

Secretary's Report

As we think about the past few months it is clear the dog show scene is changing and to this end the Club must go forward in every way it can.

Our flagship Championship show last September was really well supported at the lovely venue we have at Wellsprings, Taunton. Our judges for the day were David Evans and Sheila McDonald. Best Dog and BIS went to Emma James' **Ch Shimalma Mercurial Magic** and RBIS to the bitch, **Drishaun It Ain't Over** owned by Mike and Avril Lancashire. All results and photos appear on the website and in this edition of Affi. Winner of the Shirley Carr Memorial Trophy, judged by Neil Straw, was Jackie and Alan Buttle's **Sarakhan Shamir JW ShCM**.

In January we held Back-to-Back Open Shows at the same venue and tried four judges that we thought would attract a larger entry overall; it was a successful day in terms of the running of the shows and reasonably well attended. For the morning show judges were Sandra Woodley and Naomi Cowley, the referee John Astle selected for BIS, the BD **Arushkhan King Farouque** owned by Dawn & Nick Hunn and Lynn Young, and RBIS to the RBD, **Gezancol Twist of Fate at Cadmore JW**, owned by Gina Morris & Karen Meakes; BOS went to the bitch **Sumakandi Into The Light at Khawari JW** owned by Alex Gilchrist & Neil MacLennan. The afternoon show was judged by Carol Humphries and Chris Fittus, again the referee John Astle selected a repeat of the morning show for BIS and RBIS. BOS was Debbie Peek-Matar's **Sleepy Hollow at Yansukhim JW (imp)**.

Our AGM was held at The Fox & Goose, just off the M5 at Brent Knoll and for those attending, which were few!, it was a lively meeting with much to discuss, we also enjoyed a nice meal afterwards.

Our thanks again are recorded to Ellen Hopper who so generously deals with and submits the Club accounts, this is very much appreciated. Also our grateful thanks to our Treasurer, Bronwyn, Tammie, and Club member, Penny Thomson who attended Crufts with the Club Stall, not an easy task having to load up and leave early in the morning and stay there all day. Well worth the effort though as it brings very good income, despite the initial outlay.

Going back to the start of this report, our dates and venues for next year are changing again so please put in your diaries - Open Show at East Huntspill 26th February, the two judges here are Lorna Dunstan (Dogs) and Neil Straw (Bitches); we hope to be able to use either the grass area or the hard standing adjacent to the car park. Neither judges have done a Club Show previously and we hope you will give them every support. The AGM will then follow the show during the afternoon.

Our second Open Show will have one judge, Tricia Harper (Melleck) and this will be held in conjunction with Bath Championship Show on May 29th; we hope this new venture will be well supported at this terrific venue, please watch for further details on timings etc.

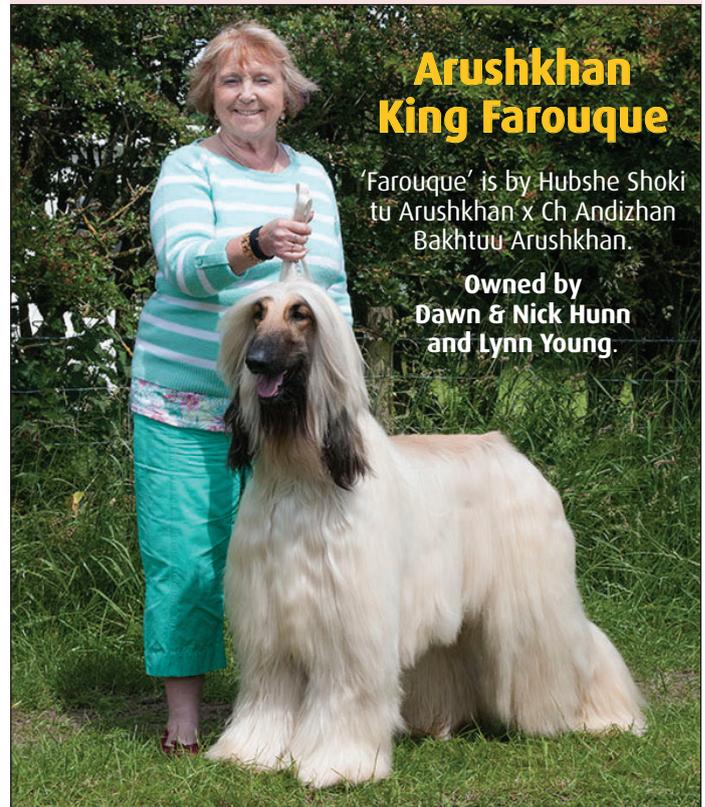
15th October is the date for our Championship Show and this will remain at Wellsprings, Taunton for now; our judges will be awarding CCs for the first time and we hope you will support them well. Elizabeth Beck (Dogs) and Penny Thomson (Bitches). BIS will be judged by Kathie Fulford (Katree).

Member renewals are slow, remember the Club has to survive so this year we have a Direct Debit mandate (included in this magazine) which you only need to fill in once and will remain in place for as long as you wish, without having the need to remember to pay each year. We hope you take advantage of this in order to support the Club and maintain a healthy membership. Renewals are £5.00 for single and £6.00 for joint.

We hope that those of you who have alternative ideas take the opportunity to come and air them at the AGM and look forward to seeing you at all of our events for 2017.

Jill Cross

The John Conibear Memorial Trophy 2016 Winner



Arushkhan King Farouque

'Farouque' is by Hubshe Shokitu Arushkhan x Ch Andizhan Bakhtuu Arushkhan.

Owned by Dawn & Nick Hunn and Lynn Young.

Photo: Garamond

The Jill & Ernie Dyson Memorial Trophy 2016 Winner

BOS award to the John Conibear Memorial Trophy



Zilbec Zilandra

'Mitzi' is by Ch Cloudside Warpaint x Ch/Ir Ch Meteward Onlione at Zilbec. Owned by Jeff & Judith Coombes.

Points for all WAHC trophies are awarded at WAHC shows, as follows:

BIS = 4 pts Res. BIS = 2 pts Best of Sex = 3 pts Res. Best of Sex = 1 pt
BPIS = 4 pts BVIS = 2 pts 1st = 4 pts 2nd = 3 pts 3rd = 2 pts 4th = 1 pt

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'Our Dogs' Top Afghan Hound Breeders 2015



Champion Garamond **SUNBERRY** 6CCs | 4BOBs | 2RCCs | Hound Group 1

Ch Cloudside Warstrike x Ch Ashahni Azanti at Garamond JW | 23.05.13

Loved, owned & bred by:

Jan, Tim, Jed & Kit Fielder | 01454 201800



Photo: Garamond

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Chairman's Report

Where has the year gone? A sign of growing older I suspect, we are near the end of 2016, and another great magazine is in your possession.

Hopefully you are picking this magazine up at our Championship show, and you are enjoying your day with us at Taunton. Thank you for supporting us, it is greatly appreciated. Your Committee works hard to make your visits enjoyable, and I thank them on your behalf, they are a first class act.

The Open shows have been well supported, and your Committee are always looking at ways of improving your experience with us. We welcome constructive suggestions.

This year I was elected to the Kennel Club Liaison Council, and attended my first meeting at Clarges Street. An interesting day, the next one is in November.

The Breeds Liaison Council is made up of representatives for every breed and has 30 Group Delegates who attend each meeting. Representatives are elected for a three year term to act as a channel of communication between Breed clubs, competitors, and the Kennel Club. The Council was set up to represent grass-roots opinion within the sport at the Kennel Club, and to promote a better understanding among competitors of how the Kennel Club functions. It meets twice per year, and representatives hold meetings prior to each council meeting to provide a platform for proposals and discussion items to be raised. The meetings also provide feedback from the Kennel Club on recent developments and decisions.

The Council reviews the Show Regulations and advises the Kennel Club on any changes that may be needed, and is actively involved in strategic planning to enable Showing to continue and flourish. Council proposals can result in fundamental changes in Kennel Club policy and the Kennel Club values the important work the Councils do.

Your Breed Council meets twice a year, and is a great opportunity for all of the Breed clubs to meet and discuss items, to present as one voice to the Kennel Club. The Breed Council have campaigned long and hard for reinstatement of CCs at some of the major shows, eg Windsor and Leeds. This is now going to happen in the next couple of years.

Thank you for the support, the WAHC is a friendly club, which is a success because of you... long may it continue to be. The WAHC was the first breed club that I joined, and will always hold a big place in my heart.

Thank you all.

David Evans

Dates for 2017

Open Show – Sunday 26th February

East Huntspill Village Hall, Somerset TA9 3PQ

Dogs: LORNA DUNSTAN **Bitches:** NEIL STRAW

Referee: VALERIE WEST

Open Show – Bank Holiday Monday 29th May

at Three Shires Field, Batheaston BA1 8EG (at Bath Ch Show)

Dogs & Bitches: TRICIA HARPER

Championship Show – Sunday 15th October

Wellsprings Leisure Centre, Cheddon Road, Taunton TA2 7QP

Dogs: ELIZABETH BECK **Bitches:** PENNY THOMSON

BIS judge & Stakes Class: KATHIE FULFORD

AGM

Sunday 26th Feb 2017 after Open Show

East Huntspill Village Hall, Church Road,
East Huntspill, Somerset TA9 3PQ

Important – Your attention is drawn to the following: Any proposal must be signed and seconded by fully paid up members and must be with the Secretary within 28 days of the meeting.

The Estella Fryer Memorial Trophy 2016 Puppy Winner



Photos: Garamond

Tianze Ice Crystal at Sarakhan imp AI

'Crystal' is by Ch/Aust Ch Harlextan Mad Mullah x Aust Ch Tianze Mystical Mayhem. Owned by Chris & Mary Pascoe.

The Walden Veteran Trophy 2016 Winner

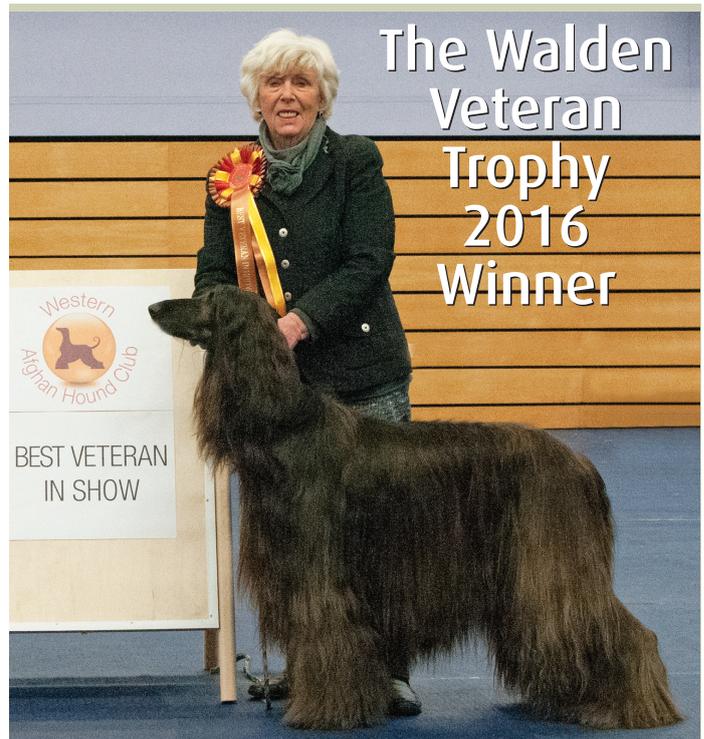


Photo: Garamond

Ch Zandahar Treacle Tart JW ShCM

'Ruby' is by Tulak Usual Suspect x Kulute Jaegar among Zandahar. Owned and bred by Glenda Adams.

Wheel Power

Maggie Thornton from Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire had owned Boswell since he was an 8 week old puppy. "We knew at six months that something was wrong – he didn't jump around or do anything that Afghan puppies are supposed to do. It turned out he had hip displasia and if he moved too fast he would fall over".



Later in life he was crippled with arthritis and struggled to walk or even stand up. He became very reluctant to go out for exercise. Maggie wanted to make Boswell's final years as painless as possible while still letting him have some fun. What he needed was something to support his back legs and give him mobility.

The answer was dog stabilisers!

Maggie found a company on-line that could make Boswell his very own wheels. It was an ingenious contraption, made to measure, which gave the old boy a new lease of life.

Maggie says: "Boswell would be at the door before me, waiting to have his harness on, so we could go for wheelies".

Unfortunately Boswell gradually became more and more unwell and died on the 28th May 2016 from cancer.

Maggie writes: Boswell's wheels gave him an extra few months of stability and comfort. Had it just been a matter of coping with his hip displasia and subsequent arthritis I'm sure he would have benefited a great deal more from them. It is nice to share his story as it may serve to help other dogs who, in their autumn years, have wobbly back legs.



Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to be able to confirm another positive year, due to careful spending by the Club. The work done by the Officers and Committee in achieving cost effective end results and the support of our members is much appreciated.

We have come to realise that the back-to-back Open Shows don't necessarily give us the much needed additional entries that we had hoped for, so we have taken the decision to curb expenditure on the larger venue in future. In 2017 we will be returned to two separate shows. Although the back-to-back shows on the face of it had reasonable income from the entries, the high expense of the venue has to come into the equation. Our Championship Show gives us a good margin of profit from which we are able to remain at Taunton and continue to produce this high quality magazine.

Income from membership remains much the same. We hope that members will take advantage of the direct debit forms we have now introduced, so that they can continue membership of the Club without having to put too much thought into their renewals each year.

Our seminars usually incur a loss and income for the last one was down by £107. This was related to the Kennel Club requirements ('Movement & Conformation' and 'Points of the Dog'); it is notable that when our talks are non-Afghan specific, income is reduced. This begs the question that maybe the Breed Clubs should just concentrate on breed specifics and the Kennel Club hold their own educational sessions!

Annual accounts are available to all members upon request. Once again we thank Ellen Hopper for her very valuable auditing of these figures, it is very much appreciated.

The rescue fund is in a very healthy position and thankfully calls on these resources are much fewer these days.

For the future we anticipate a healthy and steady Club so that we can continue to give enjoyable events for like-minded Afghan lovers.

Finally, thanks must also go to Penny and Tammie who help me so much with the Club Stall and all its stock at our events and Crufts in particular.

Bronwyn Lawson-Ball

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2015 January Open Show AM

41 Exhibits 31 January 2016 Judges: Dogs - Sandra Woodley, Bitches - Naomi Cowley



Lynn Young with **Arushkhan King Farouque** · Best Dog/BIS, Judge: Sandra Woodley and **Gezancol Twist Of Fate at Cadmore JW** · Reserve Best Dog/RBIS.



Photo: Garamond



Alex Gilchrist with **Sumakandi Into The Light at Khawari JW** · Best Bitch, Judge: Naomi Cowley and Gail Link with **Popovs Bora Bora at Orashan JW imp** · Reserve Best Bitch.



Ch Zandahar Treacle Tart JW ShCM · BVIS.

DOGS

MINOR PUPPY DOG & PUPPY DOG 0

No entries

VETERAN DOG 0

No entries

JUNIOR DOG 4

- 1 Arushkhan King Farouque (Hunn/Young)
- 2 Zilbec Zanthus (Greening)
- 3 Cloudside Flash Thunder (McLay)
- 4 Arushkhan Born To Be Wild at Zinzani (Finch/Hopper)

YEARLING DOG 3

- 1 Zilbec Zanthus
- 2 Ayoubkhan Firethorn (Stevens)
- 3 Déjà Vu Three Graces at Zharook imp (Hunn/Latimer)

NOVICE DOG 2

- 1 Arushkhan King Farouque
- 2 Cloudside Flash Thunder

GRADUATE DOG 4/3

- 1 Gezancol Strike A Light at Zadal JW (Bunney)

POST GRADUATE DOG 6/1

- 1 Gezancol Twist Of Fate at Cadmore JW (Morris/Meakes)
- 2 Gezancol In The Zone (Goff)
- 3 Garamond Tayberry (McLay)
- 4 Bondor I Am Legend (Buttle)

LIMIT DOG 4/2

- 1 Sarakhan Shah-Bashir JW (Hunn)
- 2 Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska (Cullen)

OPEN DOG 1

- 1 Absent

BD/BIS ARUSHKHAN KING FAROUQUE

RBD/RBIS GEZANCOL TWIST OF FATE AT CADMORE JW

BITCHES

MINOR PUPPY BITCH & PUPPY BITCH 2/2

1 Absent

VETERAN BITCH 2/1

- 1 Ch Zandahar Treacle Tart JW ShCM (Adams)

JUNIOR BITCH 5/1

- 1 Arushkhan Dreams Of The Past at Cadmore (Meakes/Morris)
- 2 Zilbec Zilandra (Coombes)
- 3 Tianze Ice Crystal at Sarakhan imp (Pascoe)
- 4 Cloudside Flash N' Tan at Bashanabad (Harvey)

YEARLING BITCH 5/1

- 1 Popovs Bora Bora at Orashan JW imp (Link)
- 2 Arushkhan Dreams Of The Past at Cadmore
- 3 Zilbec Zilandra
- 4 Ayoubkhan Jasmine (Stevens/Craft)

NOVICE BITCH 3/2

- 1 Tianze Ice Crystal at Sarakhan imp

GRADUATE BITCH 3/1

- 1 Sumakandi Into The Light at Khawari JW (Gilchrist/MacLennan)
- 2 Bondor Bombay Dreams (Thomson/Truckle/Lawson-Ball)

POST GRADUATE BITCH 2

- 1 Sumakandi Into The Light at Khawari JW
- 2 Garamond Wineberry at Sochera (Green/Barley/Powell)

LIMIT BITCH 4

- 1 Katanga's Kandy Kreme at Shimonay (Callard/Borash)
- 2 Pahlevi Disco Diva at Orashan JW ShCM (Link)
- 3 Sleepy Hollow at Yansukhim JW imp (Peek-Matar)
- 4 Gezancol Topsy Turvy (Coombes)

OPEN BITCH 1

- 1 Garamond Spiceberry JW ShCM (Small)

BB SUMAKANDI INTO THE LIGHT AT KHAWARI JW

RBB POPOVS BORA BORA AT ORASHAN JW imp

BVIS CH ZANDAHAR TREACLE TART JW SHCM

2015 January Open Show PM

47 Exhibits 31 January 2016 Judges: Dogs - Carol Humphries, Bitches - Chris Fittus



Lynn Young with **Arushkhan King Farouque** · Best Dog/BIS, Judge: Carol Humphries and Karen Meakes with **Gezancol Twist Of Fate at Cadmore JW** · Reserve Best Dog/RBIS.



L-r: Debbie Peek-Matar with **Sleepy Hollow at Yansukhim JW imp** · Best Bitch, Judge: Chris Fittus and Bronwyn Lawson-Ball with **Andizhan Charisma with Zarcar JW** · Reserve Best Bitch.



JOHN ASTLE We are very sorry to report that John, who was referee at both our January Open shows, sadly died in August 2016.

John will best be remembered in Afghans for owning – with his late wife Carrie – **Ch Amudarya Shashkia** (photo) and her son **Ch Zareesh Azha JW**. Azha has left a lasting legacy, his progeny included 9 UK and 2 Irish Champions, from just four litters. He is behind many of today's successful winning Afghans.

John was a kind and thoughtful man who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

DOGS

MINOR PUPPY DOG & PUPPY DOG 0

No entries

VETERAN DOG 0

No entries

JUNIOR DOG 4

- 1 Arushkhan King Farouque (Hunn/Young)
- 2 Arushkhan Born To Be Wild at Zinzani (Finch/Hopper)
- 3 Zilbec Zanthus (Greening)
- 4 Cloudside Flash Thunder (McLay)

YEARLING DOG 3

- 1 Zilbec Zanthus
- 2 Ayoubkhan Firethorn (Stevens)
- 3 Déjà Vu Three Graces at Zharook imp (Hunn/Latimer)

NOVICE DOG 2

- 1 Arushkhan King Farouque
- 2 Cloudside Flash Thunder

GRADUATE DOG 4/3

- 1 Gezancol Strike A Light at Zadal JW (Bunney)

POST GRADUATE DOG 5/2

- 1 Gezancol Twist Of Fate at Cadmore JW (Morris/Meakes)
- 2 Gezancol In The Zone (Goff)
- 3 Garamond Tayberry (McLay)

LIMIT DOG 4/1

- 1 Sarakhan Shah-Bashir JW (Hunn)
- 2 Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska (Cullen)
- 3 Syrdarya Custard Cream at Tazkindi (Dunstan/Waterhouse)

OPEN DOG 2/1

- 1 Sarakhan Shamir JW ShCM (Buttle)

BD/BIS ARUSHKHAN KING FAROUQUE

RBD/RBIS GEZANCOL TWIST OF FATE AT CADMORE JW

BITCHES

MINOR PUPPY BITCH & PUPPY BITCH 2/2

1 Absent

VETERAN BITCH 2

- 1 Ch Zandahar Treacle Tart JW ShCM (Adams)
- 2 Metewand Mamabula (Small)

JUNIOR BITCH 5/1

- 1 Arushkhan Dreams Of The Past at Cadmore (Meakes/Morris)
- 2 Zilbec Zilandra (Coombes)
- 3 Tianze Ice Crystal at Sarakhan imp (Pascoe)
- 4 Cloudside Flash N' Tan at Bashanabad (Harvey)

YEARLING BITCH 5/1

- 1 Popovs Bora Bora at Orashan JW imp (Link)
- 2 Ayoubkhan Jasmine (Stevens/Craft)
- 3 Arushkhan Dreams Of The Past at Cadmore
- 4 Zilbec Zilandra

NOVICE BITCH 3/2

- 1 Tianze Ice Crystal at Sarakhan imp

GRADUATE BITCH 4/3

- 1 Andizhan Charisma with Zarcar JW (Andrew/Lawson-Ball)

POST GRADUATE BITCH 3/1

- 1 Andizhan Charlottes Noir (Andrew)
- 2 Garamond Wineberry at Sochera (Green/Barley/Powell)

LIMIT BITCH 5/1

- 1 Sleepy Hollow at Yansukhim JW imp (Peek-Matar)
- 2 Sitana Nishana at Lakarnadream JW (Dare)
- 3 Pahlevi Disco Diva at Orashan JW ShCM (Link)
- 4 Garamond Spiceberry JW ShCM (Small)

OPEN BITCH 4/1

- 1 Andizhan Balqis (Andrew)
- 2 Zandahar Just Tiger Lily JW ShCM (Adams)
- 3 Cloudside Glitterstorm JW ShCM (Small)

BB SLEEPY HOLLOW AT YANSUKHIM JW IMP

RBB ANDIZHAN CHARISMA WITH ZARCAR JW

BVIS CH ZANDAHAR TREACLE TART JW SHCM

It is 40 years ago since DOG and Afghan Hound history was made with the first frozen semen AI litter born when the Calahorra kennels, Australia, used Jenny Dove's **UK/Ir Ch Saringa's Abra Cadabra on Calahorra Paradys Lost**.

4 puppies were born 29 July 1976.

The first AI litter in the world!

By Stuart & Wendy Slatyer

In 1976, we were the first breeders in the world to obtain puppies from frozen semen. We did this because at the time Australia was closed to importation, due to a rabies scare in the UK and with our geographical isolation the only way to be sure the gene pool for all breeds could continue here was to consider the use of frozen semen.

Subsequently in 1976 we produced the first frozen semen puppies in the world! Three boys and one girl. We will always be grateful to Anne and Jenny Dove for being so cooperative and making this possible. In those days it was a very big venture indeed on both sides of the world to make it happen and we will always be proud of what was achieved and in pioneering what has now become so widely used all over the world; and such a huge tool in the breeder's arsenal.

In those days we could only import from or via England and dogs from America and Europe etc all had to go there first for a period of twelve months before continuing their quarantine in Australia.

We decided, with the help of a famous Australian veterinarian, Dr Harry Spira, to try to find a method of ensuring that fresh bloodlines could come to Australia if the rabies ban was not lifted.

We selected **UK/Ir Ch Saringa's Abra Cadabra**, as his bloodlines tied in very well with those already well established in our breeding programme, and he was an excellent representative of our interpretation of Afghan Hound type.

Personally we feel the present worldwide 'craze' 'in all breeds to simply import semen from a top winner is an extravagant exercise and from a breed's point of view, ultimately fraught with danger for the obvious reason that very little line breeding appears to be occurring, with not enough careful research into the pedigree, or the true pluses and the hidden minuses of the background of the animals concerned. However... several other breeds were represented in the same canister and our success was closely followed by a Golden Retriever kennel, then a considerable

time later by an Old English breeder and a few others.

So far as the cost was concerned, it turned out to be far more expensive than we had first estimated. It was all experimental and very time consuming for all concerned and we gratefully recompensed Jenny and Anne for supplying Abra Cadabra and for them all to travel to Cambridge University where Dr David Morton was ready and waiting to do this pioneering work. They agreed to stay overnight for

a second collection, and we were also grateful to a very obliging owner of a Pug bitch in season! Then of course there were fees for collection, analysis and freezing, freight for the canister, costs for collection and handling this end, plus those for the insemination, ovulation testing etc - thank heavens our bitch whelped normally and did not require an expensive caesarean when the time came. Costs nowadays have decreased, because there is now a system in place, many tasks are automated, more owners share space in the shipping canisters etc. but it is still a very expensive exercise.

Working with Dr Ian Martin of Sydney University, we did a surgical implant on **Calahorra Paradys Lost**, daughter of our famous **Ch Calahorra Mosque**, Brisbane Royal Runner-up BIS winner, Hound Club BIS winner, and recipient of six Royal Show challenges. The fantastic result was four puppies. Eve's previous litter had been born in 1975, veterinary advice then being to only use a proven dam with a 'normal' well documented ovulation pattern and to expect half an average litter size.

Eve had nine from her natural mating and four from the AI. The pups were larger birth weight than we had been used to and



UK/Ir Ch Saringa's Abra Cadabra

grew more rapidly, thanks to their hybrid vigour, but their size at adulthood was in keeping with the bloodlines involved and so was their phenotype. It was interesting to talk to people at that stage, as many had theories of expected malformation or associated peculiarities, being unable to cope with the mental exercise of frozen semen being transported so far from its place of collection and suffering no ill effects or deterioration. Many people had even more trouble coping with our subsequent successful use of semen from our own males already stored from sixteen to nineteen years.

We decided to opt for a surgical implant rather than risk reducing effectiveness by the more traditional method of tubing, although subsequently we brought in a glass blowpipe for Dr Spira from Norway, where the bulk of the insemination on the fox fur farms was being done by AI. We tried this method on the remainder of the semen we had imported, but, probably by pure coincidence, that time we were not successful in obtaining a pregnancy.

At the time, despite worldwide interest in the technicalities of the achievement, the Australian breeders basically said 'That's nice, but ho hum, we've now

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Andizhan Charisma with Zarcar JW

Bella

(Katanga's Kandy King x Andizhan Balqis)

CC & BIS

at North Eastern AHS 2016

Judge: Thereséa Grist

Loved and owned by
**Bronwyn
Lawson-Ball,**
and her breeder
Stuart Andrew



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gone beyond the English Afghan Hounds anyway, we're all off after the modern American type now' and they basically ignored the importation of some very important blood.

Admittedly, the puppies themselves were not sensational, but then the first generation from live imports is also often not quite what is expected, and it takes time to get to that all-important second generation. This was definitely the case with us, and when in 1979 the pick male, **Calahorra Anglo Saxon** (AI) was mated to our fabulous Brisbane Royal BIS winner and top producer, **Ch Calahorra Requiem** (whose litter brother, **Ch Calahorra Benedictus** was BIS at Sydney Royal), the result was **Ch Calahorra Rowena**, one of the most important Afghan Hounds we

decided to collect and freeze semen from five of our most influential stud dogs, as the Veterinary Department wanted to study long term freezing of semen. At that stage there were no real plans when it would be used. In fact for many years we had trouble finding out if the semen was even still in existence, as by then the University had moved on to other challenges and every one forgot about the procedure for a number of years.

From our point of view also, the devastation created by parvovirus meant that we would not risk our precious small store until the threat of this hideous disease appeared to be well and truly under control.

Towards the end of the eighties various Australian breeders began to have success

who quickly became multi All Breeds RUBIS winner **Ch Calahorra Below Zero** (AI) (pictured next page), bringing his sire's total of champions to 39.

Line bred three times to Dutchy, his dam **Ch Calahorra Fledgling** was a Rowena daughter. Bjorn had at least three champions to his credit, one a BIS winner, another a RUBIS, as well as several more top winning progeny. Bjorn's daughter **Calahorra Sahara Desert** won Champion Puppy in Show at the AHC of Queensland, at her first appearance in the show ring.

1993, we produced a litter of nine using 17 year old frozen semen from **Ch Calahorra Quetzlcoatl**, and this litter also turned out to be outstanding, highlights included **Ch Calahorra On Ice** (AI), RUBIS, Opp in Show, Best Australian Bred and Bitch Challenge winner under Hilary Harcourt Brown at the AHC of Queensland Specialty, Australian Bred in Show at the Tenth Australian Afghan Hound Club National Specialty under Bob Savage, Opp Puppy in Show (to her brother) at the AHC of NSW 62nd Specialty and RUBIS All Breeds.

Her sister **Calahorra Twice As Nice** (AI) won Baby in Show at the Ninth Australian National under Monica Booth Thomson and Opp Intermediate in Show at the Tenth National; another was **Ch Calahorra Ice Castle** (AI), who won the Intermediate bitch class at the AHC Parade and subsequently a multi BIG winner. Brothers **Ch Calahorra Ice Age** (AI) won Opp Baby in Show at the Ninth National (to his sister), Puppy in Show at the AHC of NSW 62nd Specialty, and Best Exhibit, Best Intermediate and Best Dog at the AHC of NSW Parade under specialist Ray Barter, and subsequently multi BIGs. **Ch Calahorra Iceberg** (AI) and **Ch Calahorra Ice Man** (AI) both finished easily. Ice Age's daughter, **Calahorra Margarita**, won RU Best Exhibit to her sire, Opp Sex in Show, Junior in Show, and Best Bitch at the AHC Parade, at just over 12 months of age. Four more of this litter were challenge winners with multiple "in group" awards.

Line bred five times to Quetzl, once to his sister Quo, and ten times to **Emir of Gray Dawn**, their dam **Calahorra Born To Perform** is a Rowena grand-daughter, being out of Fledgling.

In 1995, the blue bitch **Calahorra Frozen Assets (AI)** was born, another single puppy. Mirage was by **Chandhara's Emir of Gray Dawn** (UK) from semen that had by then been stored for 19 years, and out of Born to Perform. Her pedigree traces



The famous four, born in 1976, Calahorra.

have been privileged to breed and own. In 1990, our top three winners were her children, and even today she is still behind almost ALL of our currently dominant show and producing stock, a fact we continue to marvel at. This includes the three 'miracle' litters we have produced since 1992 using long stored semen from our own famous stud dogs, **The Flying Dutchman of Isfahan** (USA), **Ch Calahorra Quetzlcoatl** and **Chandhara's Emir of Gray Dawn** (UK).

This concept of frozen semen AI on frozen semen AI is beyond the comprehension of most people, but study of the pedigrees makes it clearer. In 1976, as the result of a request from Sydney University, we

with imported semen in many breeds, and our vet, Dr Robert Zammit, contacted us and asked permission to try with some of our old, long-stored semen which had been handed on to him by Sydney University. We carefully assessed our bitches and decided that the time was right, we had the best possible genetic pool on which to line breed to these great Afghan Hound males.

To the delight of all concerned, in 1992 we were again the first breeders in the world to make history with frozen semen, this time from our **Flying Dutchman of Isfahan** (USA), a long-deceased sire.

We obtained one black masked silver male puppy from semen stored for 16 years,

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ten times to her sire. Mirage won Opposite Minor in Show at the AHC of Queensland also making her ring debut.

In February 1997 we imported semen from **Am Ch Cadenza Phineas T Ben Hassin**, a black masked silver who is based on old Scandinavian and American bloodlines which run parallel with many of those we have already incorporated.

All our frozen semen litters were produced by surgical implant. Since 1992, we have also had many failures, especially in the last few attempts to use what is now extremely old semen. Our vet Dr Robert Zammit says the most crucial thing is the timing of the ovulation pattern. He commences blood tests around the third day and tests again every forty eight hours, with two, three or four further tests, depending on how he feels the progesterone levels are developing.

Because the sperm do not have to spend any time swimming to the ova, surgical inseminations are usually done later than when a bitch first indicates she is prepared to stand for the male. Because the semen is implanted directly, puppies are also usually born earlier than 63 days, ours have all been around the 57th/58th day, and fully viable. This is important and breeders need to watch their bitches very closely, especially if only one or two pups have been conceived. We ultrasound to confirm the pregnancy and unless they have already whelped, Robert then checks our bitches on the 57th day, then decides when he thinks they will actually whelp. Be prepared to do a caesarean if necessary, a friend of ours lost nine puppies from semen she imported from us to England because her vet insisted they wait out the 63 days. There are many failures, it

would be interesting for someone to do the statistics on how many natural matings fail as well. The old rule as I said earlier used to be only to use proven bitches, but Robert has had success with many maiden bitches, including one of ours.

In conclusion, overall you would expect to get more mileage by importing a male whom you could use

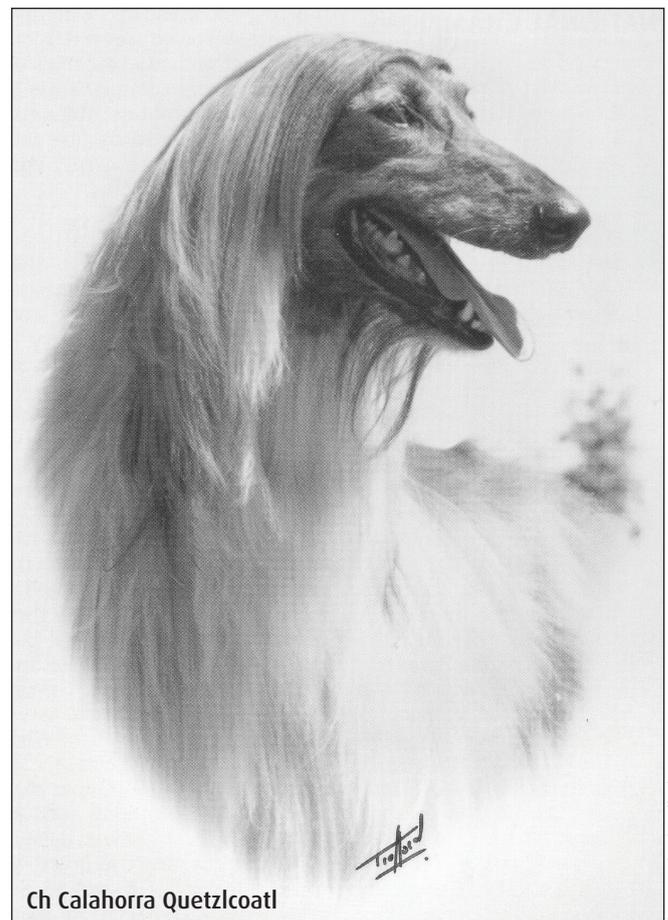
on numerous occasions over a variety of bitches for the remainder of his fertile life and thus establish a widely based gene pool. Against this, one needs to weigh the enormous advantage of using semen from one of the established greats of your breed, whom you have selected specifically because he has qualities you feel are needed in your breeding programme. Such a male is very seldom available for purchase and importation, although we subsequently were most fortunate in 1986 to be able to do just that with our famous Eng. (and very quickly Aust!) **Ch Sharazah Night Gambler** (UK).

By using frozen semen, all your eggs are placed in one basket so to speak, and as conception is far from certain and many factors can result in no puppies being conceived, importing semen is an exercise which needs to be considered most carefully. Of course it is possible to bring in multiple doses of semen in the one canister and thus inseminate a variety of bitches, but each insemination is costly and it is far easier and much quicker to incorporate a new bloodline by importing a live stud dog.

Also, despite the greatest amount of knowledge and talent, it is still possible that the bitch you choose for the insemination may not be the right one for that particular dog after all. Most people know how often a less famous bitch out-produces 'the show star' of the kennels, despite that star being given every opportunity to also be a great producer. There is always an element of luck involved in the choice of two breeding animals, no matter how smart we may think we are when we make that decision - with the costs and hassles of non-line-bred frozen semen, that element of luck seems to be even greater.

As breeders who have both imported numerous live dogs from several countries in a number of breeds, and been successful with the importation of frozen semen plus the use of long stored frozen semen from our own stud dogs, we can only comment that both methods have been invaluable to our breeding programmes and each has a place in the successful development of our gene pool which is acknowledged worldwide for the contribution it has made and continues to make to Afghan Hounds.

(Originally written in 1997 and slightly updated 2016).



Ch Calahorra Quetzlcoatl

Very few AI litters have been produced in the UK (see table below). The first success in the UK was in 1998 at the Drishaun kennels of Mike and Avril Lancashire. This litter produced the very influential sire **Ch Drishaun That'll Do Icelly JW**, plus two other UK Champions. The Jhansi litter produced 2 UK and 1 Irish Champion.

Other litters have been attempted here over the years, but we just don't seem to have the expertise in this country at this time. AI still remains an expensive alternative to natural matings and when it is successful the number of puppies produced can be very low.

AI in the UK... a personal experience

By Jo Smith (Zhaqqari)

I had always admired Am Ch Qamari's Flying Colours, Am/Can Ch Qamari's Rainbow Rider, Am Ch Qamari's Charming Alibi, Aust Ch Kelzarki Blue Spruce... to mention a few.

I saw that Lena Johansson (Gold'n Copper) in Sweden was having a litter containing these Afghans, so I made contact and eventually bought Chilli (**Gold'n Copper Sweet Chilli Pepper imp Sw**) in 2002. In time I started looking for a dog that would work with her - in type and style - the dog had not only to look the part, but his pedigree had to back it up, I am not one for pot-luck breeding. Pedigrees are important and I wanted Afghans that would reproduce themselves, not produce a litter of AV AFGHANS! I had seen a photo of Kiwi (**Aust Gr, Can, Am Ch Aviva T'All Black JC**), his presence and attitude really struck me. I researched him... loved his pedigree and loved what was being produced by Ros Bacich (Aviva)... now she really does produce cookie cutters! I found out all I could about the dog and then made contact with Ros. All the official paperwork was very straightforward for us, we are both people who work to the rule book, crossing all Ts

and dotted all the Is. So all went extremely well, no problems whatsoever, I'm sure Ros would agree.

AI is not cheap, which is as I expected when I started on this course of action! The shipping cost was high, the Semen/Stud fee was like a normal stud fee. This didn't worry me, it was what I wanted to do at the time.

With all the research and info gathering, then contacting Ros and talking it all through with her, it took maybe 2 years from first contact to the semen arriving in the UK. Kiwi was in the US and when returned to Australia he had to do his jail time! Health tests had to be completed before semen could be collected. Here in the UK I had Chilli hip scored and eye tested through the BVA before she was mated, so there was lots to sort out.

The first litter was born in 2005. I repeated it one year later as I only had three bitches the first time - I was desperate to have a dog. The second litter produced two dogs and one bitch.

AI was performed surgically by Angelika Von Heimendahl, a small animal reproduction specialist from Cambridge. Luckily we were successful both times we tried.

Would I do it again? Yes, if the stud dog was my absolute ideal Afghan. Unfortunately not many come along with everything Kiwi had going for him... looks, attitude and the pedigree to back it up. I would recommend AI to others. So long as people put the leg work in and researched thoroughly, and don't do it just because they want to use the latest international sensation!

Ros and myself have become great friends, and I am so excited that we are judging together at the Yorkshire AHS Championship show in 2017.



Aust Gr/Can/Am Ch Aviva T'All Black JC.



UK Afghan Hound AI Litters Bred 1998-2016

Compiled by **Murray Anderson 'TT'** from KC Breed Record Supplements

DOB	D	B	T	SIRE	DAM	BREEDER	AFFIX
24.04.1998	3	2	5	Am Ch Gazon Say What You Mean (USA)	Drishaun Desdemona	Lancashire	Drishaun
10.02.2000	3	5	8	Am Ch Pahlavi Puttin' On The Ritz (USA)	Ch Jhansi Touched By Magic	Kirkham & Higginbottom	Jhansi
08.05.2004	0	2	2	Fin/Swe Ch Scaramis Gold (Fin)	Sashkhan Midnight Romance	McDonald, Martyn & Hindley	Birkhall
29.06.2005	0	3	3	Aust Gr/Am/Can Ch Aviva T 'All Black JC (Aust)	Gold N Copper Sweet Chilli Pepper (imp Swe)	Smith	Zhaqqari
29.06.2006	2	1	3	Aust Gr/Am/Can Ch Aviva T 'All Black JC (Aust)	Gold N Copper Sweet Chilli Pepper (imp Swe)	Smith	Zhaqqari
20.07.2012	0	1	1	Multi/Int Ch Star T Cutting Trax of Jhanzi (imp NZ) (Swe)	Khorinyas Galena JW	Day	Khorinya

6 litters from 5 kennels, 8 dogs, 14 bitches = 22 puppies. Average litter size 3.66.

2015 Champion

111 Exhibits

20 September 2015

DOGS David Evans (Numa)

CC/BIS Ch Shimalma Mercurial Magic

RCC Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska

BPIS Cloudside Flash Strike



Photo: David Paton

Emma James with **Ch Shimalma Mercurial Magic** · Dog CC/BIS, Judge: David Evans and Tina Cullen with **Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska** · Dog RCC.

VETERAN DOG 3

- 1 Ch/Am Ch Gazon What You See Is What You Get with Drishaun imp (Lancashire)
- 2 Belamba Fools Gold (Murphy)
- 3 Ashahni Azzam with Tokando JW (Winters)

MINOR PUPPY DOG 0

No entries

PUPPY DOG 4

- 1 Cloudside Flash Strike (Johnston)
- 2 Zilbec Zilandro (Semple/Mathers)
- 3 Cloudside Flash Thunder (McLay)
- 4 Cloudside Flash Heart (Neilly)



Photo: © Zhaqqari Show Photos

Luke Johnson with **Cloudside Flash Strike**
· Best Puppy in Show.

JUNIOR DOG 6

- 1 Zilbec Zilandro
- 2 Arushkhan King Farouque (Hunn)
- 3 Altside Mr Wickham (Edwards/Gilbert/Appleby)
- 4 Arushkhan Born To Be A Star (Murphy)
- 5 Arushkhan Born To Be Wild at Zinzani (Finch/Hopper)

YEARLING DOG 3/1

- 1 Ayoubkhan Persian Silk JW (Gosling)
- 2 Ayoubkhan Firethorn (Stevens)

NOVICE DOG 4

- 1 Cloudside Flash Strike
- 2 Arushkhan King Farouque
- 3 Arushkhan Born To Be A Star
- 4 Déjà Vu Three Graces at Zharook imp (Hunn/Latimer)

GRADUATE DOG 4

- 1 Andizhan Constantine (Bastille)
- 2 Garamond Loganberry al Kabira JW ShCM (Harrison)
- 3 Garamond Cloudberry for Tokando (Winters)
- 4 Gezancol Strike A Light at Zadal JW (Bunney)

POST GRADUATE DOG 8/2

- 1 Syrdarya Toffy Pop at Eweyisska (Cullen)
- 2 Syrdarya Gari Baldi at Bukhara (Coates)
- 3 Cloudside Music Master (Moore)
- 4 Garamond Tayberry (McLay)
- 5 Gezancol In The Zone (Goff)

MID-LIMIT DOG 4/2

- 1 Syrdarya Custard Cream at Tazkindi (Dunstan/Waterhouse)
- 2 Garamond Sunberry (Fielder)

LIMIT DOG 8

- 1 Syrdarya Ginger Nut (Trainor/Blake)
- 2 Sarakhan Sultan al Kabira JW ShCM (Harrison)
- 3 Sarakhan Shamir JW ShCM (Buttle)
- 4 Nightwind True Colours imp (Care/Fairburn)
- 5 Cloudside We Sing We Dance (Neilly)

OPEN DOG 7/1

- 1 Ch Shimalma Mercurial Magic (James)
- 2 Ch Syrdarya Hazelnut Hobnob at Shukriya JW ShCM (Parsons)
- 3 Miamarna Masquerade JW ShCM (Gill/Marshall)
- 4 Ch Valkor The Truth Be Told (Edwards/Gilbert)
- 5 Zendushkas Amaretto (Hitch/Wilson/Parker)



Photo: David Paton

Clair Cross (Referee) and Liz Floyd with
Ch Hubshe Uzume · Best Veteran in Show.

ionship Show

Wellsprings Leisure Centre, Taunton TA2 7QP

BITCHES Sheila McDonald (Birkhall)

CC/RBIS Drishaun It Ain't Over

RCC Garamond Wineberry at Sochera

BVIS Ch Hubshe Uzume



Photo: David Paton

Judge: Sheila McDonald and Avril Lancashire with **Drishaun It Ain't Over** · Bitch CC/RBIS.



Photo: Garamond

Sue Green with **Garamond Wineberry at Sochera** · Bitch RCC.

VETERAN BITCH 6/1

- 1 Ch Hubshe Uzume (Floyd)
- 2 Azymsands A Silken Spell (Burrell)
- 3 Ch Ashahni Azanti at Garamond JW (Fielder)
- 4 Cloudside Glitterstorm JW ShCM (Small)
- 5 Ch Zandahar Treacle Tart JW ShCM (Adams)

MINOR PUPPY BITCH 2

- 1 Dzum Blackbetty Possum with Asianskies imp (Howard/Lee)
- 2 Tianze Ice Crystal at Sarakhan imp (Pascoe)

PUPPY BITCH 4

- 1 Zilbec Zilanthé (Beck)
- 2 Cloudside Flash Style (Moore)
- 3 Zilbec Zilandra (Coombes)
- 4 Cloudside Flash N Tan at Bashanabad (Harvey)

JUNIOR BITCH 9

- 1 Zilbec Zilanthé
- 2 Drishaun Black Jasmine (O'Donnell)
- 3 Zilbec Zilandra
- 4 Popovs Bora Bora at Orashan JW imp (Link)
- 5 Drishaun Pandora's Black Box for Sumahari (Virgo)

YEARLING BITCH 8/1

- 1 Ayoubkhan Silver Cloud JW (Gosling/Humphreys)
- 2 Sleepy Hollow at Yansukhim JW imp (Peek-Matar)
- 3 Gezancol Saving Grace (Hughes)
- 4 Ayoubkhan Jasmine (Stevens/Craft)
- 5 Devanmarn Say The Majic Word at Khatira (Parker)

NOVICE BITCH 7

- 1 Zilbec Zilanthé
- 2 Zhivias Sunrise Surprise (Barley/Franklin-Barley/Hitch)
- 3 Andizhan Czarina (MacMillan)
- 4 Cloudside Flash Style
- 5 Drishaun Pandora's Black Box for Sumahari

GRADUATE BITCH 4/1

- 1 Andizhan Charlottes Noir (Andrew)
- 2 Gezancol Sweetness n Light JW (Smart)
- 3 Maringo Evening In Paris (Fairburn/Roberts/Fillis-Moon)

POST GRADUATE BITCH 5/2

- 1 Drishaun It Ain't Over (Lancashire)
- 2 Garamond Wineberry at Sochera (Green/Barley/Powell)
- 3 Hubshe Funadama (Floyd)

MID-LIMIT BITCH 8/1

- 1 Katanga's Kandy Kreme at Shimonay (Callard/Borash)
- 2 Gezancol Tit For Tat (Hughes/McKendry)
- 3 Alouann Wishes n Dreams (Millward)
- 4 Pahlevi Disco Diva at Orashan JW ShCM (Link)
- 5 Belamba Goodnight Vienna at Cushida (Fairburn/Holt/King)

LIMIT BITCH 7/1

- 1 Calahorra From The Viennawoods imp (Greenfield/Race)
- 2 Zandahar Just Tiger Lily JW ShCM (Adams)
- 3 Cloudside Empress Octavia (McKendry)
- 4 Khatira Thetis (Parker)
- 5 Sitana Nishana at Lakarnadream JW (Dare)

OPEN BITCH 12/4

- 1 Ch Syrdarya Malted Milk at Wilbus JW (Busby)
- 2 Ch Sukeshi Habaayib (Evans/Odell/Lee)
- 3 Nightwind Unbelievable atc (Kempken)
- 4 Ch Affietar Amazing Grace JW (Gilbert)
- 5 Andizhan Balqis (Andrew)

Shirley Carr Memorial Stakes



Photo: David Paton

Judge: Neil Straw and Jackie Buttle with **Sarakhan Shamir JW ShCM**.

SHIRLEY CARR MEMORIAL STAKES (D&B) 21/1

- 1 Sarakhan Shamir JW ShCM (Buttle)
- 2 Ch Syrdarya Hazelnut Hobnob at Shukriya JW ShCM (Parsons)
- 3 Garamond Spiceberry JW (Small)
- 4 Katanga's Kandy Kreme at Shimonay (Callard/Borash)

Garamond Spiceberry jw shCM

Ch Cloudside Warstrike x
Ch Ashahni Azanti at Garamond JW

1 CC | 2 RCCs

2016, so far...

- Driffield Championship Show **CC**
- Blackpool Championship Show **RCC**
- AHC Wales **BB & RBIS**
- Birmingham AHC PM Show **BB**
- Oakhampton & DCS **Group 1 & RBIS**
- Chepstow & DCS **Group 1**

Huge thanks for these splendid awards to all the judges concerned. I'm so very proud of Spice. Thank you to Jan and family for their continuing support.



Member Spotlight Q&A

Chris & Mary Pascoe

SARAKHAN

1 When did you get your first Afghan and why did you choose this breed?

We acquired our first Afghan, **Tarrena Zena**, in 1974. I worked with a fellow nurse in an intensive care unit who owned two, one gold and one black. We fell in love with their poise, individuality and self importance. She had a litter from her black Afghan and we were lucky enough to have one of the bitches for company while Chris was away.

2 How many have you owned over the years and do you have any favourites?

Since 1974 until the present we have owned eleven of these beautiful creatures or should I say they owned us.

You can't have a favourite. We have loved every one of them and cherish them even now. They become part of the family.

3 How many litters have you bred and what influences you in your choice of sire?

We have only bred four litters during that time and only because we wanted another Afghan ourselves. Our first stud dog was **Ch Montravia Kaskarak Hitari** whose pedigree complimented our blue bitch **Misty, Kharakhan Moonstone**. Our second litter was from **Sharazah Chiffon** by **Ch Bellapais Touché Turtle**. We loved everything about this dog, keeping two puppies from the litter,

Ch Sarakhan Sterling and **Ch Sarakhan Saviour**. We used **Ch Melleck Jakobs Creek** on Saviour and again kept two, **Ch Sarakhan Senator JW** and **Sarakhan She-Khara**.

The reason being Jakob complimented our bitch in what we were looking for. Our fourth and last litter was She-Khara to **Ch Wilbus Morpheus at Cubanba JW** – we liked what he was siring.

Our choice of sire always has to complement the bitch and you aim to improve on what you have, that and maintaining consistency.

The one that got away, and would have been our dream litter, was **Ch Sade Sovereign** to **Ch Bellapais Touché Turtle**. Sadly this was not to be.

4 What kennel in your opinion has been the biggest influence in the breed over the past 4 decades?

Amudarya comes first to mind followed by Horningsea, but of course Sharazah was the biggest influence in our lives.



Mary & Chris Pascoe.

Photo: Garamond

5 Have you ever judged abroad, if so, where and which dogs particularly impressed you?

We have both judged abroad. USA and Belgium. Chris has judged in Finland. I have judged Germany, South Africa and Australia. There were many lovely hounds in these countries. Chris found a wonderful young bitch in Finland, **Popovs In White Satin**. One of his all time favourite bitches.

6 Do you have a top showing tip?

Hard work and commitment 24/7.

7 You have owned whippets – how did they integrate with the Afghans?

Very easily, they have similar loving attributes becoming part of the bigger family. We own three whippets all sired by **Multi Ch Airesort Ruby Rascal**. Two bred from separate bitches by my Mentor in this breed, June Minns, the third was bred in Belgium by the Delabelle family.

8 If you could own any dog (Afghan) from the 60's, 70's, 80's 90s or 00's worldwide, which one would it be and why?

Ch Koolaba Horningsea Eboni Earl. For us he was outstanding in every aspect of the breed. Another dog that would have fitted into our home was **Ch Sharazah Milwalki Stroller**. He was the reason we became involved in the Sharazah line.

9 Breed Shows or General Shows – which do you prefer and why?

They both are important and we enjoy going to either. Breed shows enable you to be with your friends without benching. The general championship shows enable you to see up close different hound breeds. Bringing Breed Championship shows to the General shows is the way forward to increase entries and reduce costs.

10 Apart from showing, do you have any other hobbies?

DIY for Chris and also going to Land Rover Jumbles to keep his Rover going. At six, going to the Dell with his Granddad to watch the Saints, now his beloved team; he will be taking his grand-daughter to watch them next! England Rugby and the Lions are always watched; this was capped off with a winning Lions tour of Aus in 2013. Reading for me, getting stuck into a good book; and now Grand-daughter duties are keeping me busy.



Ch Sarakhan Senator JW.



Ch Koolaba Horningsea Eboni Earl.

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**Maringo Rumour Has It
at Bichoux JW • RCC**



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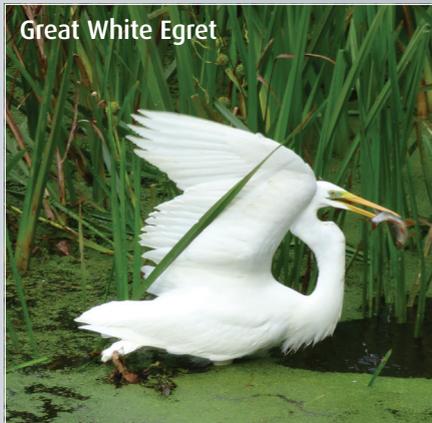
Katanga Kandy Kreme at Shimonay

Ch Andizhan Baal at Shirobana JW ShCM x Katanga Candy Perfume Girl | Bred by: Richard & Nicky Gunn

'Senara' is co-owned by:
ANN CALLARD & TERRI BORASH

My other hobby... bird photography

By Terri Borash



Great White Egret



Kingfisher



Buzzard

People are always asking me how I got involved in bird photography and I get lots of lovely comments for all the photos I post on Facebook.

I have enjoyed taking photographs for many years, but only as most people, general pics of my dogs, family and holidays etc. I had a very good 35mm camera but, when digital cameras appeared, everyone said I should get one. Being a stubborn person I fought against this, saying that my 35mm film camera was all I wanted and I got good pics from it.

The first time I went to Cyprus, after my sister moved there, I took 6 films with me, all 36 exposure. It cost me a fortune to have them developed and, as was typical with film, a lot of them were awful and had to be chucked. At that time, the pics were all of people, buildings, views etc, the usual type of photo you take when on holiday.

Having wasted so many of those pics I finally decided that, perhaps, I ought to buy a digital camera. I found one that suited me and, while learning how to use it, the birds in the garden seemed to be good subjects for getting used to the camera. While doing this I came to the conclusion that birds were not easy to photograph and they became a challenge.

Being able to delete bad pics was a revelation. I could take loads of photos, pick the best ones and delete the rest. Wonderful. No more having to look at rubbish pics and binning them. Why on earth didn't I do this a long time ago!!!!

Now used to the camera and photographed all the birds in my garden, I wanted something different. I started going for walks locally to see if I could find some different birds. There is a small river two fields behind where I live, so for a while I would go there on nice days to see what I could see. The first time I saw a kingfisher was fabulous. Stunning birds that are very fast and rarely perch where I happened to be. The first time I got a good photo of one was a real achievement for me.

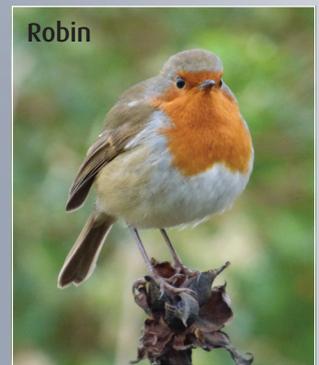
I became a member of the RSPB and discovered that the Avalon Marshes were only 2 junctions down the motorway from me.

The first time I went was a revelation. Amazing variations of habitat. Woods, reed beds and lakes. The variety of birds and occasional wildlife was out of this world. I have to say that ducky things aren't really my thing, but bitterns, kingfishers, goldcrests, the magic otters and many more, all became real challenges as they are not easy to get good photos of.

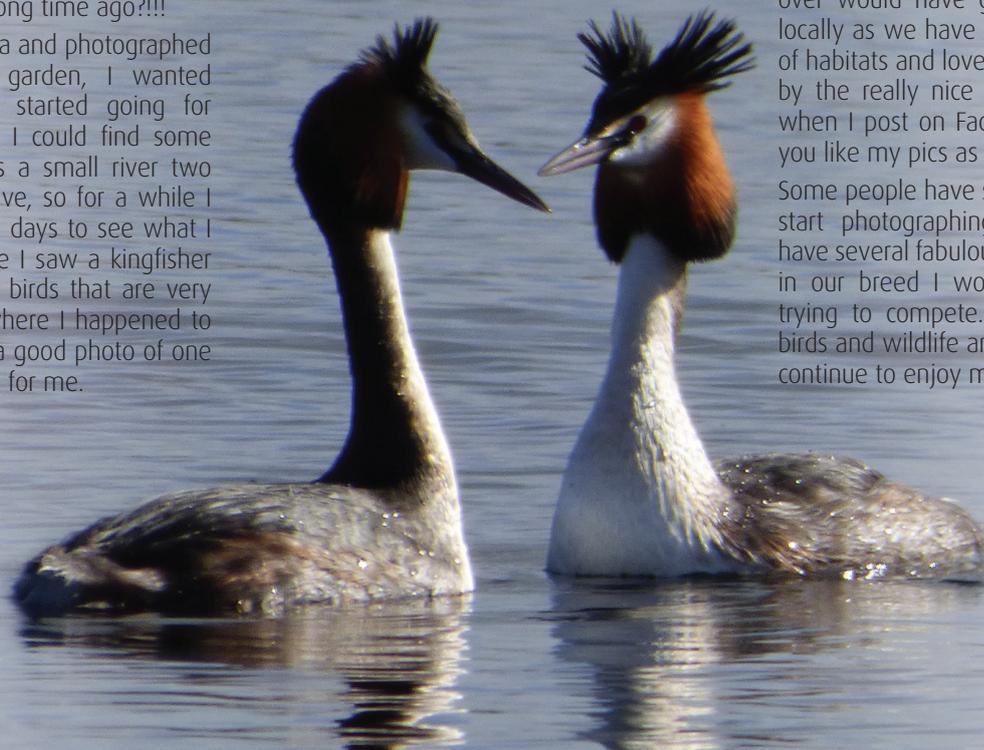
Of course, the wonder of a digital camera is that you only end up with the pics that please you. At the moment I have a flash drive that has approximately 5,000 photographs on it. My Mum always asks why I have so many and why I keep taking the same things. My reply is, you can always get a better one.

I am not one of these fanatics that travel the length and breadth of the country because a rare bird has been seen. With my luck, I'd travel hundreds of miles to find the bird that everyone was raving over would have gone. I just stay locally as we have a super variation of habitats and lovely walks. Judging by the really nice comments I get when I post on Facebook, many of you like my pics as well.

Some people have said that I should start photographing dogs. As we have several fabulous photographers in our breed I wouldn't dream of trying to compete. I'll stick to my birds and wildlife and hope that you continue to enjoy my photographs.



Robin



Great Crested Grebes



Sarakhan Shamir JW ShCM

Bradleigh

*Ch Wilbus Morpheus at Cubanba JW
x Sarakhan She-Khara*

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Both very much loved by
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Zarankhan

Gilari Redwood Earl at Zarankhan JW*

Nico

Ch Shimalma Mercurial Magic x Gilari Devil Wears Prada JW

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• Bournemouth • Windsor • AHCW.

Best Puppy in Breed • Welsh KC • SWHC (May)
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Nico - Garamond.



Meet our 2017 Ch Show judges...



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Bitches

Penny Thomson

I saw my first Afghan Hound when I was seventeen and I knew there and then that one day I would own one myself. It was many years later that this eventually happened after having two children and owning a very devoted German Shepherd rescue Tina, when Toyah arrived. She was four months old and a royal handful, but we sadly lost her at 10 months old due to illness. It was another three years before Noko (**Karnak Cardin**) arrived, who was to be my first show dog. I had fun showing him and it certainly was a learning curve being 'all male' and difficult to handle, but we got there in the end. My next adventure in the ring was **Karnak Willow** who gained her first CC in 1997 under John Whittaker, she was followed by **Sochera's Scarlet Ribbons** who gained her Junior Warrant. I have owned several dogs who have gained their Stud Book numbers.

We then, very proudly showed our home bred **Sanomyca Rosasharn** (Annie) and **Sanomyca Ally Capellino**, who was owned by Jill and Ernie Dyson, who later both sadly passed away, so she came home to us. We continued to show her and she gained her first CC at the Southern Afghan Club in 2002 under Wendy Shipman.

I have owned and exhibited Afghans for thirty-five years and am extremely proud

of all the lovely hounds we have owned in the past and the ones that now live with us. All have been various colours, and I have no colour preference or particular type, but look to the Breed Standard and that free springy movement so typical of the breed. I always judge the dog on the day – they are my passion in life.

I have been judging for many years now and very much enjoy it. I passed my Exam with the Western Afghan Hound Club and was delighted when the Club supported me and offered the invitation for my first Breed Club Open Show appointment in 2005. I am so very honoured to have been asked to judge the bitch classes for my first CC appointment at the 2017 Championship Show.

I am so looking forward to your hounds and wish everyone well.

Dogs

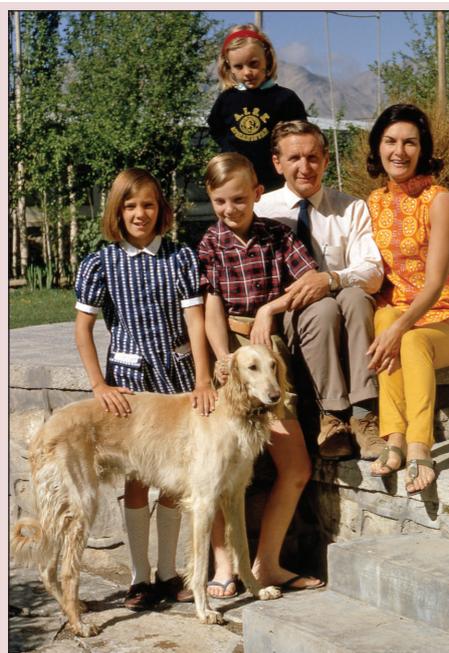
Elizabeth Beck

I am delighted to have been asked to judge dogs for the Western Afghan Hound Club. I got my first Afghan Hound in 1978, a self masked cream 'White Warrior grand-daughter' who gained her stud book number under June Chilton in 1985. My next Afghan was from the Metewand kennel closely followed by my two 'Finnegan' girls who won 3 RCCs between them along with an Irish Champion title. Around this time I applied for my affix Zilbec as it was my intention to mate one of my girls to Ch/Ir Ch Karaburan Jelly Roll Morton. Unfortunately this didn't happen but shortly afterwards a lovely litter by him was born in Bangor and the rest as they say is history. I passed my judging exam on the same day as my future **Ch/Ir Ch Metewand Zuhrabad at Zilbec** was born. I showed 'Boris' with great success in Ireland and the UK.

My next big winner is **Ch/Ir Ch Metewand Onlione at Zilbec** who to date has won 3 CCs and 5 RCCs including Crufts 2014. 'Buffy' is the mother of my 'Buffettes' born in September 2014. This was my first litter after almost 40 years in the breed. It was hard work but I loved every moment of it. They are now almost 2 years old and have had a great start to their show careers.

To date I have won 6 CCs, 12 RCCs, 2 UK Ch Titles and 4 Ir Ch Titles with my affies and bred a Ir Jun Ch who also has 2 Green Stars and a CC.

I am very much looking forward to judging your dogs at this my first CC appointment.



Afghan from Afghanistan

My father was in Afghanistan building the Intercontinental Hotel there in the late sixties.

We acquired Rudi from a lady who worked for the UN and rescued dogs. He was reputedly a present from the King of Afghanistan to the Persian ambassador - and was maltreated.

A great dog who we used to take for a run behind the Land Rover.

Charles Stewart

Charles met Sue Kemp while she was on the beach with her Afghans. We have all met people who's family owned Afghans in the past... but never actually in Afghanistan!

TAZKINDI



Teagan

Reuben

**GILARI
RED DIAMOND
AT TAZKINDI**

Ch Shimalma Mercurial Magic x Gilari Devil Wears Prada JW

**SYRDARYA
CUSTARD CREAM
AT TAZKINDI • CC**

Ch Cloudside Warstrike x Sitana Patiala of Syrdarya

Both much loved by **LORNA & JOHN** 01209 211755

Mad dogs and Englishmen...

By Emma James



Owned dog, typical breed type, note collar.

For many years I have been coming to Turkey and come across plenty of dogs and now cats roaming the streets and seafront. Just like the Afghan Hounds in Afghanistan, there is a definite type of local dog and although there are some variations, due to the occasional mating with a different breed type, they largely have similar characteristics. They are known in Turkey as Kangal dogs and are a mastiff type with a pale coat and a black mask. They are the national dog and have appeared on stamps and money.

The dogs that roam are generally individuals or pairs, they don't seem to form large packs and are owned and fed by the local neighbourhood. Food is regularly put out for them and bowls of water can be seen outside houses. However an ill dog is unlikely to be taken to a vet and it's not unusual to see a lame one. Some dogs are actually owned and wear collars but still roam around all day and it's hard to see where they actually live. Others are owned and kept on properties, walked, often at lunchtime in 40 degree heat and seem unthreatened by local dogs that may wander nearby.

Animal rights have improved enormously in the 10 years that we have been coming. Where we stay in Altinkum, there are now far fewer dogs roaming than when I first came. The policy is to catch strays, neuter them and then return them to the streets. Neutered dogs wear an ear tag to show they've been done. This has been seen to

be an effective and humane way to keep numbers down. There are still incidences of dogs being taken out of the towns to the forest or euthanised but here they sterilise and release.

The Muslim attitude to dog keeping varies depending on how scholarly the family are and how they interpret the Hadith (reports describing the life, comments and actions of the prophet Mohammed). The Quran doesn't specifically mention dog keeping. The most

One bitch, escaping spaying, had a litter of puppies on the same road as our complex on a piece of scrub land. The puppies were incredibly cute and very friendly. They showed definite breed characteristics. Lots of people were feeding them and monitoring their well being. One evening when we went past, a man was pulling ticks off the puppies. There were six in the litter but by the time we came out two had gone – probably taken as pets while they're cute, but likely to be thrown out again when they are fully grown (32inches-66lbs).

There is some argument as to whether the Anatolian Shepherd dog and the Kangal are the same breed. There are lots of articles written about it. Many believe they are, but purists think they are different due to the region of origin of the Kangal. Exports of the pure Kangal dog are now restricted and the Turkish government is keeping track of pedigrees and breeding.

The KIF Turkish kennel club was only founded in 2006 and as you can imagine in a Muslim country, dog showing isn't a big hobby. Hopefully though, now through preservation of the breed type we won't see the same situation as our Afghan hounds whereby native dogs are rare and completely different to the dogs we now show.



Typical outdoor kennel.

common interpretation is that dogs are unclean, particularly their saliva, however it is permissible to keep a dog as long as it is functional: such as working on a farm or as a guard dog. They should not be kept purely as companions and should not live in the house.

Lots of families in Altinkum keep dogs and have kennels in their gardens or beside their house – if it's beside the house often the dog is chained to it but they seem to come into the garden during the day. Luckily in Turkey the weather is hot and families spend most of their time outside so the dog does have company.



Typical puppy about 9 weeks old – feral mother.

British newspaper archives 1840-1889

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MORNING ADVERTISER, 16th October 1840
FOUND, a Persian GREYHOUND

[AH possibly?]

"Any one who has lost the same may have him by paying the expenses. If not owned within seven days, he will be sold to defray expenses. Inquire at No. 8, London Street, Fitzroy Square."

WEST KENT GUARDIAN, 8th August 1846

LITERARY EXTRACTS (From "Sale's Brigade in Afghanistan, with an account of the Seizure and Capture of Jellalabad." By the Rev. G. B. R. Greig, M.A.)

[Rev. Grieg also wrote about the natural history of Afghanistan].

"We find here, also, dogs, some of which, especially the greyhounds, would be highly prized in Leicestershire; hawks, trained and untrained, for falconry is a favourite with the Afghan chiefs."

TEESDALE MERCURY, 28th October 1857

Camp, Delhi, 30th July, 1857

COPY OF LETTER TO THE REV. WILSE BROWN, FROM COL. SEATON, CB.

"...Our new General, Wilson, is also sickening, the anxiety of mind is too much for him. We have no way to turn for succour, except towards Calcutta or Cawnpore, where I believe eight English regiments are now assembled. I have not seen, since my return to India, one Persian Greyhound [older term for Salukis as well as AHs]. I cannot tell what has become of them. They have disappeared; and, strange to say, horses also are getting scarce. It has taken me some time to write this. Lying on one's back is not a favourable position for penmanship.

Your affectionate Cousin

D. SEATON

P.S. – No man was ever more nearly shot through the heart than I was. A grain more powder, or the smallest turn to the right, would have done it. Only God's mercy saved me.

3rd August – Getting on finely. The enemy got a fine pounding of the night of the 1st of August. They lost numbers of men. Our loss, ten killed and wounded."

[Letter written from Delhi at the height of the 1857 Indian Army Mutiny and ensuing uprising, by a severely wounded officer, in which he still had time to write about 'tazis', or lack thereof!]

LONDON STANDARD, 24th March 1879

AT KHELAT-I-GHILZAI [Afghanistan]

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH GENERAL STEWART'S COLUMN

"The Persian greyhounds are beautiful – Ghizni [sp. Ghazni] dogs they call them here, much larger and more powerful than the English breed; they have long ears covered with a silky down, feathered tails and thighs. The natives value a good strain so much that we have offered money in vain for puppies. They are used for coursing, and the Khan of Khelat has an especial fancy for them. But experience tells me that they will not live in India."

SHEFFIELD DAILY TELEGRAPH, 17th February 1880
INCIDENTS OF THE AFGHAN CAMPAIGN

"A singular feature about Afghan dogs is that you cannot by any means coax one of them to come within a dozen yards of you."

ROYAL CORNWALL GAZETTE, 30th September 1881
ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CORNWALL

[An annual excursion, including a Lord Bishop, many Reverends, some Doctors, and local gentry and their wives etc., into the Cornish countryside.]

"Our first halting place was Dulce, where we were most courteously and hospitably received by the rector, the Rev. Paul Bush, and his family. Here, within a few yards of the church is a Druidical circle, formed of upright blocks of quartz stones; but, as nobody had any information to impart, we all gazed for a time in mute wonder, and then turned our attention to a remarkable specimen of an Afghan dog which somewhat resembled a goat in the hindquarters, and is used, we were informed by young Mr Bush, who had charge of the animal, in its native land to chase the antelope."

LONDON STANDARD, 10th December 1881

THE KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW [Alexandra Palace]

"The Afghan "Khelat" has no resemblance to the types with which our soldiers were familiar. Mr Tufnell's Persian greyhounds ['Motee' and 'Roostam' probably], from the same country, exhibit few of the points valued by Pallian [sp. Pathan] and Belooch sirdars – the female is much too fleecy, and the male not nearly enough."

['Khelat' as per drawings, was not an Afghan Hound, more like a Kuchi guard dog].

ABERDEEN JOURNAL, 4th February 1882

ARRIVAL OF THE 92ND (GORDON) HIGHLANDERS

"The regiment have also brought home a valuable Afghan dog which has shown a remarkable affection for the Highlanders since it has been in their possession."

THE ERA, 13 September 1884

A JAUNT TO JAMRACH'S

[An article about a visit to the establishment of that "doyen of animal importers, Mr Charles Jamrach, in St Georges Street, Wapping, Essex."]

"An Afghan Hound in the next cage is, however, eager to make our acquaintance. This strange dog has the head and general build of a greyhound, but his ears are long, hairy, and silky like those of a setter, and similar tufts of hair grow upon the surface of his paws. To any lady desirous of an "original" pet the Afghan Hound would be as desirable as Mrs Lantry's [Lilly?] Chinese boy [Chow Chow?]."

HERTFORD MERCURY & REFORMER, 26th Oct 1889

HERTS & NTH MIDDLESEX DOG & POULTRY SHOW

"The second annual show... A special feature of the show was Mr W. K. Taunton's collection of dogs which comprised a Chinese edible dog and an Afghan dog (both believed to be the only ones of their kind ever brought into this country)."