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The Newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of America  
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Spring 2005

## SPECIALTIES

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| January -  | None   |
| February - | AHALI<br>Nutmeg AHC  |
| March      | Tidewater AHC<br>Richmond AHC  |
| April      | Potomac AHC  |
| May        | AHC Northern NJ<br>AHC Dallas<br>AHC Greater Columbus<br>AHC South West Ohio   |
| June       | AHC Greater Chicago<br>Colonial AHC<br>AHC Greater St Louis<br>Evergreen AHC   |
| July       | Greater Pittsburgh AHC I 7/2<br>Greater Pittsburgh AHC II 7/3<br>Sand n Sea AHC 7/8<br>Finger Lakes AHC - 7/8<br>AHC Greater Portland 7/15<br>Barbara Alderman Breed<br>David Butcher - Sweeps<br>AHC Greater Milwaukee 7/29<br>Joanne Buehler - Breed<br>Don Smyth - Sweeps |
| August     | Gr Twin Cities AHC 8/26<br>Sandy Frei - Breed<br>Bob Brown - Sweeps<br>Mid West AHC 8/26<br>Lou Guerrero - Breed<br>Pending - Sweeps   |
| September  | Gr Detroit AHC 9/2<br>Edith Hanson - Breed & Jr<br>Gayle Irwin - Sweeps<br>AHC Gr Denver 9/9<br>Robert Godfrey - Breed<br>Amy Sorbie - Sweeps<br>Jean Pero - Juniors   |
| Tara AHC   | 9/22<br>Sandra Frei - Breed<br>Connie Butherford - Sweeps  |
| October    | Lehigh Valley AHA 10/8<br>AHCA National 10/17-21   |

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## Star Spangled Weekend – Breeders’ Cup 2005

The 17<sup>th</sup> Afghan Hound Club of America held its Annual Breeders’ Cup in Historic Frederick, Maryland. Our setting was indoors at the Holiday Inn Holidome and Conference Center; with a great entry of 84 future stars. The AHCA Breeders’ Cup was followed the next day by the regional Specialty of the Potomac Afghan Hound Club with an entry of 128 dogs.

We had a really fantastic turnout from our fancy with many old time breeders attending. We had the likes of Jerri Cumberland, Carole Shirk, Eleanor Groves, and Jane Slusher come watch our future stars. Also we had several past Breeders’ Cup Judges attending, people like Michael Canalizo, Leslie Stoffels and Cindy Chandler were all there to support this event. Furthermore we had a pleasant contingent from Europe that came over to watch and join us in this very enjoyable weekend.

For those that did not attend, the common conclusion was that this entire event was brilliant. Our committee tried their best to make sure that all attending had plenty of time to watch the future stars, mingle with old friends and meet new acquaintances. We had the entire event in the Ballroom, which made all happy, with a good-sized ring, 11 vendors, and lots of grooming space. Our Trophy table looked dazzling, with wonderful crystal for all placements and each puppy came out of the ring with a toy. We carried our theme throughout the entire ballroom; with Patriotic colors, lights and banners strategically located throughout the venue. The very imaginative Janet Williams designed our logo, which was The Star Spangled Banner Weekend. Thank You Janet, job well done!

After the Best in Breeders’ Cup judging, the 4 local Regional Clubs ( LVAHC, PAHC, RAHC & TAHC ) plus the Afghan Hound Review sponsored a welcome Cocktail Party. The wine, beer and great food gave way to some distinguished conversations, and lots of laughs. Most will tell all that this really gave some added value to this event. All attending had time to relax and take pleasure in the sport of showing our hounds. Thanks to all our Regional Specialty Clubs and to the AHR which made this party a winner.

On Friday the event was followed by the Potomac AHC, which had June Leitch from Scotland judging our entry. The PAHC also sponsored a great dinner that evening which was followed by a very successful art Auction. All in all, it really was great fun putting it all together for our fancy. Finally a big thank you to both Joanne Buehler and Wynne Kalish for all their help and always being there. All went perfectly except that we all missed Sharon Watson, and hope she returns to good health soon.

Tony Saia Chairman

## Class Placements in 2005 Breeders' Cup Judge Floyd Gale

### Dogs 6-9 Months

1 - PIZZAZZZ DEBONAIR HP118854  
7/23/04  
L3: Ch. Pahlavi Move It On Over x Ch.  
Pizzazzz Peppermint Twizt  
Breeders: Julie Messersmith & James  
Coudriet  
Owner: Julie Messersmith

### Dogs 9-12 Months

1 - DRAGONFLY OF THE  
HEARTLAND HP099535/02 4/28/04  
L13: Ch. Dragonfly California Colors x  
Ch. Dragonfly Whiter Shade of Pale  
Breeders: Lucia & Thayer Brown &  
Julie Roche  
Owners: Lucia & Thayer Brown

2 - SHEKINAH CLEAR SUN OF  
NAZIRA HP117340/02 5/24/04  
L12: Ch. Gazon the Truth Be Told x  
Ch. Nazira's On a Clear Night  
Breeders: Judith Banker, Leslie  
Stoffels & Beth Collins  
Owners: Leslie Stoffels & Judith  
Banker

3 - SURAJ MAJIC BY DESIGN  
L11: Ch. Suraj Ralph Lauren x Ch.  
Majic Hot Stuff  
Breeders: Cindy Chandler & Pam  
McQueen  
Owners: Amy Donnell & Cindy  
Chandler

4 - OVERLOOKS THE JAZZMAN  
HP108946/03 7/7/04  
L5: Sanshee Limahl Dream Catcher x  
Beauty of Overlook  
Breeders: H.R. & B.A. Hastings  
Owners: H.R. & B.A. Hastings &  
Inez Hoffman

### Dogs 12-15 Months

1 - MAJESTIC SOLAR WIND  
HP103766/02 4/15/04  
L15: Ch. Cavu's Sonicair of Karamoor  
x Ch. Sharja Simply Majestic  
Breeders: Pat Kageals & Linda Shipley  
Owner: Pat Kageals

2 - WITCHWOOD SUMRWIND  
NEOMATR HP108725/01 1/29/04  
L25: Ch. Summerwinds It's All About  
Me! x Lyoness Memphis Grindl  
Breeder: Stephen J. Cerovski  
Owner: Breeder

3 - L'RHIEL SUNI ASIA'S TIME STEP

HP098227 3/26/04  
L18: Ch. Anrob Killing Time x Asia  
Midnight L'Rhel  
Breeders: M.J. Ross & Larry Wilt  
Owners: James & Lynda Hicks

4 - SHENANDOAH SMOKE AND  
MIRRORS  
L17: Ch. Genesis Legacy of Ambelike  
x Ch. Shenandoah Pistol Blue  
Breeders: Denise & Jerry Willeford  
Owners: Wendy Slowe & Lou  
Guerrero

### Dogs 15-18 Months

1 - WYNSYR GENTLEMAN JACK  
HP102983/03 12/3/03  
L29: Ch. Mahali Kendall Jackson x  
Ch. Wynsyr Kalahari  
Breeders: D. Pfeil & W. Pfeffer  
Owners: Dr. David & Amy Donnell,  
D. Scott Pfeil & William Pfeffer

2 - CRISTON WYNSYR CROSSFIRE  
HP102983/02 12/3/03  
L29: Ch. Mahali Kendall Jackson x  
Ch. Wynsyr Kalahari  
Breeders: D. Pfeil & W. Pfeffer  
Owner: Christine Pinkston

3 - LLACUE'S ALOOF BORN TO  
PERFORM HP092649 12/4/03  
L28: Ch. Tahkira Hell Raiser x Ch.  
Kia's Strike a Pose-Vogue  
Breeders: Joe & Lin Filippone, Jesus  
Llano & Michael Cuevas  
Owners: Breeders

4 - REGIMES GUINNESS AT  
TANQUERAY HP085870 12/22/03  
L27: Ch. Regimes Picasso of Keystone  
x Ch. Meshome SusieQ  
Breeder: Robert Godfrey  
Owner: Chris West

### Dogs 18-21 Months

1 - SILHOUETTE'S STARLIGHT  
EXPRESS HP091898/01 10/10/03  
L38: Ch. Summerwind's It's All About  
Me! x Silhouette's Devil in  
Disguise  
Breeders: Elizabeth and Robert  
Berman  
Owner: Breeders

2 - SILHOUETTE'S SMILE  
HP091898/05 10/10/03  
L38: Ch. Summerwind's It's All  
About Me! x  
Silhouette's Devil in Disguise

Breeders: Elizabeth and Robert Berman  
Owner: Breeders

3 - JABIR NIGHT FEVER HP083969/04  
9/30/03  
L35: Ch. NFX Night to Remember x  
Ch. Jabir's Lady Hawk of Euthopia  
Breeders: Christina Farrar & Laurie  
Persky  
Owner: Christina Farrar

### Bitches 6-9 Months

1 - GREATEST LOVE OF ALL IN  
CONCERT HP128145/04 9/16/04  
L1: Ch. Summerwind's It's All About  
Me! x Ch. Ukelele in Concert  
Breeders: Holly Jorgensen & Rosemary  
Sutton  
Owner: Holly Jorgensen

2 - PIZZAZZZ FLIRTATIOUS HP118854  
7/23/04  
L3: Ch. Pahlavi Move It On Over x Ch.  
Pizzazzz Peppermint Twizt  
Breeders: Julie Messersmith & James  
Coudriet  
Owners: Carol Lovekin & Julie  
Messersmith

3 - VICTORIAN SHEER BLISS  
HP118854/05 7/23/04  
L3: Ch. Pahlavi Move It On Over x Ch.  
Pizzazzz Peppermint Twizt  
Breeders: Julie Messersmith & James  
Coudriet  
Owners: James & Deborah Coudriet &  
J. Messersmith

4 - PIZZAZZZ TROPICAL TWIZT  
HP118854 7/23/04  
L3: Ch. Pahlavi Move It On Over x Ch.  
Pizzazzz Peppermint Twizt  
Breeders: Julie Messersmith & James  
Coudriet  
Owner: Julie Messersmith

### Bitches 9-12 Months

1 - COUNTRYWIND EZ RIDER OF  
KORAJ HP111347/03 7/5/04  
L6: Ch. Tifarahs All Star Performer x  
Ch. Gazon Countrywinds Paperdali  
Breeder: Catherine Harker  
Owners: Heather Alderson, Jason &  
Kathy Kelberman

2 - SURAJ COVER GIRL MAJIC  
HP103630/01 5/24/04  
L11: Ch. Suraj Ralph Lauren x Ch. Majic  
Hot Stuff  
Breeders: Cindy Chandler & Pam 2

2McQueen

Owners: Breeders

3 - NAZIRA DAWN ON SHEKINAH  
HP117340/01 5/24/04

L12: Ch. Gazon the Truth Be Told x  
Ch. Nazira's On a Clear Night

Breeders: Judith Banker, Leslie  
Stoffels & Beth Collins

Owners: Judith Banker & Leslie  
Stoffels

4 - KASBAN BEWITCHING BREEZE  
HP120956/01 6/4/04

L10: Ch. Regimes Picasso of Keystone  
x Ch. Kasban Silver Breeze

Breeder: Laura Mauldin

Owner: Breeder

Bitches 12-15 Months

1 - SHA-CONE ABACA DELOVELY  
HP109658/01 2/5/04

L24: Pamelons Sterling x Ch. Khandu  
After Midnight

Breeders: Abbe R. Shaw & Terry D.  
Chacon

Owners: Abbe R. Shaw, Terry D.  
Chacon & Wynne B. Kalish

2 - KASBAN SEVENTH MOON  
HP093364/01 2/16/04

L22: Ch. Kasban Saturday Night Fever  
x Ch. Kasban Seventh Heaven

Breeder: Laura Mauldin

Owner: Breeder

3 - TAZA DELOUBELLE DOUBLE  
TAKE HP124103/01 2/28/04

L20: Ch. Gazon the Truth Be Told x  
Ch. Deloubell Black Magic

Breeders: Beth Collins & Louise  
Ouimet Lavigne

Owners: Darlyn & Steve Pfeiffer &  
Beth Collins

4 - MAHALI TANGANYIKA  
HP107752/04 3/23/04

L19: Ch. Mahali Kendall Jackson x  
Bellona of Cuty Honey

Breeders: Lynne Schanzle & Keiko  
Ozawa

Owners: Linda Kramer, Lynne Schanzle  
& Anita Dickie

Bitches 15-18 Months

1 - REGIMES THE DREAM BY  
PICASSO HP085870 12/22/03

L27: Ch. Regimes Picasso of  
Keystone x Ch. Meshome SusieQ

Breeder: Robert Godfrey

Owners: Inalo Harris & Robert  
Godfrey

2 - LLACUE'S ALOOF UNLIKE ANY  
OTHER HP092649 12/4/03

L28: Ch. Tahkira Hell Raiser x Ch.

Kia's Strike a Pose-Vogue

Breeders: Joe & Lin Filippone, Jesus  
Llano & Michael Cuevas

Owners: Breeders

3 - ALOOF LLACUES CLASSY

CHASSY HP092649 12/4/03

L28: Ch. Tahkira Hell Raiser x Ch.

Kia's Strike a Pose-Vogue

Breeders: Joe & Lin Filippone, Jesus  
Llano & Michael Cuevas

Owners: Breeders

4 - ATHAME THE FIREBIRD

HP080136/03 10/28/03

L32: Ch. Watling St. Star Gazer x Ch.

Jovan Myriad Heaven Sent

Breeder: James Pollard

Owner: Breeder

Bitches 18-21 Months

1 - SILHOUETTE'S SONG BIRD

HP091898/02 10/10/03

L38: Ch. Summerwind's It's All About  
Me! x

Silhouette's Devil in Disguise

Breeders: Elizabeth and Robert  
Berman

Owner: Breeders

2 - JABIR SOUTHERN NIGHTS

HP083969/01 9/30/03

L35: Ch. NFX Night to Remember x

Ch. Jabir's Lady Hawk of Euthopia

Breeders: Christina Farrar & Laurie  
Persky

Owner: Christina Farrar

\*\* Best in AHCA Breeders' Cup - SHA-  
CONE ABACA DELOVELY

\*\* BOS in AHCA Breeders' Cup -  
WYNSYR GENTLEMAN JACK

Specialties continued

November AHC Memphis

AHCof Gr Houston 11/11

Avril Lancashire(UK) - Breed

Paullet De Long - Sweeps

AHC Omaha 11/18

Joanne Buehler - Breed

Pending - Sweeps

SoArizonaAHA - 11/18

Gill Ullom - Breed

Leslee, Greer - Sweeps

December - None

National 2006

Sept 17 thru the 23rd

AHCA -Sept 17, 18, 19, 20 ,21  
Dogs and Intersex

Mrs Betty Richards

Bitches: Mrs Romaine Switch

Sweepstakes: Mrs Barbara

Cassidy

Potomac AHC Friday Sept 22

Judges: TBD

Lehigh Valley AHC - Saturday

Sept 23rd Judges: TBD

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ARFAMILIES

DISCUSSION GROUP

This list is specifically for the  
families who have adopted  
rescue Afghan Hounds.

Discussions usually are  
targeted to issues related to  
the special needs of rehomed  
Afghan Hounds. Several very  
experienced rescue volunteers

participate in this discussion  
group and will help you with  
your questions and special  
needs.

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group/ARFamilies](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ARFamilies)

Or contact the list  
administrator: [ahrco@aol.com](mailto:ahrco@aol.com)

## BREEDERS' CUP CRITIQUE

First I would like to thank all the breeders and exhibitors who showed their upcoming stars to me at the AHCA Breeders' Cup 2005. The venue, which was the Holiday Inn in Frederick Md, was great, the ring was a decent size, and the trophies were fabulous. The ring decorations really made me feel that this was something special. Secondly I must say that I took this assignment very seriously, and formed opinions based on my experiences inside the ring, outside the ring, and as breeder/exhibitor.

**6-9 Puppy Dog:** The class winner was a very leggy / houndy young dog. He was very balanced on the stack and showed great style with his movement that had determination in each and every stride. Also he had a hard top, which I feel is very important in a young dog. His breeder will do very well with this dog; he has lots to offer our fancy.

**9-12 Puppy Dog:** First place went to a dark brindle that was a real standout in every way. This puppy was GREAT to go over, had the proper layback of shoulders, and was well set under and very square in profile. He had angles both for and aft which allowed him to move very lightly on his feet. This dog should have lots to offer our breed in the future.

**12-15 Puppy Dog:** This class had several dogs that I really liked, with various types abounding, but when deciding for the first place ribbon I went with a solid black masked red dog. Again, this dog was square in profile, had a great hard topline, and had good angles in the front

and rear. He was very sound on the move, nothing extreme but "balanced".

**15-18 Dogs:** Another class with some very nice dogs in it, but again various types and balances. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placements were both very good in many of the same areas, they apparently were litter brothers. Both these dogs were houndy, with nice neck sets, good body and had hard toplines. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places were also very nice but a little different balance than I look for. The red dog won out because he was better set under himself and was more collected on the move. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place dog had the same extreme side gait but lost to the points I previously mentioned above.

**18-21 Dogs** This class was a tough one because I loved two dogs, again both littermates. The blue dog won this class because he had the confidence that a young dog should have. He was of correct size, positively square on the stack, and held his outline on the move. I would like to make a point here - Yes this dog and his littermate held their outlines on the move, this is so important and it seems we are losing this today. Both he and his brother had great headpieces, with beautiful dark eyes, great expression and the very seldom seen Roman nose. The black dog that I gave second, I absolutely loved. But the handler was unable to get him under control so the blue dog won on his ease of performance. On another day, I would choose the 2<sup>nd</sup> for his absolute magnificence.

**6-9 Puppy Bitch:** A Very obvi-

ous reason why I decided on this very square ultra feminine black bitch. She was sound, showed great style on the move, was great to watch move. She came into the ring like she owned it, and was so very proud of herself while she showed off her light easy gait.

**9-12 Puppy Bitch:** The class winner was a very nice black and tan bitch. She won over the second place, cream bitch, because she was more solid to go over and again held it all together better when she moved. Both girls were sound, had the proper set under fronts, with visible pleasing heads and proper expressions.

**12-15 Bitch:** This class was by far the most distinctive group of winners that I had all day. All four placements were of very high quality and I hope that all will pass on their overall admirable attributes to the future stars of many upcoming Breeders' Cup competitions. The first place ribbon went to a very good solidly made blue brindle bitch. This bitch was correct in every part of her body, she was really the complete package. She had a great headpiece, with proper eyes, and a nice Roman nose. She is perfectly balanced on the stack and on the move. . When moving graciously around the ring, she held it all together; nothing went high and nothing went down. She had terrific shoulders that flowed properly into a correct neck set. She was sound both fore and aft, and had balanced side gait. She had it all,- what else can one ask for?

**15-18 Bitch:** The class winner went to a very lovely houndy

black brindle bitch. She had a great head piece and again the proper dark almond-shaped eye. This bitch was sound on the up and back, great on the stack and showed the precise balance which I feel is important. She was square. To top it all off, she moved very nicely and won the class because of this.

**18-21 Bitch:** I gave this class to a nicely balanced blue bitch. She was very good to go over, had a nice shoulder, which went into the neck nicely. She too had a hard topline and held it all together on the move.

**My Best in Breeders' Cup:** My final decision came down to three bitches, the 6-9, the 12-15, and 15-18 and the red dog from the 15-18 class. I moved all the bitches together then separately, had all do a free stack, and then had the red dog go around with my two finalists which were the two older bitches. My final decision was arrived at by judging the total dog, I try not to get caught up into one area but prefer to look at the total package. In conclusion, my final decision went to the 12 - 15 month blue brindle bitch. As I stated on my class comments, she had it all, she was the total package and was bursting with exceptional attributes from her head to her tail. My Best Opposite went to the red dog from the 12 - 15 class, Again, he had so many fine qualities that I could not deny him the win.

Again thanks to all the breeders, exhibitors and handlers for making this a special event. In addition I like to express my sincere gratitude

to all the people that helped make the entire affair special for our "Star Spangled Banner" event.

Fondly, Floyd J Gale  
Beachbrook Afghans

## National Specialty

Monday, 17 October thru  
Friday, 21 October 2005  
Tentative Schedule of Events

-All activities at the host hotel unless otherwise noted-

Monday, Oct. 17:  
Lure Coursing  
Welcome Party-hosted by the NCAHC

Tuesday, Oct. 18:  
Obedience  
Rally Obedience  
Veteran Sweepstakes & Sweepstakes - Michael Dunham  
Vendors Wine & Cheese Party

Wednesday, Oct. 19  
Membership Meeting  
Rescue Meeting  
Agility  
Conformation Judging-Dogs  
Michael Canalizo  
Breed Symposium / Dinner Buffet

Thursday, Oct. 20:  
Judges' Study Group  
Junior Showmanship  
Canine Good Citizen Test  
Liberty Class  
Conformation Judging - Bitches  
Duane Butherus  
Art Auction "Friends of the Fancy" w/no-host bar & light fare

Friday, Oct. 21:  
Parade of Veterans  
Parade of Rescue  
Triathlon  
High Scoring Obedience  
Best Junior Handler  
Best in Field  
Best of Breed - Michael Canalizo  
Awards Dinner



Afghan Hound Club of America  
69th National Specialty October  
17-21, 2005 | Sacramento, Calif.

October is a beautiful time of year to bring your dogs and your dreams to Northern California, to the full-service Red Lion Hotel near the State Capitol. We will have lovely outdoor grounds to provide a showcase for the beauty of our breed.

Judges: Michael Canalizo, Best of Breed, & Dogs

Duane Butherus, Bitches  
Mike Dunham, Sweeps, Veteran Sweeps

Hotel: Red Lion Hotel, special \$89 room rate (mention AHCA when making your reservation).  
916-922-8041.

General information: redlion.com

The National Specialty is the start of a Northern California cluster, including: October 22: Northern California Afghan Hound Club, at the Red Lion. Lee Canalizo (regular classes), Bonnie Peregoy (sweeps) October 23-24: Del Valle Kennel Club in Pleasanton, Calif. Gene Vaccaro (Sunday), Ute Lennartz, Germany (Monday)

In addition to its own attractions, Sacramento is within comfortable driving distance of the Napa Valley, San Francisco, the historic foothill Gold Country as well as Lake Tahoe.

Join us! Please support your National Specialty by contributing to our trophy fund. We will be featuring the beautiful ceramics of Scotland's June Leitch. Remember: A \$40 donation to the fund entitles you to a free catalog. Contact Sandy Weinraub, AmerBeaut@aol.com; 805-339-9869 or chair, jubilann@aol.com,

AFGHAN HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA  
CALIFORNIA GOLD  
2005

**Art Vendors:**

I am really excited about our National Specialty this year- it is going to be well attended. The hotel is amazed at the response they've had. We've had to guarantee many rooms and to date we're well over the numbers required. People will be attending from all over the world. Our Vendors will be located under a permanent gazebo very near the ring with sides that close down for the evening and available electricity. It will be a wonderful venue. So, as for you artists that are sitting on the fence about coming to the National in California, fall on the Golden side, it's going to be a lot of fun and it should be lucrative as well.

**Artists:**

Equally exciting is our first stand-alone Art Auction the evening before the awards dinner Friends of the Fancy. Professional auctioneer Darlyn Pfeiffer will be at the helm. We are hoping to reach as many artists as possible, and through their generous donations this will help support Afghan Hound Rescue and this year's National Specialty: we already have several donations. And from those of you who are not artists we are accepting Art donations from anything you would be willing to give up from your collection for the Auction. All art will be displayed in a large room with designated hours for viewing. After hours the display windows will be open along the hallway as you walk by. Along with a no-host bar and specialty appetizer plates there will be one free drink ticket per person. There will be drawing for a one year's subscription to the Afghan Hound Review and one free night at the hotel. All this and door prizes too! This is going to be a very special event and a lot of fun too! Join us and let's make this 2005 California Gold National Specialty a success!!

Judith A. Bloom/Show Chairman

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## NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Midge Horn and I are chairing the Breed Symposium at this year's National in Sacramento. We have a first class speaker, Dr. Jon McAnulty of the U of Wisconsin vet school coming to speak on several life threatening health issues that concern our breed....chylothorax, lung torsion and hemangiosarcoma. The parent club will give us \$500 towards putting on the symposium plus they will match funds \$1 for everyone that attends. The parent club has kept the costs down for attending this event...it is only \$10 per person which includes dinner to try to get people to attend. What I have a problem with is that we cannot use any of this money towards Dr. McAnulty's expenses. We can only use it for copying and mailing. We (Midge and I) will be sending out a letter asking for donations that we can use towards bringing our speaker to California. Any monies that are leftover will be donated specifically towards health studies for our breed. If you are interested in donating, please send your donations to me at the address at the bottom of this page.

Sandy Frei

### 2005 AHCA BREED SYMPOSIUM RED LION HOTEL

Wednesday Evening, October 19, 2005

*- Presenting -*

**Dr. Jonathan McAnulty, DVM, PhD**

**Dr. McAnulty is from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine and will be our featured speaker. He is currently doing a comparative clinical trial, funded by the Morris Animal Foundation, for surgical treatment of Chylothorax in the dog. *To date three afghans have gone through his trial and all three are survivors!***

Join us for a night devoted to a discussion of life threatening diseases that affect our breed: Chylothorax, Lung Torsion & Hemangiosarcoma.

**Reservation Deadline is: Wednesday, September 28, 2005**

6:00 pm Cash Bar -

6:30 pm Mexican buffet -

7:15 pm Symposium

(Dinner also includes drink, tax & tip)

All checks payable to the AHCA (US funds only)  
and must accompany reservations

**Mail Reservations To:**

**Sandy Frei**

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**LEGISLATIVE REPORT - from Stir Greer**

The Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 (PAWS) SB1139 (& the identical HR2669) is an amendment to the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). Currently, hobby breeders are exempt from regulation by the AWA because they are currently not required to be USDA licensed, per USDA Regulations Section 2.1(a)(3)(vii):

Any person who breeds and raises domestic pet animals for direct retail sales to another person for the buyer's own use and who buys no animals for resale and who sells no animals to a research facility, an exhibitor, a dealer, or a pet store (e.g., a purebred dog or cat fancier) and is not otherwise required to obtain a license;

PAWS puts a numbers limit on how many dogs (or litters), of their own breeding, can be sold by a person in a year, without being required to conform to the AWA (that means licensing, inspection, and regulation). 25 dogs or 6 litters sold. Selling a dog of someone else's breeding (like a stud puppy) loses you your exemption.

The AKC is supporting this bill while many dog groups (including AKC member clubs) and cat groups are not. AKC's position is that while the legislation is not ideal, at least the AKC will have some influence when the actual regulations are written (if the bill passes). Opposing critics fault the AKC for supporting legislation that will negatively impact the dog fancy and that can later be amended to be more restrictive.

The Humane Society of the United States and the Doris Day Animal League also support this bill. Both groups are known for their anti-breeding campaigns.

When introducing the bill, Senator Santorum (PA-R), said: "This threshold test would differentiate those breeders who raise animals in mass numbers from those who are hobby breeders".

Co-sponsor, Senator Durbin (IL-R) said, "Another severe limitation of the current AWA is that it does not regulate overseas breeders...PAWS strengthens the AWA to better control the practices of puppy breeding...and places stricter regulations on overseas breeders." US legislation does not have the authority to place regulations on overseas breeders. The bill is currently in the Senate Agricultural Committee, of which Santorum is the Chair, the Senate Appropriations committee, and the House version is in the House Ag. Committee.

Now is a good time to contact the committee chairs:  
Senators & Representatives [congress.org/congressorg/home](http://congress.org/congressorg/home)

Senate Agricultural committee 202-2242035 (SB1139)  
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Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 5, 2005  
Scottsdale, Arizona

#### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Present: JoAnne Buehler, Abbe Shaw, Gill Ullom, Donna Amos, Jan Lucree, Linda Jackson, Sue Busby, Claudia Jakus, Betsy Hufnagel, Helen Stein, Harry Bennett, Le Hedstrom:  
No Absentees.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Linda reported that Janet Lenobel turned the books over to her on February 10.

Tony Saia, Breeders' Cup Show chair for 2005, reported the block of rooms at the hotel had been used up, so more rooms were added. The board was reminded that any leftover trophy money from the 2004 Breeders' Cup goes to the 2005 show.

Eileen Laudermilch and Colleen Ayling presented a proposal to hold the 2006 Breeders' Cup on Friday, March 24, at the Francisco Grande Hotel and Golf Resort. in Casa Grande, AZ. Judging would be outdoors. Two specialty shows would follow on Saturday and Sunday at the same site. A motion was made and passed to accept this proposal for 2006.

By October 22, 2004 the membership had collected \$911 worth of Purina weight circles, which will be donated to the Canine Health Foundation and will earn matching funds. Thanks to all the members participating in this. There will be a Judges' Ed Seminar with the Breeders' Cup in April, at the Sighthound Institute in Raleigh in May and in Atlanta with the Tara Afghan Hound Club 50th Specialty show in September.

A motion was made and passed

to consistently use the following language in Premium Lists concerning Judges Educational Seminars:

"This Judges Educational Seminar is open to any approved judges, prospective applicants thereof, and any Afghan Hound breeder who is otherwise fully qualified (see AKC site for present requirements to apply to judge) but not necessarily applying to judge the breed. The registration fee is \$25.00; AHCA member discounted fee is \$20.00. This is by pre-registration ONLY. Registration must be received by (insert a date 10 days before the seminar) to attend."

Sandy Frei and Midge Martin will coordinate the breed seminar at the national specialty in Sacramento this October.

There was a junior article in the last Review. The junior activities at the 2005 National were outstanding. It was decided that Junior Showmanship classes will be moved to Friday at the National in Sacramento, so we are not encouraging the juniors to miss school.

Helen Stein has most of the library materials. She also has a personal scrapbook from Kay Finch. There will be a library table at the 2005 National. Helen has rented a storage facility to safely store the library materials.

Jan Swayze-Curry is working on an AHCA AKC field trial in Chattanooga, TN in September.

2004 National Specialty: Sandy Nelson, Show Chair, submitted a thorough report on the 2004 National Specialty, with some recommendations for future nationals. These will be passed along to future show chairmen.

It was discussed and decided that regional clubs may have informational club brochures available at the National, but they may not conduct raffles as this is the time for the

National and AHCA committees to raise money.

2005 National Specialty: Judy Bloom, Show chair, has contacted a new videographer as well as a photographer since Michael Graat is not available. There was an ad with the logo for the 2005 National in the last Review. There will be a Veteran Sweepstakes in addition to the Puppy Sweepstakes. A motion was made and passed to change the age for Parade of Veterans from eight to seven years of age.

A proposal was received from Tony Saia to hold the 2006 National Specialty in Lancaster, PA at the Lancaster Host Resort & Expo Center. The Expo Center has 23,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space. The host hotel has over 300 rooms, on two levels, multiple restaurants, and RV parking. Other national specialties have been held at the facility very successfully. The event would run from Sunday, September 17 through Thursday, September 21, followed by the Potomac Afghan Hound Club Specialty on Friday, and Lehigh Valley possibly on Saturday.

A motion was made and passed to accept this proposal.

A motion was made, and passed to change Policies and Procedures to reflect that the Versatility Award includes regular OR rally obedience. For the triathlon, either AKC or ASFA lure coursing will count, and either regular or rally obedience will count.

The AHCA display at the Eukanuba Classic in Tampa looked nice and we received a certificate from AKC. We have the many Florida members who put it together and worked at it, to thank.

There are 37 show-giving clubs. Sand and Sea will have their first show on July 8, 2005. Suncoast has had an A match. Carolina AHC and Vegas Valley are two new clubs. Columbus, Southwest Ohio and

Pittsburgh are all holding back-to-back specialties this year for various reasons. Back-to-back specialties will continue to be decided on a case-by-case, year-to-year basis.

Rescue report that 103 of 136 dogs in rescue were placed during 2004. Ten dogs were returned to rescue. Fewer regional clubs are covering the cost of rescued dogs. Fundraising efforts continue to be successful. Three dogs were placed through the ad in Dog World we are trying out for Rescue this year. The Rescue Hotline number will be placed in the AHCA Membership Roster.

AHCA fleece blankets will be available at the 2005 National. We will probably have more hats, tote bags and denim shirts with AHCA logo, too.

Motion was made and passed to adjourn. The Next Board Meeting will be in St. Louis, MO on Saturday, June 4.-

JoAnne

**JUDGE EDUCATION** We held a Judges Education Seminar over the Potomac/Futurity weekend. The actual attendees were Elizabeth Muthard, Joyce Fournety, and Karen Wilson. I thank those whose sat ringside for mentoring.

On May 12 the AKC sponsored an Advanced Judges Sighthound Institute in Raleigh. Our breed was represented there and at the top of the list of attendees I put our very own Rita Figg and Debbie Peterson who were there for other breed seminars but took the time to sit in on my presentation. I don't actually know if everyone was there but the signed up participants were: Gary Anderson, Klaus Anselm, Chuck Bagnell, Anne Bolus, David Bolus, John F Booth, Gail S Boyd, Timothy Catterson, Bonnie Linnell Clarke, Pluis Davern, Arlene Davis, Lowell Davis, Sandra Fikes, Kim Gonzales, Dee Hickerson, William Hickerson, Nathaniel Horn, Jamie L Hubbard, Douglas A Johnson, Marjorie Knapp,

Barbara Ann Langlois, Anne L Legge, Kenneth H Levison, Sidney L Marx, Jeffrey Pepper, Robert L Robinson, Dyane Roth, Joan P Scott, Robert H Slay, Donavan Thompson, Bonnie Threlfall, Cindy Vogels, and Karen Wilson. Several of the AKC Staff attended as well.

I will make a presentation for a Judges Group in Greenville, SC in July and then in Atlanta, GA in September over the Tara Afghan Hound Club weekend.

Harry

#### REGIONAL CLUBS

Regional Clubs are maintaining their status around the country. By the time this report is printed, the three clubs which were granted back to back shows will have held their events. (AHCGrColumbus, AHCSWOHio and AHCGr Pittsburgh ). The Columbus club actually had to change its date because of its usual date conflicting with this year's Futurity. Please note that the AHCMemphis has also had to change its date from the end of November to October 15 for this year only.

The Sand 'N See AHC is holding its first Specialty on July 8. The Suncoast AHC has already held its "A" match. Other new regional clubs building are Stone River AHC ( TN ) and Carolina AHC.

Three Specialty Clubs hold their events on Saturday evening over its given weekend. These are AHCSt.Louis, AHCGrChicago, and AHCMemphis. One Specialty Club (So.AZAHA ) will consider the classes at an all breed show as its Specialty Show.

Of course as we know the Potomac AHC hosted a wonderful Futurity in April, and next Spring we look forward to AHCGrPhoenix hosting our Futurity and two Specialty events.

Thank you everyone for your continued work,

Harry

January 1, 2005 to July 9, 2005

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|------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1    | DC Lenobel Sofisticatd Siloette RN   | SC     | D 13   |
| 2    | Naranj Oranje Tehya JC               | B      | 12     |
| 2    | FC Pam-Mel Penhebogyydd SC           | D      | 12     |
| 2    | Jubilans Cayetan                     | D      | 12     |
| 5    | DC Allure's Double Exposure MC       | LCX5 D | 11     |
| 5    | CH Shekinah Prima Donna SC           | B      | 11     |
| 7    | Naranj Oranje Sierra Neka JC         | B      | 10     |
| 8    | Windyglen Carried Away JC            | B      | 9      |
| 8    | Var-Ser Pure Sugar Of Pam Mel SC     | D      | 9      |
| 10   | Naranj Oranje Samara JC              | B      | 8      |
| 11   | FC Llacue's Aloof Zero Tolerance SC  | B      | 7      |
| 11   | Kryslaur's Almost Absent JC          | B      | 7      |
| 11   | Twyshire Stardust Golden SC          | B      | 7      |
| 14   | FC Escapades Warrior Princess SC     | B      | 6      |
| 14   | Perfection Elmo's Solar Eclipse JC   | D      | 6      |
| 14   | Jubilans's Tzaneen Tumbleweed JC     | B      | 6      |
| 14   | FC Twyshire Tanist SC                | D      | 6      |
| 18   | CH Perfection-Elmo Evenstar JC       | B      | 5      |
| 19   | DC Allure's Dear John Of Suraj SC    | B      | 4      |
| 19   | DC Allure-Rustic Cover Girl SC       | B      | 4      |
| 19   | CH Perfection Ebony Orion Of Elmo JC | D      | 4      |
| 22   | Tiara's Beautiful One                | B      | 3      |
| 22   | Tiara's Diamonds And Pearls          | B      | 3      |
| 22   | Sars-Smrwnd Some Like It Hot JC      | D      | 3      |
| 22   | FC Righteous Arcanashotgun Weddin SC | D      | 3      |
| 26   | CH Arcana's Act Of Valor SCD         |        |        |
| 26   | Sars-Sumrwnd Portrait In Blu JC      | B      | 2      |
| 26   | ASHLEY'S CRIMSON LYRIC JC            | B      | 2      |
| 26   | Starlights Fame Fortune Ruby         | B      | 2      |

## BREED PRESENTATION

Hello everyone,

I would just like to confirm that yes I was asked to and yes I did present our breed to a large attendance of prospective and interested judges, as well as AKC representatives in Raleigh on Thursday, May 12.

I arrived home ( FL ) driving from NJ on Tuesday, groomed a young bitch to bring to the seminar, and was in Raleigh, NC in the wee hours of Thursday morning.

Raleigh is not a strong area for our Afghan Hounds and gathering the dogs I would need to represent our breed and stand up to a regiment of numbers of people going over dogs was not an easy task.

A new regional club has formed in the Carolinas but for many and good reasons its help could not be attained. Chris Pinkston drove several hours to bring me dogs ( and I know she had to be back home that same night to get ready to drive another 9 -10 hours for another planned commitment ). Susan Buell King brought a dog and a few fuzzy faced, unaltered puppies for the judges to see what that looked like. Alice (forgive me for not knowing her last name ), on a last second begging request, brought a dog exhibiting obvious natural coat patterning ( and its advantages and disadvantages ).

The seminar went very well and I drove back home arriving again in the wee hours of the morning to prepare and leave again for shows elsewhere.

I had not been placed in charge of the Lure Coursing event which preceded the seminars. I was informed when I arrived that the person who was did not show up and no Afghan Hounds were in attendance for that. However, in my presentation I do cover the "hunting prowess" of the Afghan Hound and truly ( I know some of you may view this as treason ), the terrain and conditions that this breed excels in hunting could never be replicated on a lure coursing field.

I want to again THANK Chris, Susan, and Alice for helping me! These seminars never seem to be convenient but they are important, and it is all we can do to try to make things better. The large attendance was great but actually, if I reach one person, I've accomplished something.

Harry

## 2005 RESCUE CALENDARS

\$15 each

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AHCA Rescue  
RD3 Box 141  
Westfield, PA 16950

## RESCUE REPORT

Our second quarter reports are coming in and at this time we have taken in 22 Afghans in the past three months. There were 17 in the system at the beginning of the quarter and 27 have been placed. We are beginning to see more puppies being turned over to us.....these are usually placed very quickly. Our 2006 Rescue calendar is in the works and will be going to print soon. We hope to have it available for purchase at the National in California. This is one of our biggest fund raisers and we appreciate the efforts of all those who work on this project.

Russ & Barb Hastings  
AHCA Rescue Chairs

From the President

We are now half way into 2005. Our April Breeders' Cup was great, thanks to Chairman Tony Saia and his crew. Now it is time to focus on this year's National! Judy Bloom and her National Specialty Committee have been doing so for a long time; they are working hard to make this Gold Rush one to remember! Please plan to attend with or without dogs! For more information, visit them on the Web at: <http://www.CaliforniaGold.showdogstoday.com> or link to it from our site: <http://clubs.akc.org/ahca>.

There is a special separate report enclosed for members only. Please be sure to read it. If you have any questions, ask any Board Member.

A lot of discussion is bouncing around the Internet and the dog fancy concerning the Federal legislation known as P.A.W.S. Without input from the membership, the Board of Directors will not take a position on this legislation for the AHCA. Please be sure to read the Topknot News Legislative Report concerning this. We can all take individual action. If members are interested in the AHCA taking a position, let us know, and we will poll the entire membership.

JoAnne

**Jack Shipley** June 8, 1952 - January 22, 2005

IN MEMORIAM

### **Remembering Jack**

I met Jack and Linda in 1974. It was at one of my first matches--an all breed match in Ft Walton Beach, Fl. It was the beginning of a great friendship with a wonderful family. We traveled to a lot of shows together over the years, and had a lot of fun--even when we did not win.

Jack showed a lot of the dogs back then. He was a very good handler and won often with "Mr Pibb" and "Lacey". When he got into his management positions in hospital administration he had less time for shows, but he always supported Linda in her involvement with the sport over the years. He had a great love for the dogs.

What I remember most about Jack was his dry wit and sense of humor, and his smile and laughter. He always made me laugh.

He was intelligent and highly educated, always questing for more knowledge.

He loved Linda, and Bryan and Chad more than anything. Being a grandparent was very special to him. He loved Bryan's family. He and Linda loved to travel and went many places.

Jack was a pillar of strength and compassion in crisis.

He left us all too soon. But he left a legacy of great love for his family and dogs.

We all miss him.

Nancy Self

## DELEGATE'S REPORT

Since our last Topknot News, I have represented the Afghan Hound Club of America at two AKC Delegate meetings. Thus you will be the recipient of two reports. I will make an effort to focus on the main events rather than interesting, but less important background.

### March, 2005 Annual Meeting

The following were re-elected to serve on the AKC Board of Directors as the class of 2009: Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Steven D. Gladstone, David C. Mirriam and Patricia C Scully. It only took three ballots with the nine running for four positions. At the Board meeting, held after the conclusion of the Delegate meeting, Ronald H Menaker was re-elected as Chairman and David C. Mirriam as Vice Chairman.

The Delegates were to consider an amendment to the AKC Bylaws which would have the Nominating Committee elected by the Delegates. It also would have changed the timeline for the Board nominations and created criteria for Delegates wishing to serve on the Nominating Committee. The proposal was withdrawn by the Delegate Bylaw Committee, which had submitted it, so that the wording could be refined. More to follow we were told.

A proposal to amend the Bylaws was defeated, which would have reduced from 50% to 25% the percentage of those present and voting that could require a roll call vote of a signed ballot.

Not only the Parent clubs, but all clubs will benefit from the DVD that is being prepared for distribution (early May, 2005) at no cost to those who attended the October 2004 Parent Club Conference and to each Parent Club's Delegate and Secretary. There is no restriction on making copies of this, and so it will be available to all and will provide excellent programs for all club meetings for a number of years. Most of the Conference

Seminars are on this DVD which runs approximately 18 hours.

Joanne Buehler and Abbe Shaw represented the AHCA and also have copies of this DVD. So AHCA members have access to a total of four copies which may be used, copied and viewed for the benefit of our local breed- group- and all breed clubs.

### June 2005 Quarterly Meeting

As has become the tradition, the June quarterly meeting was held outside of NYC. On the 12th and 13th of June we gathered in Rosemont, Ill (Chicago area) to address the AKC delegate's business..

First in the hot seat was the "Qualified Registration". From time to time DNA results do not verify the parentage of registered dogs. The AKC will now issue a "Qualified Registration" for the dogs so identified. After three generations of DNA verified pure bred offspring, full registrations will one again be issued. Dogs with the Qualified status can participate in any event in which an ILP dog is eligible to enter. However the coveted title of conformation Ch. is rescinded for those dogs having fallen into the "Qualified" category. This once again emphasizes the critical need for DNA identification in breeding programs. A lot of heartbreak/ache can be prevented before but not after a breeding.

Next up was the proposal (to be voted on in September) which would permit cluster shows to have one closing date to avoid exhibitor errors. Seems so very logical. I trust it will be approved.

Saving the best for last the newly proposed federal legislation known as PAWS "Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005" hit the stage. The intent of this legislation is to bring under coverage of the Federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) commercial dog dealers who are currently exempt from regulation including importers, mass marketers and high volume breeders. It is also

intended to strengthen the USDA's ability to identify persons who are covered by the act and to shut down serious violators.

This legislation specifically exempts breeders who whelp fewer than 7 litters a year, raise the puppies on their own premises and do not sell puppies for resale AND sell 25 or fewer dogs per year.

The 7/25 numbers have become a flash point. Some believe once numbers are stated they can be restated (lowered) a la corporate earnings reports for example. Please note that the tripwire for an AKC compliance visit is also 7 litters in a year. This is not a new number. It is also the number cited in the AKC High Volume Breeders Report issued in 2002.

The other flash point is the bill's support by HSUS (Humane Society of the United States). Some view this as we are now sleeping with the enemy. No one of whom I am aware is opposed to the care and conditions portion of the bill (I will have copies of the position papers, analysis and other relevant information available for you at the Annual membership Meeting).

The opinions of the Delegates on the PAWS issues were divided, emotionally expressed and freely offered. Dr James Holt, AKC Federal Government Relations Consultant (read lobbyist) was invited to address the group. He presented the history of the legislation and responded to questions voiced. He also addressed the Delegates on Monday (as the issues are many and explanations long, I have forwarded to the Editor additional information to be published as space permits). As of the June meetings the AKC Board supports this legislation and press releases have been generated. It is believed this legislation is intended to be included in the federal 2006 Farm Bill. Stay tuned as this plays out! 14

Our next Port of Call was the Delegate's Parent Club committee. The agenda was full and as always highly relevant to those of us representing our Parent Clubs. The highlights were as follows:

#### Delegate's Canine Health Committee

1. The CHIC Program (Canine Health Information Center) update presented by Eddie Dziuk of the OFA. This program is about Parent Clubs recommending testing protocols, encourage testing and sharing results so that better informed breeding decisions can be made. Initiated in 2000, there are now 51 parent clubs participating with over 18,500 CHIC numbers having been issued to individual dogs. Parent clubs must drive the program in order for it to be a success and of value to breeders.

2. Cindy Vogels presented an update on the Body Mass Index (BMI) program, the Canine Health Foundation small grants program (under \$12,000) and the request to be presented to all Parent Clubs urging AKC DNA identification. All Parent Clubs will be contacted and requested to promote the DNA identification in their respective breeds. This is essential for researchers as positive parentage identification is critical for results to be deemed valid.

Tom Sharp (AKC Staff) stated the DNA kits are available from the AKC at a discounted rate for parent club use e.g. at national specialties.

The specialty Site Locator available from the AKC needs improved Parent Club participation. So far only 36 Parent Clubs have entered their information. Too bad ; this could become a valuable tool for clubs to use in selection of specialty sites. Yet another letter will be sent to Parent Clubs.

· All Parent Clubs were contacted and requested to submit names of judges for future AKC Invitational shows. So far only 19 clubs have

responded out of 150+ breeds! -- Sad

· Problems continue with the microchip situation and CAR. The microchip supplier contract is no longer in effect (Schering Plough). Of concern is the fact that the supplier is now setting up an alternate for-profit registry. Please advise your vets and local rescue shelters of the importance of using CAR registry. CAR is a 24/7 not-for-profit operation! We hope this can be resolved in the best interest of lost dogs.

· Additional discussion was generated regarding the new electronic AKC Stud Book. Failure of Parent Clubs to respond to a request from the AKC regarding the new Veterinary Outreach Program (62 clubs not responding), observers in the ring when foreign judges officiate and the on-line Breeders Classified program and Parent Club membership.

· Evening specialty shows (after all breed shows) was of significant concern. This began in 1992 and grew and grew and grew. In 2004 there were 179 of these events. Possible solutions were offered. If this is of concern to Parent Clubs, written concerns are requested to be submitted to the committee. I will keep you informed. How do you feel about this?

All in all a very full day one. Day two to follow, the big event, the AKC Strategic Plan, proposed rule changes, reports, announcements, awards and once more Jim Holt and PAWS.

The morning Forum was devoted to the presentation of the AKC Strategic Plan. The project managers and consultants were introduced and we were off to the races.

As the delegates were given an overview in January, and responded to a survey, much of the information was familiar. However it was disappointing that a third of the delegates did not respond to the

survey (your delegate DID respond). The presentation ranged from core values to registration decline, financial impact, competing registries, dog owning public, mission statement to a concern for confidentiality, or in other words a "does Macy tell Gimbels" caution. The delegates were again asked to respond by the end of July (I will do so).

The best concept which drew great applause was the line "We're more than champion dogs, we're the dogs' champion"-- Wow! That says it all.

The actual meeting was not nearly as exciting as the previews. As you know, the word- by-word transcript of the meeting is reproduced in the Gazette and on the AKC website. Thus I will not reproduce that content.

The AKC has brought forth a new publication "AKC Breeder". Four issue will be published per year and it is available on line as well. A positive addition with the focus on breeders, concerns and information.

The proposed rule changes were read for votes in September. (see caucus content regarding cluster closing dates).

Jim Holt once again addressed the delegates (see caucus content). There was nothing new as the delegates had a go at this the day before.

In the Open Forum an interesting point was presented by the Saluki Club Delegate. Six years ago the AKC opened the registry to "Desert Bred" Salukis in order to expand the existing gene pool. In 2005 this may well have proven to be a continuation of those blood lines, as in the Middle Eastern countries, now in great conflict, these dogs and blood lines may now be endangered. What a twist of fate.

September meeting is back in NYC. I will keep you informed.

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