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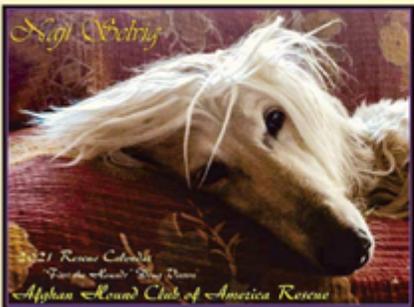
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June 18-20 in Windsor, CT**

**2021 – National & Regional Specialties
October 3-9 in Wilmington, OH**

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President's Message

I'm taking this opportunity to say "thank you" to all of the Afghan Hound Club of America members who work to make this a successful organization. Board Members and Committee Chairs spend many hours each month attending video-conference meetings, working with various committees and communicating with both members and non-members. To all of these volunteers: we appreciate all that you do!

News of note:

- Our next competitive event will be the AHCA Breeders' Cup on 6/18/21 which will include a special competition, a Maturity competition for the dogs that were entered in the cancelled 2020 Breeders Cup.
- Congratulations to Linda Jackson who was selected by our Board to be the recipient of the 2020 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.
- The American Kennel Club will hold several National Invitational Events December 11, 12 & 13 in Orlando and the AHCA will sponsor the awards for Afghan Hounds participating in the events listed below. These Commemorative 3" medallions which will be presented in the name of the Afghan Hound Club of America are for the following:

The AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin

Afghan Hounds: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor, Select Dog and Select Bitch

The AKC Rally National Championship

Top Scoring Afghan Hound

The 15th AKC Agility Invitational

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The AKC National Obedience Championship

Top Scoring Afghan Hound

- The Board has approved the formation of three new committees:
 - Committee to review all contracts related to the National Specialty
 - Committee to review all policies related to membership in AHCA, and to review a proposal to add certain classes of membership
 - Budget/Auditing Committee
- Join us on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 for a Virtual Annual Awards Ceremony held via ZOOM. Details to follow.

Finally, my thanks to the staff of Topknot News for the fine work that you have done on these issues. Beautifully done!

Helen Stein

Attention Regional Clubs

Hound Club in your area? Support the Afghan Hound entry with an AHCA Hound Group Show Best of Breed medallion! P&P 600.10 tells you how. Contact our Corresponding Secretary for details: Dorma Sue Busby email BarakiAfs1026@gmail.com (*please note new email address!*)



Letter from the Editor

It always seems strange to be writing for the next issue while the previous one is just getting into members' hands. Hopefully, delivery delays can be minimized in the future. Long time Topknot News team member Doris Horton has returned from several years off to take over distribution for us. Her contribution is greatly appreciated.

Look for new Topknot News team member Joann Tucker's bio. She has joined as a proof-reader. We hope you find interesting the articles by Karen Irazabal on John Roger Morton's experiences with artificial insemination, Megan Rice's profile of the Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club, and the Breeders' Corner piece on managing numbers. We look forward to sharing Regional Specialty show reports as they resume. Please submit reports to Karen Irazabal.

Your ads support the printing and mailing of the newsletter, at a fee less than most parent club magazines.

Brian Wood, Editor



News — Topknot News Adds Team Member

Joann Tucker is an Armada, Michigan resident and is recently retired from a forty plus year career in advertising. Her special niche was Network Broadcast Standards & Practices which she proficiently managed for a large roster of national clients. With a background in process development, commercial production, broadcast business, talent payment, project management and content delivery, she was instrumental in mentoring entry level account trainees. She is a Wayne State University alumna.

Amongst her many hobbies are traveling, DIY projects, sewing, weaving, interior design, arts and crafts and maintaining her 15 acre retreat, affectionately called "T-Park".

Joann fell in love with our beloved Afghan Hounds and their unique personalities in the early 70's. Her subsequent involvement in conformation competition provided a much needed respite to the fast paced ad biz. She has been a member of the Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club for over thirty years and continues to serve as Corresponding Secretary.

News — Members in the News

Dog News that is! Head over to Dog News and read the August 2020 interview with Richard Souza of famed Coastwind Afghan Hounds, in collaboration with Michael Dunham.

Denise Flaim's "Age of Aquarius" is not to be missed—the incredible tale of serendipity that is Coastwind, producing 17 Specialty Best in Show winners to date.

See www.DogNews.com or go to <https://bit.ly/31P1nIM> to be taken straight to the interview!

In Memory — Members & Fanciers

The Club extends its condolences:

to club member Nina Munoz on the loss of her husband Adrian, and

to the family & friends of Delores Blehm, longtime member of the AHC of St. Louis, and

to the family & friends of Teri Johnson, President of Heartland AHC of Greater Kansas City, and

to the husband, family & friends of fancier Patricia D. (Troxel) Harnett.



Committee — AKC Delegate

The September meetings of the Delegates were all conducted by Zoom as were the June meetings. We are informed that the December meetings (starting in November!!) will be held in the same manner. I am not sure how the Annual meeting scheduled for March 2021 will be done. It is too soon to tell.

I attended the following meetings from September 8th - 15th in addition to the Breeders (education and development) meetings on July 31 and August 26. During the Delegates' sessions I was able to take in several of the Committees including the All-Breed Clubs, Dog Show Rules, Field Trials, Parent Clubs and Coordinating Committee. On the final day, I "Zoomed" both the Forum and the Delegates' business meetings.

Several key matters were addressed via reports which I forwarded to the AHCA Board. We are finding that having sub committees and AKC staff send us reports greatly cuts down on the time consumed in each session. This is a great benefit to all. Relevant reports were:

- AKC and Junior Showmanship
- Breeders Tool Kit
- Best Practices - Recommendations of Subcommittee referring to individuals at risk
- AKC Actions to Assist Clubs during the time of the COVID 19 Virus

Should you wish a copy of any of the above Items please let me know and I will forward.

The All-Breed Committee addressed several important matters which impact all clubs not only the All-Breed Clubs. Misbehavior on social media was a significant issue addressed. It was suggested that clubs experiencing this problem use the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, take screen shots of the offending post and inform the AKC if the matter is of a serious nature. If warranted, the AKC will send a letter to the offending individual requesting an explanation. The Clubs must use the provisions in their bylaws regarding discipline. These types of misconduct are deemed prejudicial to the sport of dogs.

The matter of live streaming at shows is rather more complicated than one might think. Clubs are advised to check with the AKC if they plan to do this as AKC TV is involved and this involves licensure matters. The filming by individuals at shows also presents an issue if they are filming dogs other than their own. We were informed that this can even become a bench show committee hearing. Bottom line, check with the AKC before any filming is done.

Several reports were presented in all of the Committee meetings. The Government Relations department legislative summary stated that they currently monitor over 3,300 bills at the State and local levels and the traffic in introduction of bills seems to be growing in the election year. The monitoring of bills goes on daily and they provide information to legislators. They recently held a webinar addressing the anti-breeder harassment issue. This has become an ever increasing concern.

All clubs were advised that in the upcoming year, 2021, please note events will move forward one week. We are advised to check the AKC Corresponding Date table for the exact date.

The Disaster Relief Trailer project continues to fund the building and placement of the trailers. 433 different clubs have contributed funds to this effort resulting in 90 trailers having been delivered to 29 States with 13 in the pipeline. From May to September, six trailers had been deployed to disaster areas.

The Forum was presented by Dr. Anita Oberhausen and addressed DNA Testing. She is the main resource for the AKC White Paper on the subject which can be found on the CHF website. Her talk was highly informative and not couched in technical jargon. She could be an important presenter for our breeder education session at the National Specialty. She is outstanding and well worth having.

An interesting point she noted was to exercise caution regarding the commercial testing companies. There are not universally accepted standards, protocols nor testing norms used by these for-profit groups. In addition, users can end up paying for multitudes of screenings regarding conditions/diseases

that do not impact their specific breed. She also added that in breeding practices significant incorporation of frequently used sires have been known to create genetic “bottlenecks” in some breeds.

The Delegates’ meeting followed the Forum. We went through the usual reports, awards and protocols. The new CFO, Ted Phillips, reported increases in both litter and dog registrations - up 7% in litters and the individual dogs registrations was up by 16%. He noted that August of 2020 was the best month for registrations since 2007 which is good news. However, due to the event cancellations, entries were down 55%. Some expenses are decreased e.g. travel yet investment income holds resulting in a reported total assets of \$135M. It then was time to get to the real business of voting for the proposed Bylaws amendments. Of significance were the following items voted on by the Delegates:

- Breed specialty clubs holding sweepstakes and or futurity events must submit an application to AKC Event Plans whether held with a show or not. They do not approve these non-regular events but must be informed.
- The creation of Bred-By Exhibitors puppy classes failed to earn the required 2/3 majority and was not adopted. Of interest was the opposition to this by those representing the All-Breed Clubs. This was due to the additional cost of ribbons and awards as well as an increase in judging time required for every breed entered in the show. This could be up to four additional classes per entered breed if the age groups are divided. The classes were to be an optional offering as there are only two required classes, American Bred and Open.
- The amendment regarding dogs with communicable diseases being on the show grounds passed after much discussion.
- Disqualification by an Event Committee of a dog exhibiting aggression without causing injury failed. A number of the Breed clubs were mightily opposed and made their objections known.
- Judges having the authority to disqualify (DQ) dogs in breeds which have in their standards considerations such as size, weight, color, etc. as DQs. This passed easily.
- Protests against dogs by other exhibitors competing in the same class was passed although concern was voiced that this could open up a well-known can of worms.
- The awarding of GCH points passed with the addition of concurrent specialty shows to the amendment. Designated Specialty shows at All-Breed or Group shows remains the same regarding the point distribution as breeds divided by variety do not have one Best of Breed. All of the varieties of those breeds progress to the Group level.

To be voted on at the December meeting are two items of importance to breed clubs. First is permitting Parent Clubs to hold two designated National Specialty shows in 2021 rather than one if their 2020 event had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. The main advantage of this is that the Reserve Winners three point major would then be able to be awarded (if the entry met the requirements) at two shows rather than one. This is a big plus for low entry breeds.

The other important issue is whether to allow local breed clubs to become member clubs. No one seems to be in favor of this as a serious consideration.

After the sessions, we received the report of the Nominating Committee for the upcoming election to the AKC Board. All of the nominees selected are incumbents - Rita Biddle, Dominic Carota, Tom Powers and Tom Davies. Nothing new. Those running by endorsements are beginning to shake loose, the first being our own member, Pat Cruz. I will keep you posted and seek advice from our Board as to how to vote at the March Annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Butherus
AKC Delegate



Committee — Breeders' Cup

The BOD discussed offering a Maturity Class in conjunction with the 2021 Breeders' Cup, for the Breeders who had nominated their litters and/or entered their dogs in the cancelled 2020 event. There were 14 litters nominated with 24 entries. Two litters did not have any entries sent in. We discussed allowing the Breeders and or Owners to make entries in this class. The youngest date of birth is 7-18-19 with the oldest being 8-24-18. The classes would be 23 months to 34 months. We just need to come up with class division and entry fees. Most of the entries were at \$25.00 and \$30.00.

Sandy Nelson has declined to judge Breeders' Cup. Our next judge selected by the Breeders is Steve Cory. Discussion to follow.

Dorma Sue Busby, Breeders' Cup Show Secretary



Committee — Canine Health

Here is a progress report Summary of the Chylothorax study:

Grant 02804-MOU: Searching for a Genetic Risk Factor for Idiopathic Chylothorax in Afghan Hounds. Principal Investigator: Gary Johnson, DVM, PhD. Research Institution: University of Missouri. Grant Amount: \$15,000. Start Date: 2/1/2020.

End Date: 7/31/2021. Progress Report: Mid-Year 1. Report Due: 7/31/2020 Report Received: 8/26/2020

Original Project Description:

Chylothorax is a disease in which lymphatic fluids leak into the thorax causing coughing, difficulty breathing, a weakened immune system and severe metabolic disorders. Previous publications report that some Afghan Hounds are more likely to develop chylothorax. The reason for the greater susceptibility of some Afghan Hounds is unknown, but many authorities have suggested a mutation as a yet unidentified gene may be responsible. The investigators will compare the DNA of affected and healthy Afghan Hounds, in an effort to discover a mutation that increases susceptibility for developing chylothorax in some Afghan Hounds.

Funding for the research is provided through the collaborative efforts and generosity of Afghan Hound Club of America and William Dean III Charitable Trust. The AKC Canine Health Foundation supports the funding of this effort and will oversee grant administration and scientific progress.

Publications: None at this time. Presentations: None at this time.

Report to Grant Sponsor from Investigator:

We have produced separate whole genome sequences from DNA isolated from blood samples from seven different Afghan Hounds diagnosed with chylothorax. In addition, we produced whole genome sequences from DNA from three different Afghan Hounds that reached old age without developing chylothorax. These three whole genome sequences served as breed-specific controls. We combined whole genome sequence data from the three control Afghan Hounds with data from 90 previously produced whole genome sequences from dogs of various other breeds that were affected with diseases unrelated to chylothorax to create a 93-dog control group. This provided us with giant computer files from each dog containing DNA sequences for almost all of the known canine genes. Each file contained over five million instances where the DNA of the sequenced dogs differed from that of a sequenced Boxer genome that serves as a reference sequence. We refer to these sequence differences as vari-

ants. The initial analysis indicated that these 100 whole genome sequences contained nearly 150,000 variants that alter the structure of the protein they encode. We call these “coding variants.” Our next job is to determine which, if any, for these coding variants put Afghan Hounds at risk for developing chylothorax.

Because mice with a defective ITGA9 gene have been reported to develop chylothorax, we checked if there were any variants in the canine version of ITGA9; however, none were found. We next assumed a recessive inheritance pattern for the risk of developing chylothorax and did a computer screen of the almost 150,000 coding variants to search for candidate variants that were inherited from both parents in all seven chylothorax-affected Afghan Hounds but were rare in the controls. We found only two candidate variants that met these criteria and both are currently under further investigation.

We next assumed a dominant inheritance pattern for the risk of developing chylothorax and did a computer screen of the almost 150,000 coding variants to search for candidate variants that were inherited from at least one parent in all seven chylothorax-affected Afghan Hounds but were rare in the controls. In this case we found 185 candidate variants, which is too many for individual analyses. We are currently reviewing the scientific literature to determine the known biological functions of the genes that harbor these variants. This should help us decide which, if any, of them warrant additional investigation.

Going forward, we plan to produce one additional whole genome sequence from a control Afghan Hound and then redo our data analysis with the help of a vastly improved canine genome reference sequence expected to become available later this year or early next year.

Some authorities have suggested that the Afghan Hounds’ risk of developing chylothorax stems from their deep narrow chest cavities, an anatomic feature that is uniform in the breed. If these authorities are correct, we may be searching for something that does not exist.

Anna Tyler, Chairperson



Committee — Inventory / Ways & Means

AHCA Logo Items (Ways & Means): AHCA Lapel Pins, 14K gold-plated, \$15, Tie Tack or Safety Pin catch; Mouse Pad, Black w/white logo - \$5; Purple Towels, - \$25; Computer Travel bags, Black - \$50.00; Dark Blue Dress Shirts, Sizes: M, L, XL, 2X - \$40; Baseball Caps: Pink, Black, Beige, Khaki - \$20. *Prices do NOT include postage.*

Contact me at barakiafs1026@gmail.com or 586-933-5682 (home) or 810-241-2529 (mobile).

Dorma Sue Busby, Chairperson

The Holidays are just around the corner!
Get your gifts early at great savings!
Many wonderful items can be found
on the AHCA website!

www.AfghanHoundClubofAmerica.org

Select Club > Store from the Navigation Menu

-Dorma Sue Busby, Inventory Chair



Committee — Purina PC Partnership Program

The Afghan Hound Club of America has received a check from Purina for our club's participation in the PPCPP. The amount, \$271.39, is substantially lower than the amount we received in 2019 (\$1,212.82). In addition, a matching amount will be sent by Purina to the Canine Health Foundation to be used in our Donor Advised Fund (a savings account in the name of the AHCA).

Under Purina's guidelines, this money is to be used in funding education, health research and/or rescue efforts.

In late 2018, Purina eliminated its "weight circle" program and Pro Club members were given until mid-2019 to submit weight circles. Although many Pro Club members submitted the weight circles directly to Pro Club, there were also several people who mailed weight circles to me for submission in the name of AHCA. I believe that the amount that we received last year was a result of Pro Club members submitting weight circles that would be expiring. We won't see this windfall again.

Purina now requires Pro Club members to submit receipts for their purchases, so there is no longer a drive for the AHCA to collect weight circles. However, as you can see from the numbers above, your purchases DO make a difference! Please continue to participate by submitting your receipts to Purina Pro Club.

A history of Purina PC Partnership Program Contribution to AHCA appears at right.	2014	\$558.54
	2015	\$469.20
As always, thanks very much to all who have participated in this program!	2016	\$488.52
	2017	\$489.20
We appreciate your generosity.	2018	\$1212.82
<i>Helen Stein, PPCPP Liaison</i>	2019	\$271.39



Committees — Obedience/Rally/Versatility @ Agility

The AKC Virtual Rally Novice Titling program was so well received by the Sport that the program has been expanded to include Virtual Rally Intermediate Titling. Information can be located at this link <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/>

AKC also added new virtual titling opportunities in Agility for enthusiasts to earn the AV1 and AV2 titles. See this link for full information <https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/act-program/act-virtual-program/>

As of September, four Afghan Hounds earned Agility titles virtually. Earning the AV1 title are: "Nina" GCH Polo's Chanson Noire a Bakura, BN, RN, JC, BCAT, CGC, TKI, AV1 owned by Toni King, and "Kalamity" CH Deeses Kindred Kalamity at Suni, RA, JC, BCAT, CGC, TKN, AV1, owned by Debra Howard, Ruth Booker and James & Lynda Hicks. Earning the AV2 title is "Cooper" SBIS GCH Stormhill's Wish Upon A Star, AV2 owned by Sandy Frei, Patricia Silverman and Dick Hafner, and "Zolton" CH Stormhill's Feels Like Heaven, AV2, owned by Sandy Frei and Mary Offerman. (See photo of Zolton below).

AKC has provided New Title reports thru June, 2020. Thru the ending date of those reports, Afghan Hounds have earned 39 titles in companion events. Titles include seven Rally, ten CGC, three Temperament Tested, one Farm Dog Certified, and 18 Trick. The Agility titles indicated above were earned subsequent to the AKC report ending date.

The AHCA sponsored four All-Breed Rally trials in Leander, Texas on August 1 & 2. These events were held very carefully, safely and successfully. One month following the events, all attendees self-reported being healthy and free of any virus. Despite COVID-19 restrictions and limited entries, these events earned a profit of \$644.83 which will be used for Companion Events at our next National Specialty show. Similar events are planned for August 2021 to help further offset costs of companion events at the National.

Lynda Hicks, Obedience, Rally & Versatility Chairperson
Mikki Razor, Agility Chairperson



"Zolton" - used with permission by NinasPhotography.com



Committee — Regional Clubs

I have received packets from & approved shows for 4 clubs since the last report, and they are listed in date order.

Amy Mero, Chairperson

Club Name	Date	Reg. Class Judge
Sand 'N' See AHC	November 13, 2020	Tom Kirstein
Sand 'N' See AHC	November 14, 2020	Carol Reisman
AHC of Omaha	November 21, 2020	TBD
AHC of Omaha	November 22, 2020	TBD
Suncoast AHC	December 12, 2020	Gyorgy Tesics (HU)
AHC of Greater Phoenix	February 4, 2021	Allan Reznik



Committee — 2021 National

This is the 2021 AHCA National *New Revised Tentative* Schedule. The event is from Sunday, October 3 through Thursday October 7, 2021.

This schedule is subject to change; Times will be posted after close of entries.

Dorma Sue Busby, Chairperson

Saturday	10/2	Board Meeting
Sunday	10/3	Lure Coursing On Site - Shelley Hennessy & Holly Hamilton
Monday	10/4	Obedience/Rally - Catherine Thompson Agility (INDOORS) - Ron McClelland Vendor "Welcome Party", Cash Bar
Tuesday	10/5	Veterans Sweepstakes & Sweepstakes - Michael Liss Junior Showmanship - D. Scott Pfeil Triathlon, Breeders' Class - Michael Liss Cocktails with Cash Bar, Buffet Breed Education - Beth Collins

Wednesday 10/6 Judges Education
Regional Clubs Meeting
Rescue Meeting
Dog Judging - TBA (***)
Bitch Judging - D. Scott Pfeil
Followed by Judges Hands On
Cocktails with Cash Bar, Buffet
Art Auction - Jason Taylor, Auctioneer

Thursday 10/7 General Membership Meeting
Presentation of Performance Events
Parade of Rescue, followed by Parade of Veterans
Best of Breed Judging - D. Scott Pfeil
Best Puppy, Best BBE, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace
Cocktails with Cash Bar, Awards Dinner
Master of Ceremonies - Jason Taylor
President - Presentation of Awards

Friday 10/8 AM - AHC of Greater Columbus
PM - AHC of Southwestern Ohio

Saturday 10/9 AM - Greater Detroit AHC
PM - Midwest AHC



Committee — 2022 National

I contacted Angela at the Roberts Centre regarding the dates for our 2022 National, October 2-8, and she is going to work on the proposal for us.

Dorna Sue Busby, Chairperson



Committee — Statistics

I have corrected the listing for the Top Producing Dam. Toni Richmond alerted me that she was not the breeder. I referred to the studbook and corrected the breeder's name.

Corrected:

The Top-Producing Dam - Four Champion Offspring
CH Cynergy's Midnight Maddnezz
Owner: Toni M Richmond
Breeder: J L Buttler

She had a question about Top Stud Dog, so I checked it out, and that one appears to be okay. Kindest Regards,

Carol Rivette, Statistics Chairperson



Article— Q & A with John Roger Morton

I was privileged enough to have a wonderful conversation and ask several questions of John Roger Morton regarding the history of collection and use of frozen semen from his dogs. The dogs bred and/or owned by Jorogz' Reg. were among some of the first dogs to have their semen frozen and saved for future use.

Following is a list of the questions I asked John on the subject with answers in his own words.

1. When did you first have semen frozen (year) and on which dog?

I first became aware of the possibility of freezing canine semen in the 1980's but do not remember the exact years we first began the frozen process. Carrol Platz Jr., who was instrumental in the development of the process of collecting, freezing and storing of canine, wild animal and rare species semen. He opened the International Canine Semen Bank (ICSB) in Sandy, Oregon, and would drive down the west coast with his equipment and nitrogen tank approximately once a year, stopping at a few local willing and progressive vets continuing on into Phoenix, Arizona. He would stay in Phoenix for just a couple of days. At this time, the process was considered experimental and was scoffed at and ridiculed by the majority of breeders. We chose to take the chance to freeze our Afghan Hound males and did so each of the handful of times Carrol came into town. The freezing process is now common but at that time it was very controversial. Many Afghan Hound exhibitors openly laughed at us and made negative remarks to us personally for taking advantage of this process. Now, freezing and using frozen semen is widespread all over the world. We were fortunate in the fact that the majority of our males DID freeze and thaw with excellent results with high percentage of motility and activity. Not all males do freeze and thaw successfully with the ability and strength to penetrate the female's egg and produce pups.



CH Jorogz' Sweet Cheeks, born 1980, with John

We are grateful to Carrol Platz and ICSB to have frozen the following males on which we still have frozen semen available. I do not remember the exact years the semen was frozen so I have placed the year of the dog's birth year in parentheses.

CH Jorogz' Tantharra (1978) - the only CH Mecca's Falstaff son frozen and Tantharra was from one of the very last Falstaff litters ever born. Falstaff was born in 1968 and was ten years old when our Tantharra was born.

CH Jorogz' Sweet Cheeks (1980) - a double Falstaff grandson

SBIS CH Jorogz' Heartbreaker (1983) - better known as "Killer" out of Tantharra's brother CH Jorogz' Tar Devil x SBIS CH Jorogz' Sweet Heart (CH Jorogz' Sweet Cheeks' sister)

SBIS CH Shylo Darktown Strutter (1987)

CH Jorogz' Champagne Party (2013)

CH Jorogz' Diamonds and Rust (2015)

CH Jorogz' Partyboy (2017)



CH Jorogz' Tantharra, born 1978

2. Did you have good luck when first using frozen?

At the beginning when this process was first introduced, it was not widely used or successful. The freezing process has changed little since its inception but when shipped overseas or to vets around the United States or Mexico, etc., the receiving veterinarians and facilities did NOT understand the correct procedure for progesterone testing, insemination and the exact timing required for success.

Semen was incorrectly thawed at inspection or quarantine stations and ruined. Vets would not test a bitch's ovulation and inseminate a female on the day the semen shipment arrived at their facility. One vet thawed and inseminated one female without progesterone testing with all of nine breedings of semen shipped with complete failure and destruction of all of the nine breedings.

We decided at that time to no longer offer semen to overseas countries or the United States. And, with the birth of our three human children, we chose to take a break in actively showing and breeding Afghan Hounds. When our youngest son was about ten, we decided to again enter the realm of the Afghan Hound world. During the lapse of fifteen years, the scientific development and knowledge of the use of frozen semen and implantation had advanced greatly.

3. Do you feel techniques used now are much better then 25-30 years ago, both to freeze and for outcomes?

Although the technique of collection and freezing semen has generally stayed the same, great advancement has taken place in the implantation, timing, availability to nationwide and worldwide veterinary training and expertise has greatly advanced the use and success of frozen semen.

4. Have you used frozen on a maiden bitch with good outcomes?

I personally have used maiden and proven bitches and have had litters with both, and not had success with both. The semen quality and timing seem to be the most important issues with a successful outcome. We have had a young bitch naturally bred to a live male and have a healthy litter of 12 and then never produce another live pup when bred to frozen semen and then later bred to live males.

5. Pro's & con's in your opinion to using frozen.

There are many cons when dealing with frozen litters. There are great costs in freezing, preserving for numerous years, shipping, testing and implantation with unknown outcomes. People do not realize that one breeding (one vial with ICSB) of frozen semen on one of our males that was collected almost 40 years ago represents immeasurable time, planning, and expense to preserve this valuable pedigree.

Although we do not release frozen semen often, we receive numerous calls, emails, and inquiries on our males and most often the person requesting information and availability on our semen FIRST asks..."How much is the semen?" They do not introduce themselves, tell us anything about their breeding program, where they are located, discuss the pedigree, health, or traits of the female they want to breed, and do not even ask much about what we feel each male has to offer and what we feel would be the best male we have for the particular needs of their female. No male or female is perfect and it is always the combination that determines offspring that are successful.

Our males represent over 51 years of our lives in the Afghan Hound world and a part of our heart is in every breeding we do and every pup born to others who use our males and the pedigrees that they represent. Having frozen semen has preserved and brought to the forefront many valuable dogs and enabled breeders the ability to combine more current pedigrees with the past.

6. Do you agree when vets or semen banks say they produce litters 98% of time using frozen?

Please send me the name of the vet that can guarantee 98% success with the frozen semen process. We feel a frozen litter is a gift with no guarantee. Frozen litter percentages are on the rise due to the advancement, knowledge and training of veterinarians who are more dedicated and specialized in this procedure.

Our last litter resulted in 12 healthy pups from the oldest semen we know that has been used from CH Jorogz' Sweet Cheeks who was born in 1980.

7. Do you prefer surgical, or Transcervical Insemination (TCI) when using frozen?

We have used both surgical implantation and TCI. Great vets have told me that for the greatest chance of success with frozen semen to do surgical implantation. I understand that both techniques place the semen at approximately the same place and should be equally successful. I realize TCI is far less invasive but I personally choose surgical implantation when possible and allowed.

8. If there was any dog from the past that you wish there was frozen semen on, foreign or here in States, which dog would it be, and why? If you include one of your own, also include one that is not yours.

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to procure frozen semen on my past males. Part of me, my life, and family is held within every frozen breeding that we own. I have great variety in my frozen males at my availability to provide me within their own family line a selection from which to choose.

I am a breeder at heart and always love to look at the dogs and litters of others. I am always on the lookout for outstanding dogs to incorporate into my family tree. I value the breeding programs of others and hope that they might choose to incorporate one of my males into their pedigrees and also hope that newcomers to the breed can use my lines to create lines for themselves either by linebreeding or outcrossing using my lines as a building block or augment their line.

I am not familiar with all Afghan Hounds from all over the world, but some males from the past I wish were frozen might include:

CH Mecca's Falstaff - who I did use while he was alive

CH Khan Shah of Grandeur (inbred CH Shir Khan of Grandeur son)

I have seen breedings take place that I personally would not have done that produced wonderful examples of the breed and have also seen breedings of a male and a female that were beautiful show dogs and the resulting offspring were a disaster. A continued pedigree of a family line is an art form to me.

In conclusion, a successful breeding is determined by happening on the correct combination of just the right male for the right bitch. We have based our lines, pedigrees, and stud dogs on what we believe to be outstanding bitches in combination with outstanding males that we believe will enable breed type, health, and correct movement to continue to enforce the standard for the Afghan Hound breed.

John Roger Morton, Jorogz' Registered Afghan Hounds

I want to take this opportunity to thank John Roger Morton and his partner Gregory Jay Byfield for sharing this information with us, and for a lovely, informative conversation. (photos provided by Jorogz' - Thank you!)

Karen Irazabal, Azari Afghan Hounds & Chinese Cresteds

A Look Back— "The Afghan: Daring and A Dandy"

On March 12, 1956, CH Taejon of Crown Crest graced the cover of Sports Illustrated, combining beauty and athleticism in hair-tousled repose. Check out the Sports Illustrated Archive vault to read the article.

<https://vault.si.com/vault/42729>



SBIS CH Shylo Darktown Strutter, born 1987



Article— Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club

The Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club (MBAHC) was founded in 1974 to fill a need for a third specialty in such a large state. California already had two specialty breed clubs: the Afghan Hound Club of California, in the south, and the Northern California Afghan Hound Club, in the north. In the 70's the breed's entry numbers were high and a third specialty filled a need for a geographical area that amounted to about one-third of the state.

MBAHC held their first specialty in 1979 and drew in 277 entries. The location was the Santa Catalina Girls School in Monterey, California. It took place in the school's grassy courtyard, surrounded by Spanish style architecture, and featured a traditional Afghani wedding tent, owned by Phil and Delores Haims. This tent was a highlight of the club's first and later specialties, and the Haims later donated the tent to MBAHC to act as a unique symbol of the club.

MONTEREY BAY AFGHAN HOUND CLUB
1979

First Annual Specialty Show
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MONTEREY BAY AFGHAN HOUND CLUB
(This Show Will Be Held Outdoors)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1979

SHOW HOURS
7:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.

SANTA CATALINA SCHOOL
Mark Thomas Drive
Monterey, California

SHOW SECRETARY
Sylvia Wohlrut
3663 Evergreen
Palo Alto, California 94303

PROGRAM OF JUDGING

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. They will adhere as closely as possible to the judging schedule printed in this program.

The owner or handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at ringside when its breed is to be judged. This show-giving club and the superintendent have no obligation or responsibility for providing services through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

THIS SHOW WILL BE OPEN from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
DOGS MAY ARRIVE any time before judging of their breed begins.
JUDGING WILL BEGIN promptly at 8:00 a.m.
DOGS NOT REQUIRED for further judging will be excluded.
THERE WILL BE NO Novice or Bred Classes at this show.
THE PARADE OF VETERANS will be exhibited after the Dog Classes.

SCHEDULE OF POINTS
Division Three, State of California
Effective May 15, 1979

Scale of Points	1 POINT	2 POINTS	3 POINTS	4 POINTS	5 POINTS
Dogs — Bitches	5	16	14	27	24
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RING NUMBER 1
Judge: MRS. OORA NURNALLY MILLER
8:00 a.m.
32 Sweetstakes Entries

RING NUMBER 1
Judge: MRS. LYNNE SCHANZLE
88 Dogs
26 Best of Breed Competition
4 Stud Dogs
Judging of Bitch Classes will immediately follow Dog Classes and Parade of Veterans exhibitors.

RING NUMBER 1
Judge: MR. JOE LANGFORD
87 Bitches
1 Brood Bitch

(There are 277 dogs entered at this show!)

REGULATIONS

Exhibitors will be held responsible for cleaning up their grooming area and to keep the facility clean.

There are several well shaded areas for the exhibitors use. ONLY a minimal amount of tents will be allowed on a first come first serve basis.

The Show Secretaries WILL BE STRICTLY enforced. The Chapel area is off limits.

A Breakfast will be provided courtesy of the Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club to all exhibitors starting at 11:00 a.m.

The Dinner will immediately following the show at approximately 8:00 p.m. at the school facility.

MBAHC was the first specialty club to offer two judges, a catalog cover printed in color, and a futurity event (before the AHCA's Breeders' Cup started). The Veteran's class was free and the BBE, Stud Dog, and Brood Bitch classes were offered at a reduced rate. The Santa Catalina Girls School also featured a full size kitchen, in which an elaborate meal was prepared for the exhibitors. This was also a first for any specialty. Kay Finch designed an original medallion that the club cast in bronze and offered for all the place winners - First, Second, Third, and Fourth. What a treasure!



The club currently has 21 members and holds their specialty in conjunction with the well-known Woodstock show every June in Vallejo, CA: 4 days of Peace, Music, and Dogs! Their next specialty should be in June 2021 and MBF (Infodog.com) is the Superintendent for show info.

(photos provided by Monterey Bay AHC)

Megan Joy Rice, Purejoy Afghan Hounds

Season's Greetings
from
Shining Mountain Afghan Hounds



Brian and Laura Wood
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**Warmest wishes of the Season from our family to yours.
JOAIGE**

**Joanne Sternhell
Hauppauge, NY**

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

CH. Dragonfly Ecco's Lost In The Fire

BIS, SBIS CH Qamari's Rainbow Rider x CH Sunlits The One That Got Away



SIZZLE is RED HOT!

Completing her championship in short order she garnered Best Of Breed wins over multiple specials from the classes.

Thank you to her friends for all the ringside support we have received for this amazing girl.

DRAGONFLY AFGHANS

Lucia Brown

Monroe CT

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Handled by Lisa Bettis

Co Breeder/ Co Owner:

Philip Schafmayer, ECCO Kennels

Happy Holidays from the Komineks



Kominek's Frielle at Wicked

*This is Frielle owned by Alice Donoho and us, running over 29 MPH
and vying for #1 Afghan Hound FastCAT*

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Kominek's Fia at Kryslaur

Fia, owned by Kristi Jones and us, also vying for #1 FastCAT



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Magnus

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BREEDERS: BETH ANNE, DAVID, AND HARTLEY HALL & BONNIE PEREGOY



Article— *How to End Up with Too Many Dogs*

There is an old saying that everything you want to achieve in life requires time, money, and energy; but you never have all three.

This is how life is with Afghan Hounds. Although there could be a fourth intersecting circle: facilities. That would be the easiest one. You know that if you don't have the physical room and infrastructure for more dogs, that it will be the roadblock to keeping more dogs. Money can be a concrete barrier also. At some point, a fancier can just say, "That's enough. I am not going to spend any more on this hobby: dog food, vet bills, and show expenses." Time and energy are tougher because you can steal them from your family, or your work, or other recreational time. You can't easily say, "That's enough," when you finally realize that you don't want to spend so much time on dogs.

After my wife and I had bred several litters, a friend recommended that I create a grid showing the projected Afghan Hound population at our home. I saw it as a planning tool for preventing becoming "over-dogged". When I started breeding at the age of 60, I realized that I was already nearing the end of my breeding years, and I wanted to get as far as I could as fast as I could. Managing the number of dogs at our home was not really seen as something to worry about, so the grid forced me to think about it. Young adult breeders with their whole lives ahead of them have lots of time to end up with too many dogs too.

In 2010 I created my grid, attempting to forecast future numbers, yet working from relative ignorance, as I had only four years' experience of having multiple Afghan Hounds in our home. Thus, I was only able to look ahead four years. Even then, it wasn't an accurate forecast due to unforeseen situations. But the real obstacle for me was my inability to forecast the amount of available time desired or required to devote to the hobby. I didn't know how much time that was until I didn't have enough to go around.

It is interesting to evaluate the grid as it looked 10 years ago. The first bitch on the list, Punkin, is still here with us in November of 2020. Cat lasted through all of 2019. Marco returned to spend his retirement years with his breeder. Puck died young. Fabio went to live in Lincoln, NE as a young dog. Sunshine retired to San Francisco recently and, thankfully, we keep in touch. I never kept any of the repeat-litter members that were just being planned at the time I comprised the 2010 version of my grid. The Regal x Sunshine litter never took place. Regal was bred to Sunshine's mom—one of those puppies is the current dam of an 8 week old litter. Specific matings are not important on the grid though. If a different puppy is kept back as breeding stock, it is still an X on the grid.

Farther down the grid, potential matings are marked with question marks. None of those happened, but others did. Brood bitches came from other breeders as did stud dogs—unseen on any grid or in my plans. Even though I didn't have specific plans to get dogs from other fanciers, I should have realized the possibility. Puppies came back from owners and became breeding stock. Those were opportunities that also "just happened" and subsequently affected decision-making. Just as the repeat-litter plans that never materialized, puppies may not have been saved back because of unplanned adult arrivals. So the number of dogs increased either way.

I am not sure if I stopped forecasting at ten dogs in 2014 because of lack of information or if subconsciously that seemed like a good number for our kennel, or as my friend said, maybe I wanted to deny reality. Here in the last months of 2020, ten seems like a good number, as I sit with eleven adult Afghan Hounds around me.

Also, somewhere along the way, I remember receiving the advice of keeping two sisters from each litter because you can't really tell at eight weeks which is the best. While sounding reasonable, it is a way to increase the population exponentially. Increasing breeding stock exponentially pushes litters later and

later in the bitches' lives because there aren't enough years to do all the breeding that justifies keeping so many females, or males for that matter. Getting a new-to-the-kennel stud dog may mean a home bred Champion stud dog never gets used. There are people who would love to give them a forever home, and it becomes necessary to keep the grid relevant and to keep your sanity.

Back in 2010, I planned to retire from my day job at age 70. Here I am at age 72, still working eight to five, five days a week. Those eleven dogs don't pay for themselves. Yes, I am still collecting unplanned dogs too, another one just yesterday.

	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24
Punkin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Baby	X																		
Gwen		X	X	X															
Falco		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Cat	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Marco				X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Puck				X	X	X	X												
Obi							X	X	X										
Regal					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rusty					X	X	X	X	X	X									
Ruby					X	X	X	X	X	X									
Fuzzy					X														
Sunshine					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Koolio					X	X	X	X											
Mooney					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Khan								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Leo						X	X	X											
Immy								X	X	X									
Pink								X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Raney								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sugar										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Speedy										X	X	X	X						
Cali												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Graffiti												X	X						
Dash												X	X						
Lollipop											X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Diamond												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Steel												X	X	X	X				
Lightnin													X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oscar														X	X	X	X	X	X
Finn															X	X	X	X	X
Adults	2	4	4	6	12	12	15	15	14	14	12	17	17	16	11	10	10	9	8
My age	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76

For this article, I updated the grid to be current and went out another four years. Four years is a reasonable amount of warning. If I had updated my grid every year, some management decisions might have turned out differently – possibly for the better.

Brian Wood,
Shining Mountain Afghan Hounds

*Happy
TK
Holidays*

