	1974	10918	1936	82
2011	637	1973	10549	1935	21
2010	612	1972	9023	1934	27
2009	643	1971	8049	1933	6
2008	631	1970	6127	1932	1
2007	648	1969	4605	1931	0
2006	782	1968	3408	1930	1
2005	673	1967	2660	1929	0
2004	854	1966	1922	1928	5
2003	707	1965	1820	1927	1
2002	696	1964	1242	1926	4
2001	684	1963	1092		
2000	872	1962	889		
1999	768	1961	831		
1998	891	1960	668		
1997	1028	1959	691		
1996	1131	1958	794		
1995	1142	1957	636		
1994	1407	1956	524		
1993	1515	1955	469		
1992	1722	1954	386		
1991	1918	1953	424		
1990	1690	1952	449		
1989	1766	1951	472		
1988	1970	1950	377		
1987	2226	1949	465		
1986	2398	1948	417		
1985	2915	1947	444		
1984	3374	1946	526		
1983	4106	1945	310		
1982	4540	1944	134		
1981	5421	1943	138		
1980	6259	1942	218		

<u>AKC Litter Registrations</u>	
Year	Registrations
2017	89
2016	74
2015	81
2014	78
2013	99
2012	112
2011	110
2010	116
2009	132
2008	136
2007	137
2006	168
2005	153
2004	154
2003	154
2002	121

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REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATES

**Note: This information was gathered by TN Editor from multiple sources and the accuracy cannot be guaranteed.*

Midwest Afghan Hound Club Oberlin, OH Judge: Rick Martin Sweeps: Diana Fife Friday - August 10, 2018	Northern California Afghan Hound Club Pleasanton, CA Judge: Robert Godfrey Sweeps: Victor Barajas Saturday - October 20, 2018
Afghan Hound Club of Greater Columbus Oberlin, OH Judge: James Donahue Sweeps: Sherri Meyer Saturday - August 11, 2018	Southern Arizona Afghan Hound Association Tucson, AZ Judge: Charles Trotter Sweeps: Tari Parish November 16, 2018
Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio Oberlin, OH Judge: H. Russell Hastings Sweeps: Tracy Leonard Sunday - August 12, 2018	Sand "N" Sea Afghan Hound Club of Florida Ocala, FL Judge: Robert Godfrey Sweeps: Floyd Gale Saturday - November 17, 2018
Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club (Two Shows, One Day) Lake Elmo, MN AM Judge: Collin Hamilton Sweeps: Joann Jones Vostitsianos PM Judge: Brett Hamilton Friday - August 24, 2018	Afghan Hound Club of Omaha Council Bluffs, IA Judge Saturday: Rev. Rick Martin Sweeps: Cindi Gredes Judge Sunday: Phillip Martin Sweeps: Debbie Melgree Saturday and Sunday - November 24 & 25, 2018
Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty Greeley, CO Judge: Dogs & Intersex - Jay Hafford Judge: Bitches - JoAnn Buehler Sweeps & Triathlon: Kathryn Carr Beginner Puppy (4 - 6 mos.): Cindy Vogels Obedience/Rally: Linda Scanlon Lure Coursing: Tom Golcher & Dean Wright Agility: Lauren Duckworth & Pam Johnson Sunday thru Thursday - September 2 - 6, 2018	Suncoast Afghan Hound Club of Florida Orlando, FL Judge: Michael Koss December 14, 2018 Afghan Hound Club of Greater Phoenix (Two Shows, One day) Phoenix, AZ AM Judge: Kitty Steidel PM Judge: Russel McFadden Saturday - January 31, 2019
Afghan Hound Club of Denver Greeley, CO Judge: Heather Lindberg Sweeps: Carol Chapek Friday - September 7, 2018 following AHCA National Specialty Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club Romulus, NY Judge: Robert Stein Sweeps: Ed Giles Saturday - September 29, 2018 Afghan Hound Club of Austin Belton, TX Judge: Eugene Blake Saturday - September 29, 2018 Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Club (Two Shows, One Day) Frenchtown, NJ Judge AM Show: Barbara Arndt Sweeps: Hal Perry Judge PM Show: Deirdre Petrie Sunday - October 7, 2018 Carolina Afghan Hound Club (Three shows, Two Days) Charlotte, NC Judge Saturday AM: Anna Tyler Judge Saturday PM: Scott Pfeil Judge Sunday: Heather Lindbergh Sweeps Judge Sunday: Maria Lutrick Saturday & Sunday - October 20 & 21, 2018	<p style="text-align: center;">To let us know your Answers to The Afghan Hound Then and Now From page 29, Send your answers to the editor, Russ Hasting — Via FB Messenger or Email— hrh3judge@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦♦♦♦♦</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Another great option to let your answers be received is at the AHCA National in Denver!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There will be a poster of the Past and Present dogs, paper to log your answers to leave at the table or give to Russ Hastings or Bob Jordan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All those attending are welcome to participate. The names of those who get 100% correct answers, Along with the number of responders, will be published in the next edition of Topknot News.</p>

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Breeders' Cup Items

2014 Breeders' Cup
Travel Bags Royal Blue 14 \$5.00



2018 Breeder's Cup
Logo Coaster set/4 \$20.00
T-Shirts Purple 1-2x 1-xl \$15.00



2016 Breeders' Cup
Catalogs 12 \$5.00



2017 Breeders' Cup
Black T-Shirts S-2 M-1 XL-1 \$5.00
Teal S-2 M-1



2015 National Sales Items

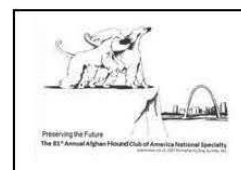
Ladies full zip Jacket/embroidered logo
Beige (sm)-2 \$5.00
Catalog 12 \$5.00



Purple exhibitor tote bags \$1.00

2016 National Sales Items

Rolled Posters 5 \$1.00
Framed Posters 3 \$5.00



2017 National Sales Items

T-Shirts White Silk Screened	S-4 M-4 L-16 XL-14	\$5.00
1/4 Zip Shirts Raspberry (embroidered dark blue)	S-3	\$10.00
1/4 Zip Shirts Green (embroidered dark blue)	S-4 M-3 L-3 XL-2 3X-2	\$10.00
Catalogs marked	10	\$5.00



Parent Club Logo Items WAYS & MEANS

PC Lapel Pins 14K gold plated		
Tie Tac or Safety Pin catch	\$15.00	Teal Bath Towels 5 \$10.00
Christmas Ornaments	\$5.00	Base Ball Caps Black Dr Blue 1ea \$10.00
White/Gold Logo	1	

Prices do not include postage

***The Afghan Hound Club of America
Proudly Presents
The 82nd National Specialty Show***

Sunday, September 2nd — Thursday, September 6th, 2018

“Rocky Mountain High”



***Island Grove Regional Park
Greeley, CO***

Show Chairman — Ann Wennberg
(303) 881-4084

For Schedule of Events, please visit the AHCA Website — <https://afghanhoundclubofamerica.org>

JUDGES:

Regular and Non-Regular Dog Classes and Best of Breed

Jay T. Hafford

Regular and Non-Regular Bitch Classes

JoAnne M. Buehler

Sweepstakes Classes (All), Triathlon

Kathryn Carr

Lure Coursing

Tom Golcher, Dean Wright

Agility

Lauren Duckworth, Pam Johnson

Obedience and Rally

Linda Scanlon

Junior Showmanship Classes

Robin Hug

Beginner Puppy (4-6 Month)

Cindy Vogels

Following Shows:

Afghan Hound Club of Greater Denver
Friday, Sept 7, 2018
Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Carol Chapek
Regular Judge: Ms. Heather Lindberg

Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club
Saturday, Sept 8, 2018
Breed: Michael Canalizo

Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club
Sunday, Sept 9, 2018
Breed: Dr. John A Reeve-Newson

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