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**Nikita & Simon  
Neck and Neck!!**

## **From The President**

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### **President's Report December 2005**

As I reported in our last newsletter, the Executive held a teleconference meeting in September. There were a number of items on the table for deliberation, not the least of which was the matter of electronic newsletters, complimentary one year memberships to new puppy buyers, and Club sanctioned events procedure.

I am pleased to report that all of these items were considered and the Executive passed Standing Resolutions on all of them. The Club will now provide each new puppy buyer in Canada and every new rescue adoption with a one year Associate membership, compliments of the Club. This means that member's who have litters and place their puppies, need to complete a Membership Application on behalf of the new owner once the transfer of ownership is submitted to the CKC, and to send these applications to our Club Secretary. Those who place puppies prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> will have a membership for the current year while those placed after that date will be effective for the next membership year. We want breeders to keep in touch with their buyers and encourage them to maintain their membership after the first year.

We also passed a new resolution to allow the Club to distribute the Newsletter electronically. This will allow members to receive their newsletter by email. Members will be allowed only one option and the choice will remain in effect until revoked in writing by the member. This makes it critically important for members to keep the Newsletter Editor, and the Club Secretary, apprised of any changes to their email address.

The third resolution passed by the Executive was one regarding the process to be used by groups or individuals holding events, other than the National Specialty, under the name of the Club. In the future, an individual or group who wishes to hold an event under the name of the Afghan Hound Club of Canada must make application to the current Executive, in writing, for permission to hold the event. The Executive will respond, in writing, so that the individual or group has tangible proof that they have permission. Any documents that are required by the CKC for the event must be submitted to the Executive for review prior to publication. This will return the

control the Club must have over events held on its behalf.

The Executive also passed a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Club hosting the National Specialty each year with the understanding the AHCC will be the sponsor of the Best in Specialty award.

The Executive recently discussed the Club's perpetual trophies that are out and about. We believe we have located most of the trophies but, if any of you have something in your trophy case that you think might belong to the Club, please let Melissa know. In the next couple of months we will have the trophies checked. We know that a number of them have not been updated for many years and we need to get a handle on what the costs will be to do this. We will report on this later.

I had the pleasure, along with other members of the Executive and members of the Club, of representing our Club at the Afghan Hound Club of America's Specialty in Sacramento in October. We had a wonderful time and it was great to see so many of our Canadian members in attendance. Our Canadian dogs again acquitted themselves well in the ring.

I hope you are all making plans to be in Winnipeg in August for our National. From all reports, it is shaping up to be the best ever.

Until next time!

Fred Haywood

## **From The Vice President**

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From the V/P desk

Hi Members

Well the cold has arrived here in the "sunny" Maritimes but so far the little bit of snow we had received is long gone. When it comes time for the four legged gang to do their "outside" thing they look at us like we're crazy. I can almost hear them muttering under their breath "don't they know it's minus 14 out there"...

This time also represents the end of my first year as Vice President. There have been a couple of challenges along the way ~ and challenges always make life interesting. But they were solvable challenges and the Club moved on. This is a working executive and our President

manages to keep us on our toes. Keep in mind Club members that your input is invaluable and our Secretary will put your ideas and suggestions on our agenda. It is your club so do take part.

And now I must apologize to the Club. I have a wonderful group of people who volunteered to assist me in preparing a Brochure on the Afghan Hound for the Club. I had hoped that we would have it completed and in the hands of the Executive by end of November. Unfortunately fate sometimes has a way of stepping in and gumming up the best laid plans. As it turned out autumn at our house was a difficult time and I was not able to get with the team and get the brochure completed. With the team's help we shall once again get at the job later in January when all of the celebrations are passed.

So with many thanks to the team and many apologies to the Club for my tardiness I wish each of you and yours a truly blessed and happy Christmas and may only good things arrive at your house in 2006.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
Joan

## **From The Secretary**

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Secretary's Report, December 2005

Hi Everyone,

Here it is January of 2006 already. It's hard to believe that another year has passed and that we are already into another. Every year time seems to whip by faster and faster but I suppose that having a career in the Retail field contributes to that as there barely seems time to breathe from September through December. Christmas was a tad more "exciting" than usual in our household this year as we added a new Saluki baby at the end of November. It was a little touch and go at times as to whether our Christmas tree and our sanity were going to survive ☺. Apparently in the eyes of a 12 week old, a Christmas tree in reality is nothing more than a giant toy holder for you to pick through at will (especially as "no" can only be told to you rapidly for so long before your human runs out of breathe and that ornament obviously becomes the toy your allowed to have).

I'd like to send out a huge congratulation to all of our members who did well this year both in the ring and coursing field and out. I want to take a second and thank the current executive and especially Val Hansen for all their guidance and assistance during my first year (first experience in general as a matter of fact) as Secretary of the club, it has been tremendously appreciated.

We had a very successful National Specialty in 2005 and preparations are already underway to make the one in 2006 just as fantastic! Make sure you mark the dates off on the calendar (August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>) as I am sure it will make for an awesome summer vacation ☺. I have already heard of some Ontario members making arrangements to attend which exciting news indeed. Fundraising has already begun with a silent auction that is to be held in conjunction with the Calgary shows on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> so if you have anything to donate please contact Val as I am sure she would be thrilled to receive it.

**Onto regular subjects – remember - it's membership renewal time. If your membership has not been renewed by March 31, 2004, your name will be removed from the membership list. If your renewal is received at any time after that point, your membership status will be considered lapsed and you will have to resume your membership as an associate member. (All of this is in the constitution and by-laws, so I'm not just being a meanie). A large number of memberships have been renewed already, but there are a few outstanding.**

At this time, please join me in welcoming our newest member to the fold: Cathe Yates! For those of you who are already members, please check the membership list and make sure everything is correct as I still am receiving bounced message notices for some of you. You can email, phone or write me with any corrections – no problem.

I think that about wraps things up for the moment so let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely  
Melissa Williams

## **From The Treasurer**

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No major changes to our finances at this time. A complete financial report will be published in the annual.

## From The Editor

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It is January in Manitoba and to be quite frank it still feels like early November weather. We are enjoying an unprecedented warm winter so far – cloudy but warm. I for one think that every day that it is not -30 without the windchill is a definite bonus for us. I will take -2 any day. Each and every day like this is a bonus and one less that we have to endure before spring. Bob thinks it is due to all the “Hot Air” from the electoral process. The afghans are happy to go outside and stay out for quite a while. I will admit though that it is hard on their feet – the soft snow makes excellent toe snow balls and then they have to come in, chew them out and drop them on the carpet to melt.

In order to make life a little less hectic for all of us during the “Holiday Season” (politically correct phrasing) the dates for the Newsletter are going to be pushed ahead a month. So I will be asking you for your input in the middle of January, April, July and October with the newsletter published by the end of that month. I hope this works well for the members. I know it’s hard for some of us to find spare time in December. The Annual date will also be set to January with publication in February.

A few brave souls have opted to receive their Afghan Actions newsletter via email. I hope this works out for them. Don’t forget that you can still ask to receive the AA by email – you just have to let me know. I must mention though that I did receive quite a few emails telling me that you (the members) enjoyed getting it via snail mail. I must agree that it is nice to receive something in the mail that is not a bill or a solicitation for donations.

On a brighter note there are some new afghan faces here in Manitoba. Katherine McKinnon and David Sullivan have started showing their new pups and it looks like there will be some serious afghan competition this coming year. It’s nice to see some fresh dogs in the ring, especially in the hounds. It seemed like it was always just Lynn Woods and Bob in the ring for the last few years with Racket, Xena and lately Misha.

Speaking of new faces in the hound ring – in November at the Northwinds Dog Show, there were nine – count them – nine Afghans present. We have not seen that many in the ring at once in years here. It was quite a sight for a lot of the spectators, seeing all that grace and beauty swishing around the ring.

Please take a moment and think of something to send in for the annual. I will be accepting submissions until the

first week of February. I hope to get it printed and in the mail before the end February for you all to enjoy. I sent out an email request asking why you chose to own (or be owned) by an afghan hound and got a few replies. How about taking a couple of minutes and sending me an email or regular mail and let me know why you chose the afghan. Don’t forget to place an ad, or send in a story for us all to enjoy!!

Till next time....

Tannis

## From Our Directors

### Maritimes

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Here in the Maritimes I haven't received any news from any one and I haven't been able to reach a few by email. So I am assuming no news is good news.

It keeps raining here in Nova Scotia I would rather have snow. The affies are getting tired of all the baths. When I open the doggie door they hesitate to go or come in, I would rather deal with the snow balls right now.

The affies are doing fine, but the husbands not doing as well. When Ozzie is in the ex-pen and I go to him he gets so excited he jumps up and down and goes very high. I get a chuckle out of it - he's a bit of a goof. So the husband went to let him out and when he unlatched the gate, Ozzie's foot bumped the top of the gate and hit him between the eyes. He ended up with a small cut - I always thought Ozzie's jumping was cute. My husband doesn't agree but the good news is the cut is healing well.



**Afghan Couch Potatoes -  
waiting for the rain to cease**

Now I wait for the shows to start in February, so hopefully I will have some kind of news for the next newsletter. I am looking forward to 2006

Glenda MacDonald  
And the QuinceTree gang

## **Quebec News**

At present we have no Director for Quebec.

## **Ontario News**

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On behalf of my husband Joe and all the Afghans at Endeavours' we would like to wish you a Happy New Year and All the Best for the New Year 2006.

The Show scene in Ontario will be getting started in earnest in April, however there is one show, I will mention that is being held in March.

Nickel District Kennel Club, March 24-26, 2006, Sudbury, Ont. Also The Nickel Classic on Sat. 25th. 2006. This competition is open to all "Champion Dogs" but the dogs must be handled in the Show Ring by their "Owner". Judging will be done by a panel of Professional Dog Handlers. Outstanding Cash Prizes are donated by Purina. The judges for the All Breed Shows for Afghans are Bud Haverstock, BC, Merlin Vanderkinder, BC, Dr. Michael Woods, USA, Ole Neilson, Ont., Richard Paquette, Ont. and Wendy Paquette, Ont. Premium list available-[diana@dess.ca](mailto:diana@dess.ca)

On June 4th, there is an Specialty by the Southern Hound Breeds Association. Reg. Classes - Ed Gilbert, USA, Sweeps - Maril Semph ( Salukis ). There will be a BBQ or Luncheon afterwards. This Specialty is in conjunction with The Erie Shores Kennel Club at Caledonia, Ont. June 01, 02, 03, 04, 2006. Hound Judges are Charlie Cyopik – Ont., Gael Morrison (Afghans S Africa), Dr. Jose Vidal Montero - Venezuela, and Les Morrison - S. Africa. Premium list [smithj@sympatico.ca](mailto:smithj@sympatico.ca)

Another up-coming Event to make note of is Monarch Kennel Club- June 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Dorchester, Ont. (London area). On June 17th, there will be a Group 2 Hounds Specialty. Premium list [colmar@ciaccess.com](mailto:colmar@ciaccess.com)

Then on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Hamilton Show, a Booster for All Hounds hosted by the Southern Counties Hounds - Booster Judge- John Reeve Newson- Ont. More news to follow at a later date.

That's all the news for now here in Ontario.

I hope to meet and greet many of you at the shows this year.

Phyllis Pancel  
Endeavour Afghans

## **Mid-West News**

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I hope everyone had a happy, safe and memorable Christmas and Holiday season!

Here in Alberta we had a very warm and brown Christmas. I do not have a full show report so will not report any show results but hope everyone is having fun with their dogs in whatever capacity they choose to be in.

We are looking forward to the February dog shows in Calgary where we are having a booster on the Saturday and a Chinese Auction where we are hoping to help raise funds for the National to be held in Winnipeg. If you have anything you would like to donate for the cause (does not have to be doggy) please send it to Val Hansen or come and support the booster!

Also think of supporting our annual and put in an ad, article, story or whatever and make our annual the biggest yet!

Wishing everyone health and happiness for you, your families and hounds in 2006!

Karen

## **British Columbia News**

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The Pacific Coast Reporter

Hi again everyone! Another year has now passed and we reflect on our accomplishments over the last 12 months. Since our last report, we have a few more items to add.

The big news was the AHCA National Specialty in Sacramento in mid October. At least eight West Coast members attended the shows with their dogs, along with

numerous other Club members from across Canada. It was sure nice to get a chance to meet everyone personally. Some of the notable accomplishments at the Specialty was Bev McKenzie's "Shoru" winning the Veteran Sweepstake under Judge Michael Dunham, and Ed & Val Asals showed their lovely "Della" in the Parade of Veterans. Other notable accomplishments were Laurel Deptuch's girl, "Galaxy", bred by John Hall taking second in the Open Bitch Class with June Beard & Bev McKenzie's "Dhivia" taking third place. This in a class of 18 dogs - not too shabby for our local crew! Our boy "Delaney" and Lorianne Amadeo's "Aries" made the first cut in the Specials class. We were very happy with our showing, this being Delaney's first trip to the National.

We had several local dogs participating in the Lure Course event. Lorianne's Aries was running but I am not sure where he placed in the final standings. Ed Asals had his dog "Simon" and we had our dog "Nikita" entered in Junior Coursing. Both dogs were successful in obtaining their JC titles. In spite of getting tangled in the continuous loop line, Nikita valiantly carried on to complete his second run.

At the Northern California AHC show on the Saturday Laurel was third with Galaxy in the Open Bitch class. Our Delaney, in the Specials competition, made it up to the final cut.

For those of you who have not heard the results, Best of Breed went to Ch. Elan Sebring the Matrix, Best of Opposite was awarded to Ch. Beach Brook's Its Raining Men, and Best of Winners went to the Winners Dog, Waiting On A Sunny Day, a dog from Norway.

At the Northern Cal Specialty, Best of Breed went to Ch. Beach Brook's Its Raining Men, Best Opposite to Ch. Elmo's Men Are From Mars, while Best of Winners was awarded to the Winners Bitch, Tells Just Call Me.

On the Sunday Bev & June carried on to Pleasanton California and the Del Mar show with Dhivia. On the first day Dhivia took Reserve Winners Bitch to a major. The second day was Dhivia's day as she took Winners Bitch to win her first U.S. Major. Congratulations June, Bev, and Dhivia.

Not many of us have been attending local shows lately, so don't have any local results.

Grape vine has it that at least 4 of the country's Top 10 lure coursers this year are from the West Coast, and there may be more. Not all the results have been distributed.

I am pleased to report that Ed & Val Asals have a new puppy. His name is Boanne's Gift of the Sun, "Tsavo". He is a lovely black masked red, and I am sure Ed and Val will do very well with him. We also have a new dog in our house, all be it temporary. We are currently fostering "Gypsy", Shamars Good Luck Charm, who was turned into our Club's rescue program in early November. She is currently awaiting placement into a new home.

Well, that's it from the West Coast for this time. I would like to wish all our members a very joyous Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year. .

Lynn Haywood

## Front Cover Story

### "Nikita and Simon"

Cover photo is Ch Procyon's Arpeggio V Spectrum, FCh, JC "Nikita", owned by Fred and Lynn Haywood and Ch Nalihar Russian Roulette, FCh, JC, "Simon", owned by Ed Asals, on the field at a recent trial in Vancouver.

Both will be back out this season to renew old rivalries!!

Fred & Lynn Haywood

## RESCUE NEWS

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### Y.A.R.R.

Y.A.R.R.! Yet Another Rescue Report and what to say? Since this is the final quarter report for 2005 and Madame Editor is requesting an annual report in the next few days, I'll keep this short and to the point.

This quarter we found a new home for one surrendered Afghan ...one special female surrendered by her young owner in Vancouver, having determined that she was in over her head. After Gypsy's fourth successful escape, the die was cast.

I admire leadership by example and this turned out to be a Club Executive rescue! Our President, Past President

and B.C. Director all had a hand in fostering and transporting this girl to her new home. Fred and Lynn Haywood stepped forward to foster and assess Gypsy, the troublesome escape artist, for the month it took to find a new home for this beautiful Black Masked Cream girl. Larry Kereluke assisted in setting up transportation for Gypsy to her new home here in Winnipeg by introducing us to Season Whaley, who willingly brought Gypsy home as "Extra Baggage"!

Gypsy has been adopted by Liv Thorseth of Winnipeg. If that name sounds familiar, it should. Liv previously adopted Vikki, (my poster girl). You will remember Vikki's story and pictures from the 2002 Annual Rescue Report. Liv has taken Vikki from pound puppy to a St. John's Ambulance certified Therapy Dog. So, we expect Gypsy, now to be known as Jasmine will have a loving home that she may not be in such a hurry to escape from.

My special thanks to Fred, Lynn, Larry, Season and Liv! Fred even gave blood for this one...ask him!

#### Donations

A special thank you to Kathy Saville for her \$75.00 donation in memory of Deborah Hodgson's special girls, Mariah and Maggie.

#### The Rescue Fund

The current Rescue Fund Balance as of Dec 31, 2004 is \$1,201.86. This is an increase despite incurring a large expense for Sweetie from Toronto this summer. Unfortunately, all we could provide Sweetie was a humane end to her incurable suffering. The 2004 National Auction proceeds arrived early in January 2005, and are therefore listed in this report.

Expenses for the 2005 calendar year were \$533.29 and include \$399.31 un-recovered cost of veterinarian expenses for Sweetie and un-recovered costs for Kimo of \$72.92. Bank charges, postage and long distance account for the remaining \$61.06 in expenses.

The Fund opening balance was 352.67. Donations for this calendar year totalled \$1382.48 include the 2004 and 2005 National Auction proceeds, the Bay of Chaleur Booster, the Shaker Memorial donations, the Mariah and Maggie Memorial Donations.

I will also make mention that we are requesting donations for the 2006 National Auction, to be held August 12, 2006 in Winnipeg. Please send your articles to Tannis or myself. Remember, this is our big fund raising effort for the year, and I sure would like to

exceed the previous National donations!!! Thank you all for your continued efforts and support.

Bob Guerette

# BRAGS!

Tazi - Am. Can. Ch. ForeverSwiftwind Klasikkcloud FchX was the # 2 coursing afghan in Canada in 2005. Not bad for an old guy, he turned 6 in September. His adorable daughter, Galaxy, Ch. Joha Galaxy Solo Swiftwind Fch. was #2 and a new field Champion. I am very proud of my two kids.  
Laurel Deptuch, Swiftwind Afghan Hounds

During a USA road trip in September, Aries has been awarded three Group Firsts, one Group Second and One Group Third. In Caslagar he won his 21st BIS, he is now selectively shown in Canada. He has currently 8 US Champions and several major pointed offspring. Aries is now learning obedience and with four weeks training he will be in his first trial, this should be fun. I know he will not be ready to really compete but we will have fun. Next year I will be more serious.

Lorianne

Galaxy wins a BIF!!!! Hi everyone, just have to brag about my little girl. You may remember her as Ch. Joha Galaxy Solo Swiftwind (MBISS BIF Can. Am. Ch. ForeverSwiftwind Klasikkcloud FchX x Ch. Dhivia Jenfield Joha's Zoe FchX), winner of BISweeps and BP at the US National and BP and BOW at the Canadian National last year and Award of Merit and BOB winner at the coursing at the AHCC this year.

At our local meet she was BIF on Sunday. Her father and she were the only Afghans running, but she really ran her heart out. I do not normally run the BIF, but I want to get her more experience running with other hounds and she won!! We all know how tough it is to beat those whippets.

Anyways, she is within a couple of points of her FCh and I am so proud of her. I have not shown her in the US since last National as I thought she should stay home, grow up and grow hair. All she did was blow all her coat with her first season. Sigh. Oh well, we have her at the National in conformation and coursing and Tazi in coursing. I cannot wait, so see you all in Sacramento. Laurel, Tazi and Galaxy

# News From You

*Editor's Note: The following was forwarded to me from an AHCC member. I found it an interesting read and hope you do also.*

Dear Fellow Dog Fancier -

The following is a document describing Alexandra Shalmers, a recently convicted animal abuser of Saluki hounds who may try to cross over into a different breed. We urge you to carefully read the information provided and/or to get further details by visiting our website at [www.stola.org](http://www.stola.org) and clicking on Elektra Saluki Rescue.

If you have questions, or if Ms. Shalmers attempts to contact you, please notify us immediately at [stola@gazehound.com](mailto:stola@gazehound.com). The terms of her plea agreement prevent her from ever owning or living with another animal in all states, but since she is an animal hoarder it is highly likely that she will attempt to collect and breed dogs again.

We urge you to distribute the attached pdf information to all members of your group and to any and all other dog fanciers.

Thank you,  
STOLA  
Saluki Tree of Life Alliance

STOLA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit Saluki rescue/welfare organization

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Dear Fellow Dog Fancier:

Convicted of Animal Cruelty: Alexandra Shalmers, aka Sandra Shaw, Sandy Moss, A. Shalmers, Alexander Chalmers, Sandra B. Ferris, Alexandra S. Benenson, S.D. Berry, Alexandra Shalmers Benenson

Case No. CR050000148-00 thru 148-07

Virginia Circuit Court of Brunswick County

Commonwealth of Virginia V. Alexandra Shalmers,  
Defendant

Hello from STOLA - Saluki Tree of Life Alliance. We are the national nonprofit Saluki rescue organization. This is to alert you to a convicted animal abuser who may try to acquire dogs in your breed. Recently, STOLA took possession of 39 purebred Salukis seized in an animal cruelty case in Virginia. Their owner/breeder/abuser, Alexandra Shalmers, was convicted but her sentence was suspended. Under the terms of the court order she is never again allowed to own or live with an animal in any state in the United States. However, there is no authority monitoring her activity. She is now believed to reside in Maryland, but she may relocate anywhere. Animal hoarding is a form of mental illness and it is highly likely that she will attempt to begin collecting dogs again. No breed is safe.

In addition to the court proceedings, the AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Shalmers aka Alexandra Sholmers, aka Alexandra Shelman, aka Sandy Moss, Dolphin, VA from all AKC privileges for life, effective November 7, 2005 and imposed a \$3000 fine for failure to comply with AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements, and failure to maintain her dogs and facilities in a manner acceptable to the AKC (Saluki).

Alexandra Shalmers appears to be charming and educated on the surface, so you may be easily fooled by her. However, she is a repeat hoarder. There was a rescue of her dogs in Texas in 1988 in addition to the 2005 rescue in which STOLA was involved. Her dogs and her environment were in deplorable condition. The dogs were starving, infected, teeth and gums so diseased they could barely eat, parasite infestations, broken bones. Some were too weak to even stand.

Do not let this woman gain possession of any animal. If she tries to contact you, please notify STOLA immediately and we will contact the authorities as she can be sent back to jail if she violates the court order preventing her from owning animals.

You can read the entire story of the Elektra Saluki Rescue on our website at [www.stola.org](http://www.stola.org).

I have some sad news to report. December 1<sup>st</sup> I lost my 13 1/2 year old Afghan, "Davlin's Kashmiri of Ronas Hill". I nearly lost her in September, but my vet put her on Metacam and it gave her another two good months, but last week, her front started breaking and nothing helped her. Two days ago, when she stopped eating (and for "Nina", that was a big sign because no dog ever loved her food like Nina did). This has been a bad year for me. In May, I lost my oldest Pom, "Ch. Jolvin's

Wish Upon A Star", and my oldest cat, "Kiltie" (that I brought with me from B.C. when I moved back here - she was nearly 14). I lost these two within two weeks of each other.

Heather Lovett

I'm just back from 7 weeks in Hospital in Victoria BC (very lucky to be alive). This beautiful flower basket called European garden just arrived at our home on Quadra Island from the Metro Valley Afghan Hound Association. I took a picture of it with Tango, aged 13 months, Jazz and Huckleberry will be 12 on Feb 5th. I'm so grateful to be home and I want to say thanks for all the support I have received.



Carol Sutherland Scott and Dave Scott.

## **BREEDLINES**

### **HISTORY OF RONAS HILL KENNELS (Perm. Reg'd)**

"RONAS HILL" was started, by my late mother, Helen Lovett, in the late 1940's. She picked the name from a map of the Shetland Islands, as she planned to breed Shetland Sheepdogs and Collies. In our first Collie litter, in 1949, there was a blue male, Am. & Can. Ch Blue Minstrel of Ronas Hill. He became the only blue merle Collie male in the world, at the time, to hold a championship in two countries.

In 1949, we had our first Afghan litter. Mom had purchased Whyndhaven's Princess Tehran. "Terry" was bred to Hassin El Myia and produced a litter of five, all

of which were given to friends as pets. As Terry was an escape artist and always in trouble with the neighbours, we gave her to a Collie friend in New York, whose parents bred Afghans. Terry produced some winners for them.

Our next Afghan litter was in 1962. Mom had purchased an English import, Rhokara of Khorassan ("Nina") in 1960. I showed her to her championship, and then we bred her to the beautiful black, Am. Ch. Toor Shaazaada Khaatzman. Nina produced a litter of seven, including a black male, Ch. Ronas Hill Nubian Shaazaada, and Canada's first blue Afghan, Ch. Ronas Hill Azura. Two others in the litter, Ronas Hill Kashmiri, and Ronas Hill Ramayana of Khyber, finished, and the others earned points. Nina was bred once more, to her son, Ronas Hill Tongha Shaazada, producing Ch. Ronas Hill Bu Hassid of Khyber, bringing her total to five champions.

We then imported Tarina Reflection, a daughter of Ch. Patrician Sherwood. She produced two champions, a black bitch, Ronas Hill Shabuski, CD, and Ronas Hill Blue Denim (who was in one of the last Afghan litters to be bred at Ronas Hill, in 1973).

Azura produced six champions, including Ronas Hill Persian Prince and his litter brother, Ronas Hill Ronas Hill Allah Baba, CD, Ronas Hill Ishashim, Ronas Hill Kala Kin, Ronas Hill Light Of The Moon, and Ronas Hill Rain Willow. These last three were sired by our Am. & Can. Ch. Patrician Funny Money, which we imported in 1968. She also produced five obedience title winners, including Ronas Hill Re-Harakhti, who was, we believe, Canada's first CDX Afghan. He also made it to nine points.

Azura and her litter sister, Kashmiri, lived past thirteen, while another sister, Ramayana of Khyber, lived past fifteen. One of Azura's sons, Persian Prince, lived to fourteen.

My mother suffered a massive stroke in 1991, and passed away in Langley, B.C., in January of 1996. I took over the Ronas Hill name.

I still have one Afghan, Davlins Kashmiri of Ronas Hill, who is now thirteen and a half. She made it to nine points before she decided she'd rather be a "chubby stay at home" girl.

I am still showing on a limited scale. I have a champion blue Collie, and am currently showing my sable bitch, who has six points.

Heather Lovett

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### CANADIANS CAPITALIZE IN CALIFORNIA

The 69<sup>th</sup> Afghan Hound Club of America National was held October, 2005 in Sacramento, the state capital of California. The skies were sunny and the atmosphere was friendly. The Canadians, though small in numbers, definitely took home more than their share of the ribbons. On the coursing field the beautiful black girl, Can. Ch. Messenger on the Go owned by Stephanie Bajona was 1<sup>st</sup> in the highly competitive open class in ASFA. She was narrowly beaten out for BOB after numerous run offs by the field champion. This lovely girl was also a contender in conformation, making the cut in the open bitch class. Winning Best in Veteran Sweeps was "Shoru" Am. Can. Ch. Dhivia Jenfield Desert Warrior at 8 years of age. He is bred and owned by June Beard and Beverly McKenzie and handled Beverly. He looked absolutely stunning. Another top sweeps winner was the lovely "Athena" Can. Ch. Suncrest's Athena Blues owned by Elaine Ross. She was 1<sup>st</sup> in the large 12-18 month class. This lovely blue brindle bitch is a real crowd pleaser with her lovely floating gait and sunny personality.

One of the top winners in conformation was the outstanding black specials bitch "Frankie" Am. Can. Ch. Nalikal's Fatal Attraction Fch. owned by Kathy Saville and Karen Pearson. At the end of the day, after numerous cuts, there were only 8 specials left in the ring vying for Best in Specialty, including all the top multiple Best in Show and Best in Specialty Show winners in the United States and this beautiful girl from Canada. I would like to take some credit as I was on the other end of the leash, but Frankie needed nobody. She moved like a dream and stacked like a statue. She was perfect. Had there been one more award of merit, it would have been hers. But alas, it was not to be, beaten out by a hair. It was some consolation when she and her gorgeous brother, Am. Can. Ch. Nalikal Shot in the Dark were Best Brace in Show.

Other notable wins include my own girl, "Galaxy" Can. Ch. Joha Galaxy Solo Swiftwind, going 2<sup>nd</sup> in the huge open female class of 22. "Dhivia" Can. Ch. Boanne's Love Song O'Dhivia-Jenfield owned by June Beard and Beverly McKenzie was 4<sup>th</sup> in the same class. What an international competition. 1<sup>st</sup> was a bitch from South America, then Galaxy, then a Best Show winner from Sweden and then Dhivia. It is watch and participate and

win in classes such as these that make the US National truly such an amazing event.



The biggest thrill for me, besides meeting up with all my old friends and meeting some new ones, was winning the raffle. It was a gorgeous East Coast crate valued at \$1,700 US. What a treat as I was using an old Mckee that my sister had lent me, that in order to assemble I had to crawl inside and do up the bolts. Now we can travel and show in style. Another event which Galaxy and her father "Tazi" Am. Can. Ch. ForeverSwiftwind Klasikkcloud FchX participated in was the liberty class. Always crowd pleaser as my two goofs perform their series of parlour tricks.

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### ZANZARA KENNELS

Zanzara Kennels began with our first afghan, Ch. Kabik Connaissur Of Aliage, born in 1987 at Kabik Kennels. We fell in love with him immediately and he became our foundation dog. We got two bitches for him, Ch. Sha Zahn Zanzara Of Obiwan, (BIS SBIS Ch. Sha Zahn Zekiel X Ch. Obiwan's All Fired Up ) and Ch. Aliage Hosta La Vista Babe (SBIS Ch. Suraj Rhythm And Blues X Kabik's La Boutonniere Aliage - a Front Runner daughter). From these, our two basic lines evolved.

We only breed every 2 or 3 years, but have done well in the show ring, finishing a number of times in the national top10, with top afghan puppy and top stud dog awards, as well as puppy BIS, SBIS, group placements, and specialty wins.

Our most recent litter combines both lines and is exactly what we had hoped for. The first puppy shown from this

litter, Ch. Zanzara Al Majid, finished from the puppy classes at 10 months old with 16 BBs and 7 groups placements including two Group 1sts!



All my dogs are special to me but our very first, Buddy, will always stand out as an incredibly balanced, easy moving and very correct hound, with a wonderful personality. Ch.Zanzara's Ankhesenpaaten, finished as a junior puppy, was by far the easiest to show, and also had one of the best heads I've ever seen. This latest litter is very nice as well and one domino/brindle pup I kept reminds me very much of our original foundation dog.

If I were asked to choose one all time favorite hound it would have to be Ch. Kabik's The Challenger. Not all outstanding dogs can pass on their traits but he certainly could. Not only was he the ideal representation of the breed standard and essence, but he proved his ability to pass this on to future generations and I never lose sight of him when I plan my own breedings.

What worries me most in recent years is a tendency for some breeders and judges to stray too far from the standard (or ignore it entirely), rewarding and encouraging the breeding of incorrect specimens. Whether this is a blatant disregard for the standard, or simply ignorance on the part of younger judges, this ancient breed is both magnificent and unique and it would be unforgivable to lose it forever due to such negligence and shortsightedness.

Micky Rathwell, Zanzara Afghan Hounds.

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