

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 15TH MAY 2015.

The rescheduled SGHC Limited Show is being held Saturday 30th May 2015 after the judging at Southern Counties Championship Show, Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham, Berks RG18 2QZ. Our Judge will be Dr Peggy Postma. She has 37 dogs making an entry of 43. Please bring raffle prizes and a reminder that if you are not competing at SCCS then you will need a pass to attend the Limited Show if you are competing. Please contact Marie Bryce-Smith on 01342 327573 for the passes.

Congratulations to Diane Layton on her upcoming marriage to Smithy. I asked Diane for some information on her big day and she sent the following with a proviso that I may cut out anything, if it did not seem right. I have kept it in it's entirety as it seems perfect to me. "Smithy and I are getting married at Pencarrow House, the quirky country estate where I rented a cottage for ten years. Hopefully, the weather will be fine so we can have the ceremony outside in front of the wisteria clad, walled garden. Being the old crazies that we are, I'm walking 'down the aisle' to Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds and friends are playing us out with an acoustic AC/DC medley!!! I have no close family left alive so one of my oldest friends is giving me away, his wife is my maid of honour and my oldest punk rock friend is my other bridesmaid....(she has one of our puppies). She may have to hold Sha's lead as she's so used to hunting in the grounds of Pencarrow and my Vivienne Westwood shoes are so stupidly high that she may just pull me over!!! We're then all getting on the steam train which stops at the end of our garden to party the night away in an Indian marquee with live bands, venison and an ice cream van!!! Enough detail"

In last weeks 'Our Dogs' Saluki notes by Helen Graham, she brought up the subject of insect repellents . We are using and this is the second year we have used it, is Seresto made by Bayer. It is a collar that is water resistant and does what it says on the tin. It kills ticks, leas and lice and repels ticks. We usually do not have a problem with fleas but the dogs do manage to pick up ticks quite readily. This collar is expensive at £30.00 but it does last for 7 to 8 months before replacing.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 24TH APRIL 2015

The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club will be holding their Open Show on Saturday 13th June 2015 at the Dobermann Club Training & Showground, Digswell, Herts AL6 0BU Judging Dogs is Mrs Ruth Dann and Bitches, Miss Cecilia Andersson. The referee is Mrs Trish Wells. There are 31 classes including two Junior Handling, which will be judged by the referee. The ages are 6 to 11 for the first class and 12-16 for the second class. We hope to have a good turn out of juniors. (At this point I would like to mention that at the last AGM of the Club, it was decided that juniors up and including 16 years of age could have a free membership to the Club, along with juniors that remain in full time education until 21. These free memberships are with restrictions.) Postal entries close on Monday 18th May 2015 with online entries until midnight Monday 25th May. For schedules contact Kathy Webb on 01737 353279 or look on line at www.fossedata.co.uk

I have received further information from Anji Jackson Main regarding the photo competition: Call Out for the SGHC saluki calendar 2016A celebration of Salukis living in the UK The 2015 calendar has had a lot of positive feedback and we are very pleased with the result. Because we have decided to use the same large photo format, we do require you to send in clear, creative, well positioned, landscape photographs of your salukis. If you have excellent portrait photos please send them and they can be used as the small thumbnail pictures. Maximum number is 6 photographs. Please put the salukis name, owner and who took the photo, if you didn't take the photograph please get permission from the photographer. End date 4th June 2016 The photos will be exhibited at the SGHC Open show on Saturday June 13th 2015. There will be an opportunity to view the photos and participate in the judging process. If you have any questions please email: anji@salondarbuka.co.uk . Please send your photos as a JPEG to anji@salondarbuka.co.uk

David Crane, Hon Secretary of the Saluki Welfare has sent the following: **“SALUKI WELFARE FUND WELFARE WARDEN:** The Saluki Welfare Fund is looking to appoint a new Welfare Warden for the South The position involves the management of the rescue and rehoming operations of Saluki Welfare in the South and liaison with the Welfare Warden in the North. The person appointed will need to have experience and knowledge of the breed including conformation, breed standard and temperament. The job also requires people management skills and the ability to deal with sometimes challenging situations. The ability to acquire new knowledge and skills such as the legal implications of rescue and re-homing animals will be important.

The new Warden will receive practical help, training and guidance from the outgoing Warden, and will have the on-going support of the members of the Saluki Welfare Committee. People interested in discussing this important and satisfying position which seeks to match the needs of our rescued Salukis with the right people offering them forever homes should contact: David Crane, Secretary Saluki Welfare atdavidcrane@salukiwelfare.org

The AGM of Saluki Welfare was held on Sunday 29th March. The following changes were agreed: Chris Lewis was appointed as Trustee to replace Rosie thereby retaining the long family connection with Welfare. Elaine Rushton was also appointed as Trustee to replace Roy Goodby who has retired after many years of service to Welfare. The vacant position of Vice-Chairman was filled by Tania Stevens. Thank you to everyone who supported the Welfare Stall at the NSC Ch. Show either by buying or giving items for sale. A grand total of £187.00 was raised by Debs Steele, who had worked hard at presenting a lovely stall of beautiful hand knits, decorated bags all ma The vacant position of Vice-Chairman was filled by Tania Stevens.”

Last Sunday the Northern Saluki Club held their Championship Show. Judging was Mrs Karin Hedberg from Sweden. As we have come to expect from the NSC, the show was well run with the competitors treated like guests. Well done to them. DCC, BIS went to the winner of last years SGHC Champ Show and that is Ch Glenoak Kiyon JW owned by Lisa and John Hudson. The RDCC was Jeannette & Alan Glaister & Mary Sanders

Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander JW, SHCM. BCC went to Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Ch Caryna Meilichia Sh CM with the RBCC to Lisa & John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW. Best Puppy was Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Caryna Neferti with Best of Opposite Sex Puppy was Jenny & Steve Macro's Kasaque Shabaz Nefisa. Best Veteran in Show Martine Smithson's Ch Chisobee Serenarian.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 3rd APRIL 2015

Caroline Owen has sent the following regarding the NSC: "NSC Champ show on 19th April 2015 under Judge Karin Hedberg (Sweden) at Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Market Street, Clay Cross, Derbyshire S45 9LX.

There are 108 salukis entered making 132 entries, 12 NFC. There are 47 entries in the dog classes, 63 entries in the bitch classes and 10 entries in the joint classes.

Catering is being provided by a Catering Van on site. There will be a Parade of Rescued Salukis during the interval. Please contact David Hartley for further details. Tel 01282 84261. Judging starts at 10am. There is no bring and share this year. Trophies won at last years Champ Show should be returned at the show or to Mrs Hilary Davies, Trophy Steward.

The Northern Saluki Club website has been revamped after changing the service provider. Many thanks to the former service provider Dr Ray Bardell for facilitating the changeover and to former NSC Hon Secretary Andrew Sharp who maintained the website for so many years. It is now possible to include much more information about the NSC Club and additional information which may prove helpful to Members and visitors, including links to Members web links to 2015 General Championship show results, links to or information about General Open Shows with Saluki classes, Members news items, Club show results and photos, and a Remembrance page for Members to share a photo and memory of their beloved dogs who are no longer with us. Sadly the constraints on the old website meant that results and photos from previous years were overwritten with the loss of those images. Of course the NSC predated the Internet and much of the photographic history is not available. Hopefully in future the results and photos will be a permanent record on the website.

Although the NSC website is a public website open to visitors it is primarily intended to be of benefit to Members of the NSC. The contact email address for Members wishing to share any information on the NSC website's link to their own website, memory of lost dog, good news, planned litter, Open shows with saluki classes, fun items is coco.wen2@btinternet.com. Suggestions for future developments would be welcomed (subject to NSC Committee approval).

As many will know the SGHC Limited Show had to be cancelled at the last moment, so it is good news that it will happen this year. It will be after judging at the Southern Counties Championship Show which is to be held on Saturday 30th May 2015 at the Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage, Thatcham Berks RG18 9QZ. New

schedules are being sent out to members of the SGHC but if you do not receive one and would like one please contact Kathy Webb on 01737 353279. You need not to have entered the cancelled Limited show to enter. For exhibitors of the Limited Show there will be sandwiches, cakes and cold drinks courtesy of The Saluki magazine.

Last Sunday the SGHC held their AGM. The Committee remains the same except for Michael Williams who has stood down. There was a thank you to Michael for all his hard work and also a thank you to Maya Monk Schenk who was retiring as the Health Officer. A vote was taken regarding judges for the Open and Championship Show. It was decided, unanimously, that we should reduce down one judge as our entries do not warrant two judges and a Best in Show judge. If the entries improve then the situation will be reviewed again. The ballot for judges was read out and judging the 2016 Limited Show is Luke Johnston. The 2016 Open Show will be judged by Sybelle Benoit, Sue Finnett and Bernard Barjot. Winning ballot for the 2017 Championship Show will be Diana Allan, Karen Fisher with Best in Show to be confirmed.

AGM has requested that the Committee ask the judge from Crufts and the Kennel Club an explanation of why he has called two dogs brindles in his critiques when they were in fact grizzle and white parti coloured.

It was decided that in the future the ballot for the Championship show will be limited to breed specialist only taken from the A1, A2, A3 lists.

Junior members will be given free membership along with person between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one who are in full-time education may also be elected as Junior Members. As Junior Members they are entitled to receive email communications from the club and do not have voting rights.

Thanks to the Committee for their hard work

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK-ENDING 20TH MARCH 2015

Wednesday night, the evening before the commencement of Crufts, the Pawscars Awards were held. For those that are unfamiliar with the idea I have included the story thus far: JILLY S Jolly Jaunt has been an outstanding success, raising just short of £50,000 for good causes and bringing the world of dogs together in a quite remarkable way. The story could have ended there, but two weeks after the funds from the Jolly Jaunt were distributed to Great Ormond Street Hospital, DogLost and the Kennel Club Charitable Trust it's time to announce the next chapter.

The night before Crufts 2015 opened its doors - the Pawscars award ceremony was held in the Metropole Hotel on the NEC campus. The awards recognised success, hard work and effort in all areas of the pedigree dog show scene, and are about celebrating all that is good on the UK dog show scene. Whats even better is they will raise more money for good causes; some of the biggest businesses that serve the world of dogs are already lined up to offer their support.

But the Pawscars is just half the story because March 2014 marked the launch of the Peek A Boo trust, which is set up to encourage fundraising throughout the world of pedigree dogs and will be charged with disbursing that cash to children's and canine charities. Not every fund raising effort needs to be as big as Jilly's Jolly Jaunt; organisers hope to encourage donations from events of all kinds, some which might raise just a few pounds and others that will raise several thousands.

The ideas for the trust and for the Pawscars were devised by Gavin Robertson, handler of last years (but one) Crufts best in show winner, Ch Soletreader Peek a Boo, or Jilly, and Dog World managing director Stuart Baillie, and in the last few weeks they have been busily encouraging businesses to come on board to support the event.

Gavin said: "I was just blown away by the support we received for Jillys Jolly Jaunt and its not just about the amount of money we've raised its about the support we received from all over the UK and abroad. It was heart-warming to see the way the world of dogs got behind the idea and demonstrated their support in so many ways. And of course at the end of the day we raised almost £50,000!

"When we came up with the idea of the walk in my wildest dreams I thought we might manage to raise £25,000, so to end up with almost twice that amount is a tribute to everyone who offered their help, support and encouragement along the way of the walk and felt truly honoured to be part of it. It was then that I started to have the kernel of an idea about setting up a trust to keep the good work going.

There was a total of 15 awards presented on the night. These are Championship Show of the Year, sponsored by Eukanuba; Training class of the Year and Breeder of the Year sponsored by Royal Canin; Journalist of the Year sponsor to be confirmed; Exhibitor of the Year sponsored by Dorwest; Junior Handler of the Year sponsored by Dog World; Steward of the Year sponsored by the Kennel Club; Trade stand of the Year sponsored by Fosse Data; Open Show of the Year sponsored by Lintbells; Breed Note Writer of the Year sponsored by Herbal Solutions Ltd; All breed Judge of the Year Sponsored by Purina, Judge of the Year, sponsored by Royal Canin; Photographer of the Year, sponsor to be confirmed; Unsung Hero, sponsor to be confirmed; and an award for outstanding achievement which will be sponsored by the Trust.

Ch Classicus Cassander JW ShCM was invited to attend as he was Top Hound this past year. Caroline Pickering has sent the following regarding the evening out :

A Night at the Oscars: by Caroline Pickering: Following the amazing success of Dexter (CH Classicus Cassander JW ShCM) owned by Jeannette and Alan Glaister and Mary Sanders Parker I was ecstatic to be asked to attend the Pawscars awards to celebrate the best of the British dog scene. Dexter having achieved Top Hound in the UK was to receive an award . The evening started with a photo shoot of all the top dog winners and nominees for the various awards, then followed a champagne welcome reception where smartly dressed waiters served us with perfectly chilled champagne. At 7 pm we made our way into the large banqueting hall which had beautifully dressed tables. After

a short speech the awards were announced , Jeannette and Mary were called to the stage to collect the most beautiful award for Top Hound and along with the other group winners received a tremendous round of applause. Waiters then served the starter of smoked salmon and asparagus with lemon potato salad and lime dressing , more awards were given to best judge, best show ,best steward etc then to the main course of orange and thyme braised beef with dauphinois, tomatoes ,carrots and parsnips in a red wine jus followed by a lime parfait for desert. The whole evening was absolutley wonderful the food fantastic and the company excellent. I certainly would recommend it to everyone

Jeanne Glaister writes:"Helen asked me to send her something for the Saluki Breed notes following our wonderful night at the Pawscars awards. In January I received an invite to attend Pawscars, this wasn't expected so came as a shock. I had to confirm within days so quickly had to make the decision on tickets, hotel and travel. I confirmed that Caroline, Mary and myself would be attending. Being the evening before Crufts I decided to travel by train as did Caroline. I met Caroline at the station to check into the Metropole Hotel, we had a few hiccups, but got there eventually. We had to be down in reception for 5.30 to get the official photos taken, where I was presented with a huge rosette for Dexter being Top Hound 2014, I accepted this with great pride, it is a once in a lifetime award and not only thrilled for ourselves but also the breed. It was certainly a night to remember!!"

I have not written about Crufts as of yet because as soon as it was over, Michael and I were on a airplane to parts warmer for a few days of relaxation. We had an enjoyable day at Crufts catching up with old friends and meeting new ones though Crufts is always Crufts and after so many years we know pretty much what to expect. Our Judge was Charles K Thornton know to most of us as Keith. He had a most interesting entry to assess especially in the Open Dogs. The nearest I can relate it to is 'The battle of the Titans' He had the top Saluki from the UK, top Saluki from Asia, top Saluki from Ireland, top Saluki from Sweden plus the cream of the crop of Salukis world wide. With such a varied and wide selection of dogs overall, it made the day most interesting. After the judging I did ask him if he enjoyed the day and he said he had not because he was feeling quite unwell.

DDC, BOB and Hound Group 1 went to SE/No/Fi Ch Qirmizi Ovation owned by Mrs I & Mr N Eriksson with the RDCC to Ch Baghdad Karim Sh CM owned by Mr S & Mrs A Ham, Mrs P Bockman-Chato and Mrs M Ross-Elliott. BCC went to Ch Jasmine of Canerikie JW (imp ITA) owned by Mr B Mansell & Mrs JM Duddell with the RBCC to Mazrae Gangall Cala Anguila owned by Miss S Hsgg. Best puppy was Caryna Neferti owned by Mrs D Garratt & Miss Sue Oakey. Well done all!

Reading the critiques for Crufts in this paper dated 13th March 2015 I was horrified to see that in two cases, in the first instance in Junior Dog, it state that Hams's Bendedig Bazinga was a white and brindle. In the second case in Post Graduate Dog, Andersson's Alsahra Dakota, is a white and brindle. I can categorically state that neither of these dogs have brindle markings but are grizzle and white parti-coloureds. Brindle is an undesirable colouration in Salukis (see the breed standard:Any colour or

combination of colours permissible, other than brindle or blue, which are highly undesirable. - See more at:<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/services/public/breed/standard>). I do hope the judge writes an apology for his error.

On Saturday 4th April the AHA will be holding their Annual General Meeting and immediately after they will host a Spotlight on Sighthounds 2- The Sequel. After there will be a AHA Fit for Function Fun Rally 2. If you would like to attend please contact Susan Rhodes on tel 01233 770256 or 07747615909 or email: susan@shadowfaxafghans.com.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 13TH MARCH 2015

These notes are being written before Crufts, so you will have to look further in this paper for those results or look on line at [fossedata](http://fossedata.com). Kathy Webb has let me know that the Crufts edition The Saluki is now available. If you do not receive your copy within the next two weeks, please contact Kathy on 01737 353279 to find out if your subscription is up to date.

David Hartley, Welfare warden has sent the following information about his annual walk A mail to remind you of this years SALUKI WALK at EARBY. It will be on the 18th JULY. (change from original date as church double booked) and we hope you will be able to come. All proceeds for Saluki Welfare Funds. Please forward

this mail to anyone you think might be interested.

Looking forward to seeing Saluki friends old and new but everyone and all breeds are most welcome -let's see who can bring an unusual breed. I think it was the Sloughis last year.

PARADE of RESCUES

Also whilst I'm mailing there is

An invitation to all rescue Saluki owners to show and tell the story of their hound(s) in a non competitive environment at the Northern Saluki Championship Show to be held at Sharley Park Leisure Centre Clay Cross Derbyshire S45 9LX on Sunday 19th April 2015 from 10.00 am. Simply turn up with your dogs and see me at the entrance table. The parade of rescues will be in the interval which is not likely to be before 11.30 am or after 1.30pm but this does depend on the entry and speed of judging on the day. Come along and see the show salukis and meet other rescue owners.

A couple of reminders:

The Northern Saluki Club will be holding their AGM on Sunday 15th March 2015 at Shirland Village Hall, Shirland, Derbyshire DE55 6BB. AGM will commence at 1pm.

The SGHC will be holding their AGM on Sunday 22nd March 2015 at Nuffield Health Centre, Newbury Race Course, Newbury RG14 7PN. It is not hard to find. Just follow signs to the Racecourse, once there Nuffields is well signposted. The AGM starts at 2pm but there is a bar at the centre and lunches can be purchased.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 27TH FEBRUARY 2015.

Little information has come my way for this week's Breed Notes. A friend has asked me to mention that he has available a complete set of the Stud Books, 141 volumes:

Volume 1 - 1859-1874, Volume 2 - 1875 through to Volume 141 2014. Anyone interested please contact me.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 20TH FEBRUARY 2015.

Our entry passes for Crufts have arrived so Crufts fever is in the air. Next Sunday, 22nd February 2015, the SGHC Limited Show will be held so all the youngster will have a chance to 'strut their thing' with a last minute practice before the big day. The show will be held at Steventon Village Hall, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6AA. Judge is Dr Peggy Postma. For further information please contact Marie Bryce-Smith on 01342 327573.

Breed Records Supplement for October to December 2014 has arrived. There were 9

litters registered making up to 56 puppies. Of these 11 puppies and two litter were from club members. One importation, Bryn Wild Rose at Manarah. She was imported from Canada and owned by Peter and Angela Yardley. Two champion Certificates were awarded the first to Khalils Allegra-Classicus (Imp Swe) owned by Mrs ME Sanders-Parker and the second to Sundara's Ayla of De Sabbia (imp USA) owned by Mesdames J Cotterill & J Pyatt & M Haag One Junior Warrant which went to Khalils Cressida-Classicus owned by Mrs ME Sanders-Parker. Finally two Show Certificate Of Merit were awarded. The first is Fernark Snow Grouse at Daandazi owned by Mr A Burtenshaw & Mrs G Cook and the second went to Hisilome's Kareef (imp Swe) owned by Mrs AK & Mr BW Buckley. In 2014, 189 Salukis were registered by the KC. Interestingly, there were 165 Afghans registered during that same period.

Joanne Mahon has asked me to include the following: "Many of you may know Lin (Lorrequer Salukis) from her long history in the breed, her top winning Salukis or from her stunning photographic work featuring her dogs. What many of you may not know is that Lin has been fighting a long, hard battle against ovarian cancer for the last two years and she is currently undergoing a further series of intensive chemotherapy. Lin, who lives alone, would dearly love to be able to stay in her own small home in Beeton, Ontario, Canada and to be able to keep her 3 remaining Salukis. (others have been rehomed to reduce the burden of care on Lin). Lin is already in dire financial straits as the previous rounds of chemotherapy meant she was unable to carry on her dog grooming business as normal to meet her monthly overheads. Her further treatment leaves her facing the prospect of financial ruin along with the probability of losing her home and having to give up her remaining Salukis as she is unable to carry on working during her treatment and after care.

Your donation, no matter how large or small, will go a long way to help one of the stalwarts of our Saluki community and make a real difference to Lin's quality of life in the months ahead. Lin has always been generous in offering help and support to others in our breed facing difficult times. Please help Lin stay in her home and enable her to live with her beloved Salukis who keep her spirits raised and her mind and body active. Please put yourself in her shoes for just a moment and make a generous donation to help Lin in her time of need.

If you would like to contact Lin directly please e:mail to lindah@lorrequer.com

Contributions can be made through www.gofundme.com/help-lin-fight or

www.paypal.com jezhawk1@gmail.com.

There will be an online fundraising auction starting March 8th, 2015. A wide variety of Saluki related items will be available at www.gazehound.com/auction

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 6TH FEBRURARY 2015

David Crane, Secretary of Saluki Welfare has sent the following: Saluki Welfare are holding their AGM on Sunday 29th March at 1.00 pm. The venue is The Fentham Meeting Room, Marsh Lane, Hampton in Arden, Solihull B92 0AH.

This is just off Junction 6 of the M 42 near to the NEC. All members of SGHC and NSC plus rescue owners are invited to hear what has been happening at Welfare.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 31ST JANUARY 2015.

Clair Chryssolor has sent a note referring to the results of the Saluki Lure trial that was held early in January. The Best in Field was not as it was reported but the winner was the brother, Anasazi Early Dusk

The Finnish Saluki Club, for some years, have been studying Saluki hearts and recording information. This information is readily available for everyone to read and study.

The link is http://www.saluki.fi/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/ultraukset_180115.pdf. More information can be found at <http://jalostus.kennelliitto.fi/>. In Germany, dogs are required to pass a heart test before

they are given a Breeding License. We have done some testing here, with the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club, but the need to test on the level that the Finnish Saluki Club has not deemed necessary at this point in time.

Maya Monk-Schenk the Health Officer of the SGHC has been making enquiries with canine cardiologist to see if they are finding more problems with Salukis.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 23RD JANUARY 2015

Cecilia Andersson had to go into hospital for keyhole surgery but unfortunately after a couple of days at home after the procedure, she had to return to the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and hopefully it will not be long before she is back at home.

The Committee of the SGHC is looking for someone to be the health coordinator. The job description will be in the next newsletter or can be obtained from Michael McComick Smith. This a very important position as keeping abreast with what is happening with our breed, health wise, both here and abroad. The SGHC intends to have another breed seminar in November 2015. I shall put more information in the Breed Notes when I hear more from the Committee.

I have received notifications from Maya Monk-Schenk that in the last survey conducted by the KC they received reports representing 66 live dogs and 11 deceased dogs.

SGHC Limited Show is being held on Sunday 22nd February at the Steventon Village Hall, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6AA. Show opens at 9.00am and judging will

commence at 10.00 am followed by the bitches. The judge will be Dr Peggy Postma. She has an entry of 24 dogs making up to 28 entries. There are 10 NFC. Tea and Coffee will be available all day as well of cakes. The Committee would appreciate donations of cakes. For the lunch break there will be filled rolls, available to purchase. After lunch there will be informal discussions and activities

Last Thursday the first Championship show of 2015 was held. The show was Manchester and the judge was breed specialist Anne Macdonald. She chose for her DCC, BOB the top hound of 2014, Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM owned by the Glaister partnership and Mary Parker. RDCC went to the winner of the Post Grad class, Kasaque Ra Frankel of Saruk owned by Marie Bryce Smith. BCC for her second CC was Bermuda Ch Ulmarra Tropical Ice at Winton owned by Mrs K Williams. RBCC went to the winner of Junior class Mrs Mary Sanders Parker's Noushzad Claudia-Classicus (Imp). Best Puppy and 4th in Puppy Group was Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Caryna Neferti.

Best Veteran was Ch Baghdad Karim Sh CM owned by The Ham, Brockman-Chato & Ross-Elliot partnership.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 16TH JANUARY 2015

Helena Haywood has sent the following "On behalf of Saluki Welfare Fund we wish all Salukifiles and their hounds a successful, happy and healthy 2015. As we approach the SGHC Limited Show I would like to remind all attendees that we are grateful for any contributions to the Welfare stall whether it be for the Tombola or as items for sale. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents or are just decluttering please bring your donations along on the day."

On Sunday 4th January the SGHC held a "lure Trial" run for the members of the club by Karen Fisher and Cecelia Andersson. Karen has sent me in the following report "The day was a very social occasion with some excellent runs being put in by several of the competitors. Yes we had fog - and the weatherman promised that we would have sunshine but if it was present in the area it didn't make an appearance in our field! However whilst we waited for the fog to lift a little bit so the judges could see the entire course, the day started off with some short sprints to whet the whistle - particularly for those who weren't particularly plastic driven.

When visibility improved the continuous loop was laid out and we took this opportunity of the break in proceedings to enjoy some mulled wine kindly supplied by Kathy Webb with mince pies supplied by me - this most certainly warmed us all up. We also held the raffle, Marie did a wonderful job selling the tickets. There were some lovely prizes, one of which was the full collection of the UAE's first day cover stamps celebrating their national breed - the saluki.

The judges (who must have been freezing, standing on their box, so they could see the whole course) did an excellent job and whilst the 18 entrants were waiting for their run

Kathy also served soup and hot chocolate which she also supplied. A hearty thanks to Kathy for her wonderful refreshments. Sadly, once again, none of our rescue owners had entered the trial for rescued salukis so the results were as follows:

Trial for registered salukis

Class 1 (For dogs/bitches aged between 18 and 24 months) winner - Nick and Marie Bryce-Smith's Kasaque Ra Frankel of Saruk

Class 2 (For dogs/bitches aged 2 – 6 years old) winner - Andy and Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Malt Whiskey

Class 3 (For Veterans aged between 7 – 9 years) winner - Sheila Stoneman's Jeshins Dynasty Silver Lady.

BIF was A. Malt Whiskey.

Our thanks have to go to our very able lure operator, John Miles, who did a sterling job considering that the grass was wet which caused the line to stretch but he managed to keep everything running smoothly for us. Thanks also to our two judges, Lana Gazda and Pip Buswell for their assessments.”

Annette Buckley has sent the following: “Our Hisilome’s Kareef (ImpSwe) ended 2014 in style with his last Open Show of the year, Woolwich and Bexley, giving him Hound Group 1 and Reserve Best in Show – resulting in more than enough points to achieve his Show Certificate of Merit (ShCM) which has been confirmed by the Kennel Club this week. Kareef also started this year well winning Best AVNSC Hound and Group 1 at Ashford,” Faversham & DCS Open Show on 4th January 2015”

John Hudson has sent the following, regarding our notes concerning the future of the English Salukis as commented by Debbie Copperthwaite “apropos of your Notes of a few weeks back, I thought I would comment on the remarks by Debbie Copperthwaite to the effect that “responsible” breeders are reluctant to breed these days. One factor is that some of us are just getting too old and need replacing. On the other hand, membership of the Clubs and entries to Championship Shows are decreasing so fewer Salukis are needed for the Show ring. But times are changing - the old rule of requiring a reasonable waiting list before breeding is out of date. (We advertised that we were considering having a litter a year or so ago and the response was minimal, so we didn't have it.) Why would a beginner wait a year for a puppy from us when there are puppies instantly available on the internet and from the continent?”

Also on this subject I have received a note from Karen Fisher: “Debbie is, in some degree, right. However rescue (as in general dog rescue) has taken over the pet market. Those homes who specifically want a saluki and definitely want to take on a

rescue often have very little option but to buy a fringe bred because mainstream bred puppies are far and few between as there are so few breeders. Some buyers don't understand the whole concept of breeding for quality and health and certainly don't want to pay for it so they go for the cheap option of which there are a plethora available on the internet. Quite frankly if a buyer is just thinking about price then they are not the kind of people that I would want to home a puppy with as, hopefully, the buyer would be interested enough in the breed to become involved with it in some way and if all they are interested in is the cheap option then they are not the kind of people in whose hands I would want to leave the future protection and preservation of our breed to. If buyers want cheap it doesn't just mean a purchase price, it means cheap food, cheap veterinary care and a cheap life. As far as I am concerned salukis are not cheap!

Any other comments?

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 9th JANUARY 2015

In these Breed Notes of a couple of weeks ago I included information about a Saluki Trilogy published for Kindle. Debbie Copperthwaite has requested that I include that the author has asked her to say some of the proceeds will be going towards rescued Salukis. Ray Dombkiewicz , the author and his wife Reba were the people behind the STOLA Elektra Saluki rescue in the USA a few years ago.

For those of you that are unfamiliarly with Stola it is based in the United States and its proper name is Saluki Tree of Life Alliance, Inc. I have included their Mission statement so one can better understand what they do: STOLA's mission is rescue and education for the Saluki dog breed. The welfare of the dog is our primary consideration. We rescue Salukis from kill-shelters or abusive situations, heal their physical and emotional wounds and place them in loving, adoptive homes. We work with breeders to rehome adult Salukis who have been returned to the breeder. We provide "rescue prevention" education and mentorship programs to reduce the number of Salukis needing rescue. We also help to relocate Salukis temporarily or permanently in case of natural disasters. We find innovative ways to serve the people and dogs of the Saluki community.”

LKA, the last show of 2014 was held on 14th December. This has traditionally been a show of celebrations for exchanging Seasons Greetings cards and this year we had a

treat with Caroline Pickerings beautifully decorated cup cakes. I can vouch they were delicious as I had about 3. For those of us who can remember we use to decorate our benches with Christmas ornaments and toast the old year out and the New Year in. I believe this was stopped by the Christmas grinch.

Judging Salukis was Nicola Quadling (Malenkhai). Her choice for DCC, BOB was Mr & Mrs J Cowie's Mumtaz Hercules for his 2nd CC. RCC went to Jeannette & Alan Glaister and Mary Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM. BCC for her third and qualify CC went to Mary Parker's Khalils Allegra-Classicus (Imp) JW. The was born on the 17th September 2011 and her breeders are Mrs E Kallin-Forsseberg & Mr B Forssberg. Her sire is Ch El Ubaid's Genesis and dam, Ch Khalils Qudiya L-amru Scheherazade. The RBCC went to Sue Bound's Alsahra Lalana. Best Puppy was Denise and Sharon Oakey's Caryna Neferti. Best Veteran went to Sheila Stoneman's Jeshins Dynasty Silver Lady. Best Group: Steer.

Congratulations to Ch Classicus Cassander for finishing 2014 as Top Saluki and top Hound.

Information has been published by the Kennel Club that Salukis have dropped a Band from Band C to Band B. This means that to qualify for a Stud Book number a Saluki must win a first or a second in Open Class. No longer will a first in Limit also qualify. Junior Warrant Winners, Challenge Certificate Winners and Res Challenge Certificate Winners remain the same as qualifiers. In the upcoming Crufts schedules there should be information regarding this change.

I have received the following from Lynda Dunn "Big news for us over here is that the Irish Kennel Club has given provisional affiliation to the Saluki Club of Ireland. We received the letter the week before Xmas and everyone was really pleased with the added present! The club was formed 3 years ago and has been doing a lot of work over that time to educate the public and show exhibitors on our breed.

Our next big activity is to arrange an open show and we are hoping that this will be approved for May 4th but I will let you know for certain once approval is received.

Happy New Year to all our readers and we look forward to seeing everyone next year.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 12th DECEMBER 4.

With little news coming my way, I am delighted that McCormick Smith, Secretary of the SGHC, has asked me to say that he has just sent out two mass mailings. One will include the Club Newsletter and the other with details and entry form for a lure-coursing event which is to be held early in January. As complaints have been received in the past that some members (by no means all) have not received their emails from a mass mailing, he would be grateful if any member not receiving one or the other, or both, would let him know (michael@mccormicksmith.com)

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 21ST NOVEMBER 2014.

Maya Monk-Schenk has sent information through regarding National Canine Health Testing Week which is the 17th to 21st November. This is one of the Kennel Club's annual initiatives to raise awareness of the importance of breeding and buying puppies from appropriately health tested parents. During the week the KC would like to see as many Health Selfies posted to the KC Facebook and Twitter pages as possible. They are looking for a picture of your dog with a piece of paper or card in front of them with a statement which shows support for canine health testing. This could be any health positive statement you like, "I have been hip scored". For further information go to www.facebook.com/kclovesdogs or Twitter- Twitter - @Kclovesdogs

The Autumn edition, July to September 2014, of the Breed Records Supplement arrived today. There were 7 litters registered making 43 puppies. Five of the litters were from fringed breeders. Shockingly there were 8 dogs imported. This brings to mind the comment made by our judge, Jenny Dove, at Midland Championship Show. She states "Interesting to see so many imports, I have never judged so many all in one breed. Hope the breeders will be pleased with the new genes they introducing"

Imports are Daphne El Abbas (imp Italy), bitch, deer grizzle owned by Mr P M & Mrs CM Latte. El Hamrah Liyana of Jazirat imported from Finland, bitch, black fringed fawn. Owner Mrs D Allen, El-Ubaid United Pasion imported from Netherlands, dog, red owned by Mrs L Edwards. Hislome's Lamorak imported from Sweden, dog, cream, Owner Mrs A K & Mr B W Buckley. Hislome's Leonore Mish Cranstal imported from Sweden, bitch, black & silver, Owner Mr P & Mrs E A Shimmin. Lubab Al Kadam Arieb Furat imported from Netherlands, dog, black fringed red. Shokran Aquila imported from Ireland, bitch, black & silver. Owned by Miss F Fahey & Fr J Shire. Ulmarra Tropical Ice at Winton imported from Ireland, bitch, gold. Owner Mrs K H Williams.

There is one new champion and that is Jasmine of Canerikie owned by Mr B Mansell and Mrs J Duddell and one new Junior Warrant holder, Charriok Sheerzan owned by Mrs HJ Davies & Ms CHarrison.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 7TH NOVEMBER 2014.

On behalf of the Saluki Welfare Helena Haywood has sent me the following :

“Thank you to everyone who either brought donations for the Welfare Stall, bought tickets for the Tombola or bought any items from the stall at the recent SGHC Championship show. You raised £132.20, which is very much appreciated. Let's try and top this at the next show!”

An apology is due to Jeshins Dynamic Diva and her owner Pauline Spilsted. At the SGHC Championship Show, Diva went Best Veteran in Show not as I stated. Well done to them.

Clair and Andy Chrissy and their Anasazi Salukis are moving house, not once but twice. They are relocating locally until May, but will eventually relocating to Hawaii. They can be contacted on by email: chiffchaffs2000@gmail.com or on Clair's mobile number 07973504199. We will be sorry to see them go but wish them good luck in their big move.

I have not reported the results of Midland Counties Championship Show. Our Judge was Ms Jenny Dove. DCC, Best of Breed, 1st in Hound Group and Top Hound 2014 was Ch Classicus Cassander owned by the Glaister & Sanders Parkers partnership. RDCC went to the smooth, Kasaque Obidiah owned by the De-Souza and Woodgate partnership. BCC went to Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp SWE) owned by Mary Sanders Parker for her 2nd CC. RBCC went to Ferlark Schussboomer owned by the Mansell, Duddell & Johnston partnership. Best Puppy was Nouszac Claudia-Classicus (imp Deu) owned by Mary Sanders Parker. Best Breeder went to Steer.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2014.

It is with sadness that I must report the death of Kay Perkins (Pennyworth Salukis) on Wednesday 15th October 2014 after a long illness. For many years Kay was on the Committee of the SGHC and as part of that Committee was show manager always running a very efficient show.

In 1972, Kay purchased her first of two Afghans which she exhibited. Those were the days when there could be 50 dogs in a class. In 1977 she purchased from Jim Kenyon, Kaus Kezia, (out of his beautiful smooth bitch Champion Mazuri Lail), who she made up into a champion and was the foundation of the Penny worth line. In all the Pennyworth's made up 6 champions accruing 65 CCs.

The funeral will be on Friday 31st October 2014 at the Garden of England Crematorium, Sheppey Way, Sittingborne Kent ME9 8GZ. No flowers please but donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society % Co Operative Funeral Care, 77 Frost Street, Sittingbourne Kent ME10 4BQ.

Maya Monk-Schenk, Health co-ordinator for the SGHC has sent the following notification from the Kennel Club: “Charlotte McNamara, the Canine Health Advisor in the Kennel Club's Breed Shows team, has asked me to let you know about the Breed Watch Education Days for 2015, which are open to all. The education days will be held at the Kennel Club building in Coventry on the 15th of February and the 11th October. For further information or to book tickets please e:mail charlotte.mcnamara@thekennelclub.org.uk.

The SGHC held their Championship Show last Sunday at the Kennel Club building. Judging was Kathy Webb doing the dogs and Espen Engh, the bitches and Best in Show was Janette Cotterill. I do like the KC building and enjoy having the shows at that venue but with an overall entry of 94, I do think we were rather rattling around the very large hall. If this trend carries on maybe it will be prudent to go back to one judge and a smaller venue. Saluki exhibitors and visitors at the show had a treat visiting the varied and interesting stands with Saluki items for sale, not forgetting the Club Magazine, Club Calendar, Welfare stall. Well done to the Committee and especially David Steel for a well run show.

Copies of the magazine are available from Kathy Webb on 01737 353279 or mkwebb@onetel.net. They are priced at £10.00 each. Calendars are priced at £8.50 for 1, £16.50 for 2 and £23.00 for 3 which includes packaging and posting. They can be obtained from Andrea Ireson. 102 Abbott Road. Didcot, Oxon OX11 8HZ or email andreaireson@hotmail.com

The results of the show are as follows: BIS, DCC went to Lisa & John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kiyon JW with the RDCC and RBIS to Janet & David Steel's Dawnchase Zamir. BCC for her first CC went to Mrs K H Williams' Ber. Ch Ulmarra Tropical Ice at Winton. She was born on the 9th January 2010 and her breeder is Linda Dunn. Her sire is Irish Ch/Aus Ch Baghdad Bronzed Aussie and her dam Irish Ch Ulmarra Shaqira. RBCC went to Sue Bounds' Alshira Lalana. Best Puppy was Ann & Paul Shimmin's Hisilome's Leonore Mish Cranstal (imp). Best Veteran in Show Pauline & Don Everton's Ch Kasra Tabina. Best Smooth was Alshira Arabella. Well done all!!
SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 17TH OCTOBER 2014.

I have picked up the following message from Paula Brockman Chato regarding the Congress has been cancelled for now. It seems that the majority of the Saluki Specialists which were organized to speak have developed health issues and are now not available. I am extremely disappointed but what can I say except that it takes a lot of time, money and organization to put together this type Saluki World Congress: "It is with great regret that I announce that the Saluki World event and although we have a very competent committee we are lacking cooperation by the speakers. All monies sent for booking fees will be fully refunded. Thank you for your support."

Last Friday South Wales Championship Show held their Championship Show. Judging us was Mrs Gina Simpson,, She chose for her DCC, BOB and later went on to win, Hound Group 4, the well winning Ch Classicus Cassander JW, Sh CM owned by the Galister, Sanders Parker partnership with the RDCC going to his father, Ch Baghdad Karim Sh CM (imp) owned by Steve & Anne Ham, Paul Bockman-Chato and Margret Ross-Elliott. BCC was Ch Jasmine of Cankerikie (imp ita) owned by Joss Duddell and Mr Mansell with RBCC to Mary Sanders Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander, Best Puppy was Mary Sanders Parker's Noushzad Claudia-Classicus and Best Breeders Group was Copperthwaite. This win for Cassander has made him Top Saluki and Top Hound though there are about 3 more shows to go for this year. Well done!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 10TH OCTOBER 2014.

The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club Championship Show which is being held on Sunday 19th October at the Kennel Club building, has an overall entry of 88 dogs with 95 entries. This breaks down as 38 dogs for judge Kathy Webb and 57 bitches for Espen Engh. The Best in Show will be decided by Jeanette Cotterill. There should be something for every salukiphile. The latest edition of "the Saluki", the 2015 Saluki Club Calendar, Don and Pauline Everton's raffle which reminds me, please do not forget to bring a contribution to the Club's raffle. There will also be a number of trade stands selling collars, dog beds, jewellery, diaries plus the Saluki Welfare table. Lunches and snacks will be available for purchase.

Regarding the Welfare, Helen Haywood has sent the following:
"Could everyone attending the forthcoming SGHC Championship Show on October 19th at Stoneleigh aim to bring one item to donate to the Saluki Welfare Fund stall? We rely significantly on donations to the stall to help fund all the hard work our Welfare warden carries out and to assist with kennelling costs etc.

All donations are gratefully received. However could I respectfully ask that soft toys with batteries and/or attached plastic eyes and/or noses are not passed on as they are dangerous and unsuitable to give hounds to play with."

SALUKI BREEDNOTES WEEKENDING 3RD OCTOBER 2014

Belfast Dog show was held this weekend. There were no CCs on offer but we did have classes and judging us was Mrs A Cuthbert. She chose for her Best Dog, Ruweis Tibr owned by Breda Dunne who also went a Hound Group 4. Well done!!

The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club is holding their 2014 Championship Show on the Sunday 19th October at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ. Judging dogs is Mrs Kathy Webb and Bitches Mr Espen Engh. Best in Show is Mrs Janette Cotterill. Bitches will be judges at 10.00 am with dogs following at 10.30.

Yesterday (Saturday) the SGHC held their first official 'lure trial' at the Pony Club, Walton on the Hill, Surrey organized by Karen Fisher and Cecilia Andersson. 16 dogs were entered and many mastered the task very well. Those who needed more encouragement were given extra training during the lunch break by the lure master. That was on a straight lure which proved quite successful in encouraging the less experienced dogs. The Club intends to hold another two introductory meeting next year. Further information will be sent out to Club members closer to the date.

Congratulations to the "Steer" team as they are 2nd in the league table for top Breeders Group.

Driffield Championship Show was held last weekend and judging us was Miss Ann Barrett, giving tickets for the first time. DCC, BOB for his first CC was Mr & Mrs J Cowie's Mumtaz Hercules. He was born on the 5th April 2012 and his breeders are Anna and Hilary Cornock. His sire is Ch Fernlark Alsace JW and Dam Ch Mumtaz Seabreeze. The RDCC went to the Glaister & Sanders Parker partnership's Ch Classicus Cassander JW ShCM. BCC for her first CC went to Mary Sanders Parker's

Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp) JW ShCM. She was born on 17th September 2011 and her breeders are Mr B Forssberg & Mrs E Kallin Forssberg. Her sire is Ch El Ubaid's Gemesos and dam, Ch Khalils Qudiyah L-Amru Scheherazade. RBCC went to Mrs E Sydney's Gib/Int Ch Daxlore Harani of Shaybani Sp Jun Ch. Best Puppy was Mary Sanders Parker's Noushzad Claudia-Classicus (imp) and best Breeders Group Steer. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 26TH SEPTEMBER 2014.

Last Saturday the Saluki Welfare fund held a 'Saluki Welfare Doggy Sports Day. David Crane has sent the following write up regarding events held on that day:

"Saturday 13th September was bright and warm, an ideal day for a Sports Day, and so it proved to be. The first Saluki Welfare Doggy Sports Day was a resounding success thanks largely to Tania Stevens our Welfare Warden. She gathered together a goodly band of helpers with an intriguing programme of events.

The result was that over £1000 was made for Welfare Funds and everyone who came had a really enjoyable time.

Thanks must go to Pip Buswell who kindly donated the Pony Club Field at Walton on the Hill for the event, Brendan Austin and Nicola Quadling for labouring mightily in the kitchen to provide excellent refreshments and a team of helpers managed by Tania.

People are already talking about next year's event which in itself is proof of how well it was received by a good turnout of salukis, border terriers (courtesy of Border Terrier Rescue) and a selection of other breeds."

Darlington Dog Show was held last Friday. Judging Salukis was Dr. Ron James. He chose for his DCC, BOB Ch Classicus Cassander JW, Sh CM owned by Jeannette & Alan Glaister and Mary Parker Sanders. RDCC went to Annette & Bryan Buckley's Hisilome's Kareef (imp). BCC, was Ch Jasmine of Canerikie (imp) JW owned by Joss Duddell & Brian Mansell with the RBCC to Elaine Sydney's Int Ch Daxlore Harani of Shaybani Sp Jun Ch. Best Puppy was Mr P & Mrs C Latter's Daphne El Abbas (imp). Best veteran Sivendra Abishai owned by Vicky-ann Tompkins. Best Breeder, Steer.

Sorry for not including the following was sent by Karen Fisher earlier, but unfortunately it was lost in cyberspace so please contact one of the organizers to check and see if space is available, if you would like to come

THE SALUKI OR GAZELLE HOUND CLUB

LURE COURSING TRIAL OR ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR SALUKIS

At the AGM in 2014 it was requested that, as hunting with hounds has not been possible since March 2005, the Club organizes lure coursing to 'test' our working ability. The Kennel Club's mantra is "Fit for Function" yet we have no way of testing whether or not our salukis are.

The aim is to organize a programme throughout the summer months for our breed that includes all salukis. The Intention is that lure coursing will come under the umbrella of the Coursing Section with its own set of rules. For the future we would like to approach the Kennel Club to ask them to consider a Working Title for the breed to bring us into line with the rest of Europe. Who knows, we could have a team to compete against the other countries in the European Lure Coursing Championships! However this is in the future, for the time being the idea is to provide regular social occasions for our members and their salukis to enjoy and that the events will be spread across the country so that everyone has at least one 'local' event to enjoy. It is hoped that this activity will appeal to all members and their salukis and that it will give much pleasure to both.

What is immediately required is people to help run these events with a Committee for Lure Coursing. So please don't be shy, pick up the phone, text or email the below contacts as soon as possible. We want your salukis to have fun but without volunteers that will not happen. The more people who help the less work there is!

Initially a lure trial has been organized for 27th September 2014. This trial is open to all members salukis aged between 18 months and 9 years. The programme and entry form for this event is attached. Please support us.

So that we can get an idea of how many people are attending please contact either Karen Fisher or Cecilia Andersson prior to the event, contact numbers are given below. Please spread the word, everyone with a saluki is welcome. We want to see you all! Karen Fisher – telephone: 07714322629 email: karen@ruweis.co.uk
Cecilia Andersson – telephone: 07809486496 email: cicci@barakis.ch.co.uk

Please note the telephone numbers are mobile phones to enable you to text. If you would prefer to use a landline then please contact Karen Fisher on 01279 833855

Helen Williams

Kasaque565@gmail.com

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENIG 12TH SEPTEMBER 2014

In last week's Breed Notes I included the names of the Winners at the Saluki Club Specialty in Norway, where Michael judged. I have been informed that his Dog CC was 4th in the Open Dog Class and he is Caravan Dhuu Dinar. Bitch CC remains the same, that is Zarabis Pallavi.

In Helen Graham's notes of last week she commented on the low entries for Salukis at the General Championship this year. This is something that I had also noticed and planned to write about. When looking at the Quarterly registration statistics for the Hound Group in the summer edition of the "KC Breed Record Supplement", I can see little difference in the registrations between this year and last. So I have decided that our registration of Salukis with the KC is not down and as we have all noticed, that any gap in breeding here, has been filled by the importation of Salukis from other countries. So declining numbers of registrations may not be the reason for low entries. There have been shows which have had good entries and off the top of my head I can point to Southern Counties. So what have they done differently to encourage people to enter their dogs? It could be location, as they are centrally located with good motorway

access. Except for those living in the south eastern part of the country, it is not necessary to cross the M25. They have a purpose build showground with good car parks which they do not charge us to use, plus, and most importantly, they have kept the price of entering their shows down. Some of us can even remember the days when championship shows even gave us a small amount of money when we won a class or even a rosette. SCCS have gambled and found Breed Specialist to judge from outside the UK. Entries for 2014 show were down on 2013, but that is most likely because 2013 was the anniversary year of the SGHC and they had sponsored classes. SCCS did say they were thrilled with the entry of 2013 which was just over 100 entries. It made a huge difference to their final entry toll.

Therefore to counter the downward spiral in entries, societies need to try and ensure a healthy entry, by taking more time and effort to try and locate judges who judge for the good of the breed there are judges out there that people do want to go-over their dogs so the societies need to do more work and not just give our breed to the first name who is available. It has become very expensive attending dog shows so therefore the societies need to find a way to either minimize the costs or give us a good reason to part with our hard earned cash.

In addition the two breed clubs could hold more seminars to enlarge our list of judges. On most of the current list there is an ageing group of judges so young people need to be encouraged and trained by the older generation as we were trained by those before us.

Last Friday Richmond Championship Show was held. Judging us was Mr Eddie Connolly. He chose for his BCC, BOB Am Ch Sundara's Ayla Op De Sabbia owned by Jeanette Cotterill, Jayne Pyatt and Michelle Haag. RBCC went to Ann & Paul Shimmin's Hislome's Keepsake for Cranstal (imp). DCC for his first CC went to Nicola Quadling's Kasra Zebadiyah At Malenkhai. He was born on 17th November 2010 and his breeders are Mr D & Mrs P Everton. His sire is Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW and dam, Ch Kasra Nadirah. With the RDCC to Sue Edge's Ferlark Elswavo JW. Best Puppy was Mary Parker Sanders Noushzad Claudia-Classicus (imp). Best Veteran Kathy Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray and Best Breeder, Steer. Well done all

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 29TH AUGUST 2014.

Congratulations to Andrea Ireson and her partner Dave Claridge as they will be married this weekend. Andrea will continue using her maiden name of 'Ireson' for the foreseeable future. We wish them lots and lots of luck for the future.

Carole Seymour has moved south. Her new address is Lewis Cottage, Townsend, Chilton, Nr Didcot, Oxon OX11 0SJ and her telephone number is 01235 820890. Hopefully we will now see Carole more often.

Marie Bryce Smith rang to say they had a very good entry for South Eastern Hound Club which is being held on Sunday 31st August at Hickstead Showground West Sussex BN6 9HS. Judging is Elaine Rushton. After the judging there will be a bring and share

luncheon. Marie has asked that all co-ordinate with her regarding what you are planning to bring along. Her telephone number is 01342 327573.

A reminder that it will not be long before the SGHC Championship Show and the new edition of "The Saluki". Kathy Webb said she can take a few last minute adverts so please ring her to find what she has available. Her telephone number is 01737 353279. We have received the Schedule of the Show, which to be held on Sunday 19th October 2014 at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ. Judging dogs is Kathy Webb and Bitches Espen Engh. Best in Show judge is Janette Cotterill. The Show manager is David Steel. He can be contacted on Telephone no 01189 885608 or email david.steel@me.com. Entries close on Monday 22nd September by post or 29th September on-line.

Last Friday Welsh Kennel Club held their Championship Show. Judging us for the first time was Ms Viv Phillips. DCC, BOB and Group 2 was our big winner Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM, owned by the Glaisters and Mary Parker, with the RDCC to Marie Bryce-Smith's Kasaque Ra Frankel of Saruk. BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Jeanette Cotterill, Jayne Pyatt and Michelle Haag's Am Ch Sundara's Ayla Op De Sabbia (imp) She was born 13th May 2009 and her breeders are Mr & Mrs Laflamme-Haag. Her sire is Am/G Ch Blue Nile Vanilla Ice and her dam is Am Ch Sundara's Liberte de Sundown. She was imported from USA. RBCC went to Clair Jowitt's Canapus Mistral Under Barleymoon (imp). Best Puppy was Mary Parker Sander's Noushazad Claudia-Classicus (imp), Best Veteran Martine Smithson's Ch Chisobee Serenarian and Best Breeder's Steer. Well done all!

Next week I shall report the Breed Record Supplement.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 8TH AUGUST 2014.

This past weekend has been a busy show weekend but otherwise little news. The first show, on Saturday, was the Hound Association Championship Show. Judging us was breed specialist Denise Garratt DCC, BOB and Hound Group 3, was Ch Classicus Cassander JW, Ch CM owned by Jeanette & Alan Glaister and Mary Parker with the RDCC to the up and coming youngster, Hisilome's Kareef (Swe Imp) owned by Annette and Brian Buckley. BCC for her 2nd CC went to Clair Chryssolor's Gemini Jeu D'esprit for Anasazi (Imp) Sh CM with the RBCC to Brian Mansell and Josh Duddell's Jasmine of Canerikie (Imp). Best Puppy went to Charrioak Sheerzam owned by Hilary Davies and Christine Harrison. Best Veteran was Lisa and John Hudson's Kasra Ni'mah of Glenoak. Best Breeder: Steer.

In this week's 'Our Dogs' I noticed an announcement by the Kennel Club that the 'Breeders' Competition will be discontinued after this year. The competition has been altered to try and encourage more breeders to participate. We did enter a few years ago but everyone found it difficult to stay to the end of the day for the Group judging. In the end we gave up which is what has happened generally. When noting the results it seems that only one or two breeders have stayed to the bitter end. I feel it is sad that the competition has not really caught on here as in many countries it is a highly contested competition.

The second show of the weekend was Paignton. Judging was Mrs Jean Wright. BCC, BOB for her first CC was Clair Jowitt's Canapus Mistral Under Barleymoon (Imp NDL) She was born on 8th July 2012 and breeder F S V/d Drift. Her sire is Jazirat Yeshaya and dam, Canapus Uriel. RBCC went to Kathy Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. DCC was Anne & Steve Ham, Paula Bockman-Chato and Margaret Ross-Elliot's Ch Baghdad Karim (imp) Sh CM with the RDCC and Best Veteran to Vikki-ann Tompkins Sivendra Abishai. Best Puppy was Kathy & Martin Webb and Sybelle Benoit's Mounir Har Kala Rachi (imp) Best Breeders was Steer.

Some good news from the States with regards to the Jazirat Breeding. Saturday 2nd August at the Richmond Dog Fanciers Club of California, Jazirat Sadiyah J.C owned by Margaret Smith and Pat Wren sired by Jazirat Zaredon of Cottonore -and dam. Timaru Mazzika of Jazirat (born 15/11/2011) gained her American Championship, and on Sunday at the same venue Jazirat Samarkand, brother to the above, owned by John and Lesley Brabyn gained his American Championship. His sister went BOS at this show. Well done keeping the flags flying high.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 1ST AUGUST 2014

August already and what a beautifully warm summer we are having. It is not so much fun for the animals though, they are fine as long as they have shade and lots of water. I guess that goes for the two legged animals as well. We have heard that Rosemary Lewis lost her battle with cancer around mid day on Wednesday 23rd July. Her family, friends and dogs were with her to the end. Rosemary was the third generation of Knightellingtons. It began with Lady Gardner, then Helen Baker passing on to Rosemary and now I understand her daughter Jessica will retain the Knightellingtons tradition. While Rosemary did show her Salukis and made up a number of champions, her passion was coursing.

Rosemary was the current trophy secretary for the Northern Saluki Club Club and at their last show in April a card circulated as they said she was under the weather as she was exhausted from lambing. We did not realise how seriously ill she was. Besides looking after the NSC trophies, Rosie was the NSC's Saluki Welfare Officer. It was under her helm to look after rescued Salukis from the Northern part of the country and to rehome them

There will be a memorial service on 9th August, to celebrate the life of Rosemary Lewis at St Peters Church, Adderley, Shropshire. The family have requested no flowers but instead donation be given to the Motor Neuron Disease and the Blind Veterans. Our condolences to her husband, Christopher and her two sons Jonathan & James and daughters Juliet a Jessica

Last Friday Leeds Championship Show was held. Unfortunately Salukis did not have CCs but they were classified and Martin Sanders was judging. BD and BOB was Jeanette and Alan Glaister and Mary Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM. He also won the Hound Group under the Hound Specialist Espen Engh. RBB and BP went to Anne & Steve Ham's Bendedig Bazinga. BB was awarded to Josh Dudell and Brian Mansell's & Luke Johnson's Jasmine of Canerikie JW with the RBB, under the same ownership was Fernlark Schussboomer. Best Veteran went to Gloria Cook & Alan Burtenshaw's Daxlore Daania At Daandazi Sh CM.

Clair Chryssolor went to the Kingston Open Show at Ardingly and came away with Anasazi Early Dusk BOB, Anasazi Malt Whiskey 2nd and Gemini Jeu D'Esprit 3rd. She said "The best surprises are the unexpected ones."

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH JULY 2014.

Maya Monk-Schenk, Health Officer of the SGHC has sent the following: "The British Boxer Club is promoting heart testing at their Championship Show on the 3rd August 2014. The heart testing will be carried out by cardiologist Rachel James and is available to all breeds at a cost of £15 per dog (registration documents are required). The show will be from 10am and held at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ.

To make an appointment, please contact Amanda Jinks on 01728 454423. Alternatively, you can contact the show secretary Marion Seeney on 01235835207. Please do not hesitate to contact them for further information."

Last Sunday East of England held their Championship Show. Judging us was breed specialist Diana Allan. BCC, BOB for her second CC was Am Ch Sundara's Ayla Op De Sabbia(Imp) owned by Jeanette Cotterill, Jayne Pyatt & Ms Haag with the RBCC to John & Lisa Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW, DCC went to the Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM owned by Jeanette & Alan Glaister and Mary Sanders Parker. RDCC went to Sivendra ABishai own by Vikki-ann Tompkins. Best Puppy was Charriak Sheerzam owned by Hilary Davies and Christine Harrison. Best Breeders group was list as Mansey & Duddel but I think that must be a mistake and it should be "Sheryl Steer" Kasaque Ra Frankel, not only did he win his class but he also was winner of the Junior Stakes.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 11TH JULY 2014

Sadly, we were unable to attend Windsor Show, one of our favourite show venues. How can you go wrong when the backdrop is Windsor Castle. Judging us was Ann Birrell. She chose for her BCC, BOB and Hound Group 4, for her 1st CC, was Diana Layton's Anasha Al Noushafarin (Imp) Sh CM She was born on the 4th July 2009 and her breeder is Mr F Marco. Her sire is Fr Ch Bajan-Latif Al Firdous and dam, Aut Ch Yalameh Elayah. The RBCC went to Pauline & Don Everton's Kasra Zeleka. DCC,

for his 1st CC, went to Christine Campling's Classicus Conway Sh CM. (litter brother to Ch Classicus Cassander). His sire is Baghdad Karim Sh CM and dam Ch Khalils Phaedra of Classicus. RDCC went to Annette and Brian Buckley's Hisilome's Kareef (Swe Imp). Best Puppy went to Mrs S Sawyer's Fernlark Bottoms Up at Bumpkiss. Best Breeders Group was 'Steer'. Well done All. It is very pleasing to note that our Salukis have been doing very well in the Groups this year.

I have been in touch with the SGHC Committee regarding judges for our Open Show and Limited Shows attending breed specific seminars. In our year Yearbook it states that "To have attended at least one Saluki Breed Seminar run by one of the Breed Clubs" Very pleased to report that the SGHC has decided to remind us of this necessary requirement.

South Eastern Hound Club will be holding their Premier Open Show on Sunday 31st August 2014 at the Hickstead Showground, West Sussex BN6 9HS. It is a wonderful show with Salukis being judged by Elaine Rushton plus lots of variety classes to enter. SGHC will be sponsoring the classes. Once again there will be the traditional bring and share lunch come rain or shine. The co-ordinator is Marie Bryce Smith. Please let her know on telephone number 01342 327573 whether you will be bringing.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 27TH June 2014

Helena Haywood, of the Saluki Welfare Fund has sent the following: 'I would like to thank all those who supported the Welfare Stall at the recent SGHC Open Show.

We took just over £150, and would like to thank everyone for their generosity and hospitality. We look forward to seeing you all again on October 19th at Stoneleigh. In the meantime if you have anything you would like to donate for sale or for the Tombola, you can contact me on 07771 662303 or bring it on the day.'

Vivienne Brett's funeral will take place at Michael Wood, Cholderton Estate, Cholderton, Salisbury Wilts SP4 0DR on the 1st July at 2.00 pm.

Nikki Denny (Janimist), who recently attended the SGHC seminar will be judging at the Newark show on September 28th. This is the first time Newark has scheduled Salukis so please support the society Schedules can be down loaded from www.adpprinter.co.uk.

A couple of judges have been approved for 2015. They are Jeanna Jacques will be judging at Birmingham National and Ann Macdonald at Manchester

We have just received a call from David Hartley, Chairman of the Northern Saluki Club to inform us that Rosemary Lewis is very ill with cancer. Rosey has stated

that even though her health is not good she would like to keep in contact with her friends.

Yesterday Blackpool Championship Show was held. As our nominated judge Carla Molinari was unable to attend because of a broken ankle, Diana Spaven took over and judged her entry. DCC, BOB and Hound Group 1 was Jeannette & Alan Glaister and Mary Sanders Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander JW, Sh CM with the RCC to his sire, Ch Baghdad Karim(Imp) Sh CM owned by Ann & Steve Ham, Paula Brockman-Chato and Margaret Ross-Elliot. BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Jasmine of Canerikie (Imp ITA). She was born on 15th May 2012 and her breeder is Mrs T Benedetti. Her sire is Ch Daxlore Amir of Fernlark and dam, Malake'Latifa Owned by Joss Duddell and Brian Mansell with the RBCC to Hisilome's keepsake for Cranstal (Imp))owned by Ann & Paul Shimmin. Best Puppy was Hilary Davies and Christine Harrison's Charrioak Sheerzam. Best Breeders Group, Steer. Well done all!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 20TH JUNE 2014.

It is with great sadness I must announce the death of Vivienne Brett on 12th June. I first met her at the Northern Saluki Club show where she was showing a lovely red bitch, Jazirat Baasma. At that time she was Vivienne Hazeldene.

Everyone around the Saluki World knew her from her beautiful photos of polo ponies and the wild life around the Cholderton Estates where she worked and lived. She was a very private person in her personal life. She will be missed by everyone especially on "facebook" where she exhibited so many of her photos. At this time we do not have any details about arrangements except that it will be at the Cholderton Estates in their woodland.

Yesterday the SGHC held their Open Show at the Dobermann Club Training & Showground. Personally I think it is a well laid out and presented venue with everything on hand for running the day. Upon arrival there was a cup of coffee/tea with Danish pastry or a biscuit. Anji Jackson Main had boards of photos for us to view and vote on, for the 2015 calendar. With the quality of pictures I saw there, next year's calendar should be something special. The day was open by the Club president, Marie Bryce-Smith with a moment of silence for Vivienne Brett. Our judge for dogs was Mrs Jackie Reader. Her Best Dog was Peggy Postma's Glenoak Kalima with the Reserve Best Dog to Nicola Qualding's Kasra Zebadiyah at Malenkhai. There were no puppy dogs entered. Bitches

were judged by Trevor McCrory. Best Bitch went to Liz Metcalf & Martin Green's Tasia Maleisha with the Reserve Best Bitch was Kathy Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray who was also Best Veteran in Show. Best puppy went to Kathy & Martin Webb and Sybille Benoit's Mouniir Har Kala Rachi (imp Bel). Best Special Veteran was Lisa and John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Inqi JW. After the main part of the show there was a parade of rescued Salukis sponsored by the Saluki Welfare. Each participant received a large rosette. Finally there was highly contested fancy dress competition was won by Pearly King, queen and prince owned by Sue Snape.

After the long day we all tucked into a well prepared picnic. The salads were wonderful with sausages and burgers. For those who do not eat meat there was a Spanish tortilla. The icing on the cake was a birthday celebration to Don Everton for his 80th with of course a cake, strawberries and Middle Eastern pastries.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 13TH JUNE 2014.

Kathy Webb, Chairperson of the SGHC has sent the following: "The SGHC Open Show, on the 14th June, has an entry of 28 dogs & 32 bitches with an additional 5 in the classes to be judged jointly. The judging is to run consecutively with just a 10 minutes break between the sexes. After the Junior Handling, there will then be the Parade of Rescues followed by a shared Barbecue/Grill. We hope everyone at the Show will stay and enjoy this occasion, a charge of £3.00 per person is being made to cover the cost, sausages/hamburgers, salads and French bread with baklavas, strawberries and cake for dessert. Contact Marie Bryce-Smith (tel: 01342 327573) to book food and for more details. Please remember to bring your own liquid refreshments.

Tea, Coffee, cold drinks and cake will be available until 2p.m. Any offers of cake will be gratefully received. If anyone can spare 30 minutes during judging to help with the catering please let us know.

After the show and late lunch we have a few fun events, Wendy Marshall has kindly donated a beautifully embellished collar, this will be presented to the Saluki with the best expression. There is a special prize for the Best Fancy Dress, come and take part, enjoy the fun open to all salukis. If there is time and weather permitting there will be more fun competitions.

Please don't forget to support the Raffle and Welfare Stall all donations accepted. Last but not least, the voting for the photographs to be included in the 2015 SGHC Saluki Calendar takes place in the 'Club House' from 10a.m – 3p.m."

Blackpool Championship Show to be held on the 21st June has now had a change of judges. Due to breaking her ankle Carla Molinari is unable to judge and in her place will be Diana Spavin. This is subject to KC approval.

Last Friday Three Counties Championship Show was held. The weather was perfect for dog showing, no complaints for a change. Judging us was Carole Seymour. BCC, BOB and Hound Group 1, was Lisa & John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW with the RBCC to Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Aretemis. DCC, for his second CC went to the smooth Kasaque Obidah own by Connie & Lily De-Souza and Heidi Woodgate. RDCC was awarded to Clair Chryssorsor's Anasazi Early Dusk JW Sh CM. Best Puppy was Mouniir Har Kala Rachi (imp) owned by Kathy Webb and Cecilia Benoit.

With so many Salukis now being imported into this country it is nice to have the opportunity to write about one of our Salukis doing well over there. Devon aka Nefisa Jahira Tribute has earned the award of Top Brood Bitch by the American Saluki Association. She also won 2nd in a large Brood Bitch Class at the Saluki Club of America Specialty.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 6TH JUNE 2014.

At the National Gallery, London there is an exhibition entitled 'Veronese: Magnificence in Renaissance Venice'. It features the work of Paolo Veronese. To quote Hope and David Water's Saluki in History Art and Sport: "Veronese more than other artist, loved Salukis, judging by the number of pictures in which they were included. The authors (referring to Hope and David) have located some thirty such paintings done in the years between 1559 and 1585." On the National Gallery's web site I have noticed one painting with a Saluki, it is the Adoration of the King. Hopefull we will find time to visit the gallery and see Veronese's magnificent work and perhaps, even see another Saluki. The exhibition is on until 15th June.

On Saturday 17th May, The Welfare held a Fun Day at Kingsclere. It is the most wonderful of venues just at the base of Watership Down and the beginning or end of the Wayfarer Walk. The beautiful hills just tower above. I understand the start of the Fun Day was delayed as there were some very beautiful thoroughbred yearlings that were in the field. Sorry to have missed that. The day was very warm and sunny so small tents and umbrellas were set up to keep the people and dogs out of the hot sun. A large part of the day was set aside for a lure trial. It looked fun but unfortunately our dogs could not connect, that they were suppose to chase a plastic bag. We think that with some training maybe they could be convinced that plastic bag chasing is a sport. I am sure if there was a rabbit in the field that they would have chased that. The Welfare had a few tables, one with a cake sale, another had a raffle and a tombola.

After the lunch break there was a highly competed 'musical mats' (surely the dogs think we have gone mad) and after a fun match. The Welfare would like to thank Brendan Austin who supplied all the fantastic prizes for the Dog Show all those rosette sponsors

and Keith Snape who paid for the hire of the field for the day. All in all the Welfare made just over £600.00 on the day.

On the Bank Holiday Monday, we attended Bath Championship Show where Salukis had scheduled classes but did not have Challenge Certificates. In the distant past we did have CCs there, but that was a long time ago. It is a well supported show even without the CCs. (Oh the wisdom of the powers that be) Maybe someday we will once again have CCs at Bath. At the show we were chatting to Steve Ham who told us that his wife, Anne had just had a mini-stroke. She was in the hospital but Steve was hoping she would soon be home. Steve said that Anne had gone into the hospital for some minor surgery when she came home she had a headache. She did think something was wrong so they went back to the doctors where he had her readmitted into the hospital where they diagnosed she had had a stroke. We wish Anne a speedy recovery and hope to see her back on the show scene again soon. Our judge for Bath was Mr J Vuorinen from Finland. BB BOB was Josh Duddell & Brian Mansell's Jasmine of Cakerikie (imp) with RBB to Fernlark Despina Of Caerikie owned by the Duddell & Mansell partnership. BD went to Ch Baghdad Karim (imp) ShCM owned by Steve Ham, Paula Bockman-Chato and Margaret Ross-Elliott with RDB to Mrs S Edge's Fernlark Elswavo JW. Best Puppy was Ann & Steve Ham's Bendedgedig Bazinga. Best Breeders Group was Steer.

At Bath we were about the 5th breed in the ring, which was not surprising as we did not have CCs. The steward for the breeds preceding us, mentioned that she was disappointed she was not stewarding for the Salukis as her dad had owned Salukis. I enquired who was her dad? She said it was Ted Thornton. We all knew Ted as he made the most wonder show leads and I still have mine and I am sure others do as well. His daughter, Alexandra said she now makes his show leads. To contact her she can be reached at Doucaidogs@gmail.com or telephone 01948 81173. Her card says Doucai Dogs and leads of distinction.

The shows are coming fast and furious so yesterday (Saturday) we attended Southern Counties Championship Show. For us it is a great favourite as it is located within a half an hour of where we live. The venue is generally quite popular as the road access to the show is very good and as a result receives a good entry. Judging us was Sade Hohteri from Finland. DCC, BOB went to the well winning dog Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM owned by Jeanette & Alan Glaister and Mary Sanders Parker with the RDCC to Lisa & John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kiyon JW. BCC for her first CC went to Liz Metcalf and Martin Green's Tasia Zemar My Maria. She was born on 24th August 2009. Her sire is Kirman Bashaar at Fernlark (imp) and her dam is Ch Zemar Tasia Elouise. RBCC was awarded to Mary Sanders Parker's Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp Swe) JW Sh CM. Best Puppy was Mouniir Har Kala Rachi (imp Bel) owned by Kathy Webb and Sybelle Benoit. Best Breeders Group and Best Breeders Group 4 was Steer and I understand this group has now accrued enough points to qualify for Crufts 2015. Well done all!!

There is just a few days left to send your photos to Anjo Jackson-Main for the photo competition for the 2015 calendar. Anji's email address is: anji@changing-spaces.org.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 24TH MAY 2014.

This spring after an unusually warm winter, we have noticed that the dogs were coming home with ticks. We have had a problem with them picking them up in the past but this year they were quite badly affected by them. While discussing the tick infestation with our vet he recommended a new tick and flea collar. He said that since his dog has been wearing one he has found no ticks on her. They are called 'Seresto' and are made by Bayer Ltd. They are expensive and only available through your vet, the good news is they last for 7 to 8 months. The dogs have been wearing them for about 3 weeks, on the first day or so we had a tick to remove but since then nothing.

Last Friday the Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show was held. Judging Salukis was Mrs Avril Lancashire. BCC, BOB and Hound Group 3 was Ch Classicus Concorrdia JW, Sh CM owned by Mary Sanders Parker with RBCC to Jasmine of Canerikie JW(IMP ITA) owned Josh Duddell and Brian Mansell. DCC went to the brother of the BCC, Ch Classicus Callander JW Sh CM owned by the Glaister, Parker partnership. RDCC was Mumtaz Hercules owned by Mr & Mrs J Cowie. Best puppy was Majo's Liquorice Addiction (IMP Swe) owned by Miss A Barrett. Well done all!!

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 16TH MAY 2014.

Last Friday Birmingham Championship Show was held and judging us was Mrs Pam Marston-Pollock. BCC, BOB was Brian Mansell and Josh Duddell's Jasmine of Canerikie JW (imp ITA) for her 2nd CC with RBCC to Denise Garratt and Sharon Oakey's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM. DCC was Ch Baghdad Karim Sh CM owned by the Ham, Brockman-Chato & Ross-Elliot partnership with RDCC to Caroline & John Owen's Caryna Curetes. Best puppy went to Ann & Steve Ham's Bendedig Bazinga and Best Breeder was Steer.

The SGHC Open Show is now not far off so please remember to send your photos to Anji Jackson Main for the Calendar competition. Her address is 149 Sturton Street, Cambridge CB1 2HQ or email anji@changing-spaces.org. For further information please phone Anji on 07717 724257. Another bit of good news. The SGHC now has a place to call home. Thanks to Ray and Caroline Pickering we have a very nice shed to house many of the Club's belongings instead of sitting on our garage floor.

Yesterday I received the spring addition of The Kennel Club "Breed Records Supplements." It lists, that, between the months of January to March 2014 there were 4 litters with 23 puppy registrations. The only registration of someone

affiliated with our Saluki Clubs in Ms M Smithson and she had a litter of 1. There were 5 importation. They are Khalils Al Caliph from Sweden owned by Peter Copperthwaite, Mojo's Liquorice Addiction from Sweden owned by Miss Ann Barrett. Mounir Har Kala Rachi from Belguim owned by Martin & Kathy Webb & Sybelle Benoit, Ulmarra Bollinger from Ireland owned by Wendy Marshall & Mr R Mottersahw and Ulmarra Cristal also from Ireland owned Linda Dunn.

Ther was one Show Cerificate of Marit and that was Mumtaz Hercules owned by Mr J & Mrs J Cowie.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 8TH MAY 2014.

Daphne Parnham of the Saluki Welfare has sent the following: "I would like to thank everyone at the NSC Ch. Show who supported the Welfare Stall and Debs who has taken over the stall for the North. Debs had worked very hard making things for the stall and had a wonderful display which was gratefully appreciated. The total profit raise on the day was £182.00 and I hope that every one will support Debs in the future."

Speaking of Welfare, David Crane the secretary of the Welfare fund has sent a reminder that The Saluki Welfare Fund Day will be held on Saturday 17th May at Park House Stables, Kingsclere, Nr Newbury RG20 5PY. Entry will be £5.00 per car to include one free lure course run. There will be lure coursing and stalls (please bring a cake or something to add to a stall) Please do not use the main entrance to the stable but look for the sign on the road 'Fun Day'. There will be hot and cold drinks available, but please bring your own picnic.

There will be Saluki classes at Southampton & District Canine Assoc on Saturday 14th June 2014. (Unfortunately this clashes with SGHC Open Show). Luke Johnston will be judging 3 classes with Mike Caple, officiating, the Hound Group. Schedules can be obtained from fosse data or through the secretary, Mrs S Wilkinson on telephone number 1329833011.

Last Sunday the Northern Saluki Club held their Championship show. Judging us was breed specialist Helen Graham of Daxlore Salukis. It has been a while since Helen has judged our breed as she now lives with her husband David and hounds in France. DCC, BIS was last years top dog, Ch Classicus Cassander JW, Sh CM owned by Jeanette & Alan Glaister and Mary Sanders Parker with the RDCC & RBIS to Sheryl Steer, Lorraine & John Fitzgerald and Luke Johnston's Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam at Fernlark. BCC & BVIS, came from the Veteran Class Ch Caryna Calisto owned by Denise Garratt & Sharon Oakey with the RBCC to Ch Caryna Meilishia her kennel mate owned by the same owners. Best Puppy was Hilary Davies & Christine Harrison's Charrioak Sheerzam. After the judging we had a chance to speak with the judge while we indulged in a bring and share lunch.

The show was well run as usual with excellent stewards. Well done to the new show managers of Christine Harrison and Kevin Carter and equally new secretary to the club, John Owen.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 2ND MAY 2014

Michael McCormick Smith, now Acting Hon Secretary of the SGHC, has asked me to apologise on his behalf, first of all for an error in the SGHC Open Show Schedule. On the inside front cover the date of the Club Champ Show is given as Saturday 14th October – the correct date is Sunday 19th October. Secondly, he says he is having teething problems with his new computer and It's email system and some (but not all) members who receive the Club Newsletter, by email, have not received it this time around. Anyone who hasn't received it should contact him at: michael@mccormicksmith.com.

Last week, Michael and I stopped off and visited Christ Ormsby at her new home in Petworth. Chris seems to have settled in well and is enjoying her area. She lives just across the street from Petworth Castle so has ample ground for walking her dog. We were informed that if you live in Petworth then you have a free pass to the park. So we had hoped to have a walk around house and park but as we were constrained by time, we could not. Unfortunately as we have dogs at home that is the downside of having a day out. After living in her apartment for a couple of months I pleased to report that Chris finally has her telephone installed and the number is 01798 344692. The address is 2 Morgan Ct, Station Road, Petworth GU29 0FE. During our visit I asked Chris about the story I had heard that Bregitta and Bjorn Berglund-Backstrom had a terrible fire at their home in Sweden. Chris confirmed the story and said that the fire ignited very quickly and the Backstroms were lucky to escape with their daughter Joanna and the dogs. Everything else they owned in the house is gone. What a lucky escape that no one was injured.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH APRIL 2014

Congratulation to Loraine & John Fitzgerald and Sheryl Steer as their Saluki, Flynn, (Tasia Moonshine Over Dawnchase JW Sh CM) attended the competition for

'Hampshire Top Dog,' where the entry was 64 dogs and he won the entire competition.

Just a reminder that the SGHC Open Show, will be held on Saturday 14th June 2014. Schedules will shortly be circulated along with the newsletter. As a special event the Committee will be organizing a bring and share lunch to be held at the conclusion of the judging. More information on this and who will be organizing this, will be in the schedule.

I was so horrified to see a poster on the wall, during a recent trip to the States stating that 80% of all puppies are born through mis-mating so have your dog or bitch neutered by 4 months.

Pamela Mottershaw will be judging 3 classes of salukis (kindly sponsore by Mrs H. Davies) at York Canine Society Open Show held at Askham Bryan College, York ,

Pamela will also judge the Hound Group and BIS. Schedules available from L. Jameson on telephone no. 01904 765297 orlynncjamson@aol.com or enter online.

The Hound Association of Scotland held their Championship Show yesterday in the picturesque town of Kelso located the Borders. Judging Salukis was Mrs Joanne Mahon. DCC, BOB went to Ch Glenoak Jabari SW SHCM owned by Mr A & Mrs JA Bloomfield with the RDCC to Mrs C Chryssolor's Anasazi Malt Whiskey Sh CM. BCC went to Mrs K Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray with RBCC to Mr & Mrs D Rogers Labakan Chiffonier. Best Puppy was Mouniir Har Kala Rachi (imp Bel) owned by Mrs K Webb and Mrs S Benoit. I understand that Mouniir also went 4th in Puppy Hound group under judge Mike Gadsby. Best Breeders Group was "Steer". Well done all!!

The NSC Championship Show will be held on Sunday 27th April at their usual venue in Clay Cross. This years judge is Helen Graham. As of this moment an exact figure for entries is not known but it is between 90 and 100. Exhibitor's complementary tea/coffee will be available by voucher through the caterer's van outside the hall. The caterer will be offering hot food and refreshments for sale all day from early morning. I would just like to remind you that there will be a Bring and Share after the judging has finished so do not forget your contribution.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 4TH APRIL .

Maya Monk Schenk has been contacted by the Kennel Club regarding the research, at the Clinical Investigations Centre at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) to help recruit dogs, for a food trial, looking into the treatment of epilepsy. A new diet has been developed with the aim of improving the management of epileptic dogs, not only by reducing seizure frequency, but also by decreasing the level of side-effects seen with standard antiepileptic drugs.

The research group have had over 20 dogs successfully complete this trial, and are now looking to recruit a further 10 dogs over the next 6 months. The study is inclusive of all breeds, and the only inclusion criteria are that the dogs are suspected of having idiopathic epilepsy (have an unremarkable MRI and CSF analysis), and are between ≥ 6 months and ≤ 11 years old. As part of the study they get a free consult with an RVC neurologists, free diagnostic tests and a six month supply of dog food.

If anyone has an epileptic dog and would like to take part in this research please contact Nick Sutton, Health Information Officer, The Kennel Club Tel: 0844 463 3980 (extension 323) or Fax: 020 7518 1028

I have a few bits and pieces of information: Crufts 2015, the names for the judges has finally been released and our judge will be Mr. Keith Thornton.

Ann Redway has had to go into the hospital for a back operation. We hope it goes well and wish her a speedy recovery.

John & Caroline Owen have changed their telephone number and it is now 0115 9305473

A delighted Mrs Mottershaw emailed to say that at KC Jersey Ch Show the Saluki Ulmarra Bollinger (Diesel) won BOB , BEST PUPPY IN GROUP , HOUND GP 3 , BEST JUNIOR IN GROUP, RES. BEST PUPPY IN SHOW. The judges were Sue Searle for hounds and Tom Mather for Best in show. Diesel is co-owned with Wendy Marshall.

Annette & Brian Buckley after a very difficult and trying time have had to say good bye to Rocco (Ch Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM). Annette has sent the following regarding their loss: Sadly we had to say our last goodbyes to Rocco yesterday. His health deteriorated rapidly the night before and yesterday morning, so much so that our two vets who examined him at lunch time both agreed that it was the end of the line with only one option available, which was to release him from any suffering. Lucasz, our lovely local vet, came to home to help Rocco in his time of need and he went very gently into the next world. Both Brian and I feel exhausted after such a long fight on his behalf to give him as much quality time as possible and thankfully he was fit up until the last couple of days; all three vets, the homeopathic vet from East Hoathley, Dr. Susan North from the Veterinary Referral Cancer Centre in Basildon, and Lucasz supported us very well and said he survived longer than expected as he was such a strong

healthy boy until the cancer struck. I still believe that it started with a nasty horsefly bite back in the summer when hoards of these flies were flying about at the end of our garden and I received a nasty painful bite in my arm which came up in a hard itchy lump which took time to heal. An insect bite is what he was treated for at the beginning of the problem and it was only when the anti-biotics had no effect on the hard lump in his ear that further tests were done and it was found to be Mast Cell III, the most serious of skin cancers and we were told that it was incurable and the best we could hope was to be able to buy him time. When a parasite invades the body with a nasty sting, mast cells come out to protect the area, but if too large an army is sent out, this is when cells can form a cancerous lump and histamines spread rapidly. It is imperative that any lump in the ear pinna is taken seriously, however small, so always ask your vet to look into the worst case scenario as well as the best case; apparently it is the most common form of skin cancer in dogs and as the ear has a very good drainage system the bad cells can reach the lymph glands very quickly so treatment needs to start very early on. However, Grade III is rarely cured and treatment is usually just palliative. Rocco would never go down into the bottom of the garden since we saw the hoards of horse flies all those months ago and when I took him out for a wander around just a couple of days ago he would not follow me when I wanted to check on the state of the storm damaged trees in that area – he would not budge from half way down the garden and just stood and watched from a distance. They say dogs never forget! We will never forget Rocco and Brian and I will miss him more than words can say. He was a very loving, loyal and well behaved Saluki at home and gave us so much excitement in the ring as he was such a natural show boy – we were very proud of him and thank Zola Rawson for giving us the opportunity to share his life with us. Rocco was very special.

Last week I received a telephone call from Joan Davies (Lusaki Salukis). She said at the moment she and Owen were fine but they take everything on a day to day basis. Joan wanted me to pass on about Saluki Classes at Chelmsford & District Canine Society. The judge will be Mr Mike Denny with 3 classes. Mike will also be doing the Hound Group and BIS judge is Jonathan Horswell. It will be held on Monday 5th May which is a bank holiday. Joan said the venue is very nice with good free parking and refreshments are available. Schedules are available from Fosse Data.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 29TH MARCH 2014.

The Humberside Hound Association will be hosting a Teach-In on Wednesday 21st May, starting at 7.15pm. The Speakers are Basenji – Danny Cullen, Saluki – Kevin Carter, Beagle – Brian Foster. Each breed to be discussed and demonstrated, using representatives of the breed as models. There will be no formal 'hands on' session. (The KC recognises attendance at the Seminar as 'showing an interest in the breeds' and Certificates of attendance will be given.) The venue is The Ferrybridge

Community Centre, Ferrybridge, WF11 8PQ. Cost - inclusive of light supper - £5.00 All are welcome and there is no need to pre-book. Further details, if required, please contact Clair Pearce on 01405 860864, or visit our Web

Site www.humbersidehoundassociation.org.uk *“This type of informal event, once popular with general societies, has fallen by the wayside in favour of the in-depth breed club organised seminar which is expected to lead to a judging qualification. Not everyone wants such an intensive learning experience if they are not planning a judging career in that particular breed! The Humberside Hound event is usually well attended by people who consider such seminars to be of utmost importance as an educational event without any pressure”*

David Hatley, Chairman of the NSC, following their AGM, has forwarded information regarding changes in the Club: “ Unfortunately 2014 seems to be the year of retirement for several of our officers and committee. Our President Mr Roy Goodby, decided to step down from that position and the committee as his health is not as robust as it has previously been. Roy was a founder member of the Club and has served it with distinction, diligence and dignity for decades. He was Chairman for thirteen years and then President since 2008. Fortunately he agreed to stay on the committee as his depth of Saluki knowledge has been, and is, invaluable to us. As a Saluki owner, breeder and championship show judge at home and overseas, Roy has made an outstanding contribution to the breed. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Secretary Andrew Sharp is also retiring after ten years in the post. We believe this to be a club record. Everyone knows the pivotal position in a breed club is that of Secretary and so often the heavy workload goes unappreciated. With his administrative background Andrew slipped seamlessly into the role and carried it out with precision, efficiency, and accuracy always helped and supported by his wife Vicky. His knowledge of KC rules and regulations has been invaluable and his manner has always been collaborative and pleasant. Andrew has made many friends during his long term of office and been a favourite with visitors to our shows. In particular I have always admired his presentation of the minutes of our meetings which, though brief, so effectively summarize our deliberations. Andrew also must be commended for keeping a strategic eye on the long -term for NSC, particularly with finance and always warned us when we needed to stop spending and consolidate funds. So very,very, regretfully we wish Andrew and Vicky farewell and every success in their new business venture. Jessica Brassington the Treasurer for the previous six years has indicated that she too would like a change of role although we hope to persuade her to stay on in the post a little longer. Representing the fourth generation of a well-known Saluki family Jess has a warm and winning personality not always associated with treasurers in my experience. She has presented our accounts in a straightforward way which we can all understand and given brief and to the point reports to committee meetings .Much of the treasurer’s work goes unseen and unremarked by even members of the committee. We are grateful that Jessica has agreed to continue in post and carry on with her hard work for at least the next year.

Our Vice Chair for nine years Judith White has a long history in both Afghans and Salukis. Another delightful personality Judith has also acted as our “almoner” keeping in

touch with the membership in both happy and sad circumstances. Her own sad loss of Trevor, her husband, has caused her to re-evaluate travel to meetings and thus asked to be relieved of the position she has held with distinction since 2006. Most importantly on the occasions I have not been able to take the chair I always had complete confidence in Judith's ability and judgement. We are indeed fortunate that she has agreed to remain on the committee.

The Northern Saluki Newsletter has been edited by Helen Graham for some twenty years. A stalwart of our breed club over decades Helen and her husband David have been sorely missed by their friends in salukis since their relocation to France. Even at that distance Helen has continued to write and edit the newsletter which goes to all our members three times a year. Unfortunately latterly she has found a lack of people on this side of the Channel willing to write articles and submit news and views and so has decided to make this edition her last. Known for her interest in Saluki health and treatments Helen has a wide ranging knowledge of the breed both here and throughout the world and this has been ably demonstrated through the newsletter. She will be a very hard act to follow but we thank her for all she has done for NSC and wish her and David "bonne chance" for the future.

At a very cohesive and co-operative AGM where members willingly took up positions of responsibility the following appointments were made :-

Patrons - Mrs Beryl Payne and Mr Roy Goodby to be invited to be Patrons of the club.

President Mrs Judith White

Chairman Mr David Hartley

Vice Chairman Mrs Hilary Davies

Vice Presidents Mrs Adele Walton-Haddon and Mrs Denise Garrett

Secretary Mr John Owen

Treasurer Mrs Jessica Brassington

Committee Members Ms Judith Ayrton, Mr Kevin Carter, Miss Christine Harrison, , Mrs Lynn Ingram, Mrs Rosie Lewis, Mrs Caroline Owen (co-opted), Ms Martine Smithson Ms Sue Taylor, Mr John Walton-Haddon.

Ms Ayrton will continue to be responsible for the Club Stall

Miss Harrison will continue to organise Discover Dogs at Crufts

Mrs Lewis will continue to act as Cup Steward

Mrs White will continue to act as Almoner

New responsibilities are being taken by:-

Mr Carter and Miss Harrison – Joint Show Managers

Mrs Owen - NSC Website Manager

Mr and Mrs Walton Haddon - Newsletter Editors

I have an apology to Sue Bounds as she has informed me that her Best Show winner at the SGHC Limited Show was not Alsahra Lalana but her smooth sister Arabella.

Yesterday the SGHC held their AGM. Making our way to the venue I digressed with my travelling companions to relate what AGMs were like 15 plus years ago. I always remember them being held at Wellyn Garden City in a hotel with a bar. No Saluki AGM could be possibly be held without a "bar" The room would have been packed with members and all would be dressed in their best clothing for this special annual event. And it was something to be part of, as one would never dare to open their mouth as the meeting was so volatile. Looking back the Chairman of the meeting always had a difficult time controlling t he floor. Many times it was considered that we needed to obtain an arbitrator from the Kennel Club to chair the meeting. One side of the room was of one opinion with apposing opinion on the other side and mayhem in between. Thing have certainly changed as we have a much more moderate meeting as we did yesterday.

The Committee of the SGHC will be Andrea Ireson. David Steel, Kathy Webb, Michael Williams and Anji Jackson Main has been Co opted. Kathy is the Chairman of the Committee. The new acting Secretary will be Michael McCormick Smith. The Committee has decided to try using telephone conferencing to hold some of their meeting to cut out the long distances members have had to drive. As the Committee is managing our Club shows for 2014, the person in charge of the Open Show will be Kathy with David assisting her in that, along with the rest of the Committee. Kathy has suggested that at the Open Show there will be a bring and share lunch after the judging

Judging the 2015 Limited Show will be Peggy PostmaOpen Show 2015 will be Gabrielle Schroeter from Germany, Ruth Dann with Cecilia Andersson as Best in Show judge.

Championship Show 2016 winner of the Ballot is Neil Stanmore, Brian Duggan and Best in Show judge Karen Fisher

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 21ST MARCH 2014.

Once again I feel I must apologize for the lack of Breed Notes for the last couple of weeks. We are still without internet service due to the incompetence of a large telecom company in this country. They are begging forgiveness for the errors that have occurred but we think time has run out for them. Our other reason is Michael and I, grabbing a week in the sun just after Crufts. Catching up on news, congratulations are

due to Karen and Glen Fisher on the birth of their new grandson and also congratulations to their parents Natalie & Oliver Hounslow

I have received the following communications from Susan Rhodes on behalf of the Afghan Hound Association: "On Saturday 5th April the Afghan Hound Association are holding an event entitled SPOTLIGHT ON SIGHTHOUNDS. An informal day designed to discover what brings our sighthounds together and what separates them. The excellent panel of guest speaker together with one of their breed are Barbara Hargreaves (Mistweave Greyhounds) Jean Clare (Ryazan Borzoi), Lesley Busby (Wilbus Afghan) Marie Bryce-Smith (Saruk Salukis), Pamela Marston Pollock (Falconcrest Whippets, Sloughis & Ibizans) and Cathy Coleman & Jeff Crawford (Bokra Wolfhounds). The venue is Chieveley Village Hall, Chieveley, Newbury, Berkshire RG20 8TE. This is a first event of this kind and should be a really good day. If you are interested it is worth booking early. For further details see www.ahaonline.co.uk or contact Mark Coccozza (freecloud1@aol.com or Susan Rhodes (susan@shadowfaxafghans.com))."

A reminder that the SGHC will be holding their AGM on Saturday 22nd March 2014 at 2pm at the Barley Lane Primary School, Huxley Drive, Chadwell Heath, Romford Essex RM6 4RJ. All members should have received a copy of the Agenda and their Yearbook. Please note that this venue does not allow dogs.

On Saturday 1st March the SGHC held their Limited Show at the Steventon Village Hall. Judging us was Maya Monk-Schenk. For a change, after the rains we have endured, their year, it was nice to be blessed with a sunny day. The entry for the show was not good but comparatively the same as the previous show. Catering was provided by the Committee and Club members and was extremely good and very reasonable priced. After the judging we all sat around and had our stuffed jacket potatoes and salad. As a general member of the Club I would like to thank the Committee who were ably assisted by Sheila Stoneman and Pauline Spilsted for providing it. Pauline and Don Everton manned the raffle and I understand that they had a profitable day. Daphne and Tony Parnham were in attendance assisting with the Welfare Stall and handing the reins back over to the Welfare as they, after a very long time, will no longer be running it at the club shows. After the judging a presentation was made to Daphne for her hard work, on the Welfare Stand, by the Committee on behalf of the members of the SGHC. Best Bitch and Best in Show was Sue Bounds Alshara Lalana (smooth) and Best Smooth in Show with the Res Best in Show to our own and Rosemary Redfern's Kasaque Paloma. Best dog and Best of Opposite Sex went to Clair Chrissyolor's Anasazi Malt Whiskey with the Res Best Dog to Liz Stephen's Alshara Aslam Bedu. Best Puppy was Kathy & Martin Webb and Sybelle Benoit's newly imported smooth Mouniir Har Kala Rachi (imp Bel). Best Veteran went to Pauline Spilsted's Jeshins Dynamic Diva.

Well, another Crufts has come and gone. We did not arrive early but around 10am but were pleasantly surprised when we sailed into the West Car park and even more surprised on a Friday evening when we sailed out and home. Perhaps Crufts has found

away around the four hours wait to exited the car parks. Judging us at Crufts was Elaine Stanmore (Altaya Salukis). She chose for her Best of Breed and Dog CC Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM owned by Jeannette & Alan Glaister & Mary Parker. I understand he was short listed in the Hound Group.The RDCC went to Lisa and John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kiyon JW. BCC went to Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilichia with the RBCC to Anasha Al Noushararin (imp Aus) Sh CM owned by Diane Layton. Best Puppy was Brian Mansell and Joss Duddell's Fernlark Schussboomer. Well done all!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2014.

Christine Ormsby has contacted us to inform everyone that she is moving house. She loved where she was living in the beautiful Cotswolds but has decided at 90 years of age it is a good time for her, to move nearer to her family. Her new address is 2 Morgan Courts, Station Road, Petworth, W. Sussex. GU28 0FE. Chris does not know what her telephone number will be but as soon as she does we will put it in the Breed Notes. She does not want to loose contact with her Saluki friends and hopes to attend a show or two to meet up with everyone. We wish Chris all the happiness in her new home and environment.

Congratulations to Kevin Carter and Christine Harrison on the announcement of their engagement.

Ann Birrell has sent the following: " First of all, many thanks to our breed notes contributors for their most comprehensive and interesting notes each week , however I was horrified to read in the saluki notes this week that the Saluki winner at Westminster was called Ladyhawk Guinness the Menace of Tazi.

TAZI has been my registered prefix since 1981 – and I strongly object to a kennel from overseas using my name. I remonstrated with this kennel when it first came to my notice years ago and understood that they had changed it slightly. Please ensure that Saluki people everywhere understand that this hound with excessive ear featherings (anathema to a past coursing enthusiast) and has absolutely NOTHING to do with Ann Birrell of TAZI salukis. I am very proud of my TAZI prefix and it now applies to my whippets as well. "

This is not the first time this has happened as I have previously noticed that one of the kennels in Norway is called 'Yazid'. As these kennel names are outside of the KC jurisdiction, therefore there is little that can be done, to stop them using our kennel names. Maybe they will say they had them first and we copied them.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the SGHC Limited Show on Saturday 1st March at Steventon Village Hall. Judging will start at 10am.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENNDING 21ST FEBRUARY 2014.

Last Monday we watched the live screening of Westminster Dog Show. How they managed to pull it off showing every breed digitally is quite beyond my comprehension. The judge for Salukis was Mrs Pamela Peat. The entry was 19 but there definitely were quite a few absentees which I understand was due to difficult weather conditions. The BOB winner was GHC Ladyhawk Guinness The Menace of Tazi. To give him credit he had the longest ear feathering that I have ever seen on a Saluki. Best of Opposite Sex was Ch Takara The Time is Now.

In reference to that show Clair Chryssolor has informed us that the puppies of her Ch Tadj Mahal Emranilzan continue to do well. The sister of her Gemini Jeu E'Espirit for Anasaz, namely Julia, won Best in Specialty in New York at the Empire Saluki Club. At Westminster she won Select Bitch. She is owned and was bred by Cathy Diener Farrell.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 14TH FEBRUARY 2014

Annette Buckley has sent the following regarding the upcoming Limited Show: "The SGHC Limited Show takes place at Steventon Village Hall, Nr Abingdon, Oxon on Saturday 1st March 2014, under judge Maya Monk-Schenk, with an entry of Dogs 30 dogs (33 entries) + 3 NFC expecting to be in attendance, very similar to that of last year. The 'entries' number is down on 2013 mainly due to the fact that colour classes etc. were ceased which means very few second entries. Judging of dogs starts at 10.00am followed by bitches and it is hoped to stop for lunch close to 1.00pm for a 45 minute break when members can get together for a chat.

Refreshments at this show will be covered by club and committee members - Helen Williams will give full details.

The Club raffle will be run as usual by Pauline and Don Everton and Saluki Welfare will be organised by Daphne Parnham and standing behind the stall on the day will be Helena Haywood. Both stall holders are always thankful to receive donations, so why not look out those unwanted Christmas gifts from your cupboards and bring them along on the day. If you need to get in touch my number on the day is 07933 865287

The committee look forward to welcoming you to the show and we wish everybody a safe journey and an enjoyable dog showing experience at Steventon Village Hall."

The Committee of the SGHC will be providing catering at the show. There will be tea/coffee and cakes available all day. At lunch we hope to sit down to baked potatoes with fillings, salad and apple pie and cream for afters. The food will be very reasonable

priced so we hope everyone will join in. Any questions regarding catering please contact Michael Williams on 01635 268269 or email kasaque565@gmail.com. The Committee would be most appreciative if everyone could bring along a cake to sell on the day.

We had just received the final edition of the Breed Records Supplements for 2013. There were 5 new litters (30 puppies) registered with the KC between October to December 2013. Of those there are only two names I recognize, Mr S Ham & Mrs A Ham had a litter of 4 and Ms C Harrison had a litter of 8. Four new importations: Khalils Cressida-Classicus from Sweden owned by Mary Parker. Sundara's Ayla of De Sabbia from USA owned by Mesdames J Cotterill, J Pyatt and M Haag. Ulmarra Moet and Chandon from Ireland owned by Mrs K Hardinson and finally Ulmarra Veuve Clicquot at Cilmalaigh also imported from Ireland owned by Mrs L Sinclair. Two new Champions confirmed, Chisobee Cerenarian and Fernlark Drambuie. Junior Warrants were achieved by Fernlark Elswavo and Jasdine of Canerikie. Show Certificates of Merit went to Anasha Al Noushafarin and Classicus Conway.

In 2013 there were three Salukis exported. One went to Israel, another to Canada and a third to Netherlands. Obviously there have been a considerable more Saluki imports. Our registrations for 2012 was 150 while 2013 the registrations have dropped to 95. Worrying statistics especially as many of these dogs were bred by "fringed breeders".

Buzz Faber planned to travel to Jasper, Canada for a family wedding last week. I spoke to her on Thursday and she said she did not feel well and thought she might be coming down with a cold. That cold turned out to be pneumonia and poor Buzz had to cancel her travel plans. She has not been having a good time. Buzz did say she had an open ticket so plans to visit the family next summer. We wish her a speedy recovery.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 7TH FEBRUARY 2014.

Last week, at just about this time I sat down to write the Breed Notes when there we a huge bang from somewhere outside our house. At that moment it was not raining but the weather forecast was for the usual rains and wind. I put my coat on, went out to check what was happening and saw two cars that had stopped in a lay-by nearby. The drivers informed me that there had been an electrical shower with sparks going everywhere then the bang. The after mass was, no electricity for that day and part of the next, hence no Breed Notes.

The Northern Saluki Club will be holding their Championship show on Sunday 27th April at Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Market Street, Clay Cross, Near Chesterfield Drby S45 9LX. Judging will be Mrs Helen Graham (Daxlore). Entries close on Friday 28th March and schedules can be obtained from the Hon Sec Andrew Sharp on tel 01274 564840 or through www.dog.biz where on line entries will be taken.

SGHC will be holding their Limited Breed Show on Saturday 1st March at Steventon Village Hall, The Green, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6AA. Judging is Mrs Maya Monk-Schenk. Annette Buckley has kindly sent me the entry for this show which is 29 dogs with 32 entries and 3 NFC. Closer to the date of the show I will include information regarding catering.

Brendan Autin has sent me the following: "I have been asked by John Hudson, Hon. Secretary if I would reconsider and do the Saluki Calendar for one more year. I must admit that I do enjoy putting the calendar together, I just felt that maybe it needed fresh eyes. This years' calendar is almost sold out, so maybe I got it wrong and members and friends do support and appreciate what is done.

Sometimes things do go wrong and I was under criticism for getting the date wrong for LKA last year. I write to all Show Managers and Secretaries asking them to check details that are listed at the bottom of a letter and return to me in a stamped addressed envelope. Details are entered, checked and then proof read. The date was wrong on my letter, but it has been confirmed as correct by the LKA. Errors do happen. Also sometimes dates are changed like our own Limited Show this year, after we go to print.

So I have put my calendar hat on again and I am now thinking of photos for 2015. The annual Photographic Competition will be held at the Open Show at Digswell on Sunday 15th June. Entries are FREE and you may enter as many photographs as you wish. Photographs should be no larger than A5 (6x8"). They may be in black and white or colour and should be of a reproducible quality. Entries should have a SAE for their safe return.

Please send your entries to arrive no later than Friday 6th June to: Brendan G Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex. TW16 7QB. Entries may be submitted online to brendangaustin@aol.com (jpeg image preferred), and they will be printed for you. Please note that all photographs and their details are shredded after the competition. Please include any information about the photograph, names of dogs when and where it was taken - anything that might be of interest, bearing in mind space availability.

The calendar will be available at the Championship Show in October or by post or on eBay (search Saluki Calendar).

If anyone would like to take over from me then please contact me on 01932 788040 and I can give an insight as to what is involved or speak to John Hudson."

Helen Williams

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 24TH JANUARY 2014.

Sadly we have received the following from Ann Shimmin " At 1.30 pm yesterday Paul found Flash (Ch. Hisilome's I am Iceman med Cranstal) lying dead in the paddock when he went out to collect the two boys at the end of their daily lunchtime exercise. He looked as if he were sleeping. Flash would have been 6 on 10th March. Faris and Flash had only been out for about 15 minutes because the weather was damp and rather unpleasant.

We had walked the dogs in the morning for our usual 3 1/2 miles, they came home and Flash was then playing with Noor and Tiisi whilst they waited for their breakfasts. After breakfast they all had their usual mid-morning sleep and then at lunchtime the bitches were put out in the paddock for their run - followed by the dogs. (We have not been running them all together as we felt that four adult salukis might all get a bit rough with Noor - not that she cared!) Let off his lead at the paddock gate Flash hurtled off round the paddock looking for cats (as usual) and Paul then left Flash and Faris together whilst he came in and had a shave as we were going out in the afternoon. On returning to collect the boys from the paddock he discovered Flash lying dead in the middle of the paddock.

We have had a PM done and Karl our vet (who has specialised in heart vet work) has said that at this time he is 90% certain that it is heart arrhythmia that has caused Flash's death. From the PM all his organs are the organs of a completely normal and healthy dog - in every way. However because of the speed with which he died and the circumstances of his death - combined with what Karl knows about heart function - Karl is of the conclusion that heart arrhythmia has been responsible for his death. If this alters in any way we will not hesitate to make it known. We just cannot believe that this has happened to such a downright healthy dog whose only visits to the vet over the last five years have been for a couple of tummy upsets plus his annual inoculations. Flash just did not 'do' anything other than healthy and very, very active.

Paul and I cannot believe that our golden clown is not asleep in the kitchen - just waiting for someone to make the mistake of leaving food unattended!! He was such a lovely and loving boy in every way - who of course did more than we could have wished for in the show ring as well. Perhaps the golden ones are those who do get taken first. He had just about everything going for him that anyone could wish for from any dog. I would not sacrifice one minute spent with him for anything - just wish that there had been so many, many more of them."

Our first Championship with CCs for 2014 was held last Thursday. Judging us was Graham Hill. BOB, DCC and Hound Group 1 was Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM

owned by Jeannette & Alan Glaister and Mary Parker with the RDCC to John & Lisa Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kiyan. BCC went to John & Lisa Hudson's Ch Gloak Kiyan JW. BRCC Jocelyn Duddell & Brian Mansell's Jasmine of Canerikie (imp)

Best Puppy was Fernlark Bottoms Up At Bumpkiss.

Yesterday the SGHC held a teaching and assessment seminar. There was a good attendance of 25 people whom were all handed a folder with papers related to the seminar and judging salukis upon arrival. The day started with a talk and a power point presentation on the history of the breed and the standard by Diana Allan and Jenny Macro. After there was another power point presentation by Karen Fisher on colours of the breed and what is not acceptable. After lunch Peter Yardley gave a talk on Saluki movement. Then we were split into two groups, one was for the 8 candidates that were being assessed and the remainder worked with a mentor going over a dog. Their final challenge was to write a critique about the dog that had just assessed. We have received a few favourable comments today so hopefully the day was interesting and informative.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 17TH JANUARY 2014

We have just received a very sad message from Pia Carnell to say her 17 year old son Augustine was killed on New Years day in a road traffic accident. We use to see Augustine and his two sisters at shows about 5 or 6 years ago. They have two Salukis bred by Jan Banyard. His funeral will be held at Rochester Cathedral on 23rd January at 9.30am followed by a reception at the Corn-exchange.

Further to my information of last week, regarding top winners of 2013, I have heard from Lisa and John Hudson that their Ch Kasra Tahira Glenoak JW was the top winning Brood Bitch. Ch Glenoak Kira – 5CCs, 1RCC, 1BoB, Ch Glenoak Kamala JW – 2CCs, 1RCC, 1BoB, Ch Glenoak Kiyan JW – 1CC, 1RCC, 1BoB, Ch Glenoak Jabari JW – 1CC, Glenoak Jazmyn JW – 1CC, Glenoak Kalima – 1RCC.

Yesterday Boston Championship Show was held. We do not have CCs but we do have classes and judging our classes was Anji Jackson-Main. Her BB, BOB was Clair Chryssolor's Gemini Jeu D'Esprit for Anasazi (imp) Sh CM with RBB and BP to Joselyn Duddell & Bryan Mansell's Fernlark Schussboomer. BD went to the Ham, Bockman-Chato & Ross Elliott partnership's Ch Baghdad Karim(imp) Sh CM with RBD to Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Whiskey Sh CM. Well done all

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 4TH JANUARY 2014.

Happy New Year to you and your hounds. As the deadlines for the notes have varied over the holiday period I am not sure when these notes will actually be published. A reminder that membership subs are due for the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club and the

Northern Saluki Club. Also as we do not get schedules through the post any more, here is another reminder to enter Crufts if you intend to go.

We have received some good news from Andrea Ireson, she and her partner Dave Claridge have become engaged over the holidays. We wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Brendan Austin has sent the following: "Many thanks for those who have supported the Saluki 2014 Calendar. If anyone is still looking for a copy then please contact Brendan Austin on 01932 788 040. There are still a few copies left. Please send a cheque made out to SGHC for £9.50 per copy or £23.00 for three copies inc. UK p&p to; Brendan G Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex TW16 7QB."

I am posting a short summery of the breeds top winners for the 2013 year, (if I missed something out please contact me and I will be happy to include it in the upcoming Breed Notes).

Top Saluki was Ch Classicus Cassander JW ShCM handled by Jeannette Glaister, owned by Jeannette and Alan Glaister and Mary Parker. (Mary being also being his breeder). He became a Champion at Crufts with BOB, he went on to get BOB and Group 4 at Hound Association of Scotland, CC at Birmingham National, BOB and Group 3 at Scottish Kennel Club, CC at Southern Counties, BOB Blackpool, BOB and Group 2 City of Birmingham, BOB and Group 2 Darlington, BOB and Group 1 LKA, along with the RCC from Manchester, Northern Saluki Club, Hound Association, Richmond and Driffield. He remained throughout the year Top Saluki in the UK, finishing joint 3rd Hound with fairly limited showing.

Top Breeders were Hudson making up three new Champions this year all with multiple CCS. They are Lisa & Dr John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kiyon JW, Ch Glenoak Kamala JW and Sheryl Steer's Ch Glenoak Kira of Fernlark.

Top Puppy went to Ann & Paul Shimmin with their Swedish import Hislome's Keepsake for Cranstal. No mean feat when you live in the Isle of Man.

In the holiday post we received from the Kennel Club a letter dated 23rd December to state that starting January 1st 2014 the rules regarding the Assured Breeders membership has been changed. (Not so long ago known as the Accredited breeders scheme) To summarize the letter, the Assured Breeders Scheme is now in two tiers, one Annual full Membership which will change from the existing £10.00 per annum to £30.00 which will increase to £45.00 then £60.00. This will include an assessment visit every 3 years. Just for information we have been in the scheme for quite a few years and have never been contacted regarding a visit.

The second option is Annual Associate Membership which is exclusively offered to existing members who breed infrequently (perhaps less than every 3 years). As an existing member you may opt to remain as an Associate Member and pay an annual fee of £12.00 plus an inspection fee of £167.00 when you decide to breed your next litter. Upon successful completion of this assessment they will provide a UKAS Certification for the following three years.

We have Salukis and (we'd like to think) are now 'authorities' in our breed and are in the position to help newcomers with their questions and problems and whilst we may not know all the answers we will try and find out all we can and report back.

Having spent many an hour researching suitable stud dogs we are happy to travel many miles including overseas to use what we hope will be a suitable male with all the health, temperament and breed qualities we desire and then when it comes to selling our treasured puppies they depart with a puppy pack including diet sheets, medical records and information on Breed specific items like reading material and clubs; plus other activities which can be pursued with Salukis. Plus starter food packs and our puppies are tattooed before leaving us.

If the KC inspects our property, which we have no problem with, they see we have Salukis and they will pass us, then we instantly become accredited as Assured breeders for all other breeds without requiring any knowledge of other breeds. In fact in reality we actually do not require to have any knowledge of Salukis either, just as long as we produce the paperwork the KC expect a puppy owner to be given and arrange any health checks that might be relevant with our breeding stock (none currently in our breed). The scheme simply requires that we have premises deemed suitable for breeding dogs and can provide what they perceive to be a suitable standard of husbandry. The fact that the conditions and permissions are not breed specific is something we have always had a problem with. In the eyes of the KC someone who has bred 5 litters in a breed is now considered an experienced breeder, an assumption that could mislead the public into thinking that a breeder has much knowledge of the breed they are selling whereas the fact is they may definitely not. There are some kennels with 50 or 60 breeding bitches who are producing puppies all the time of more than one breed, how, for example, can these breeders be providing the socialisation that the KC says it aspires breeders to provide...let alone good husbandry? Fortunately this is not the type of conditions most Saluki puppies result from in this country and hopefully never will be. If anyone was in that position we would refer to them as "puppy farmers" and would hope the Kennel Club would not be advocating such dwellings. With the new guidelines the KC have presented in their letter it reads to me that rather than addressing breed specific knowledge (perhaps that one should attend seminar/s on each breed they want to breed and that accreditation should only apply to those breeds where it is obvious the breeder has made the effort to gain some knowledge and insight). Instead they are at serious risk of encouraging the uneducated mass production of puppies, which is contrary to the ethos the Kennel Club was established for, with kennels full of puppies of different breeds. Though hopefully in their case not the squalid establishments that these large

scale puppy producers are known for, but perhaps with little knowledge of whether their dogs fulfil breed standards as well as care, the health, socialisation, puppy pack requirements etc.

Personally we want no part of this new scheme and will disregard it as conscious breeders and Salukiphiles as we already operate 'best practice' and have far more to offer potential saluki puppy owners than a piece of paper with UKAS Certification written on it.

There is an e-petition now being circulate that states: "Pet Theft - Tougher Penalites to Deter. Responsible department: Home Office To introduce a Pet Theft Law. We want stronger and tougher pet theft legislation to increase the punishment to those involved in the theft of a dog, cat, rabbit, aviary-bird or horse.

We want pets and horses to be legally regarded as living members of the family and not as objects or property. We want to see pet theft punishment set somewhere between kidnapping and the theft of property or an object. The personal value of a pet is much higher than its saleable value and the law needs to reflect this. We want a mandatory prison sentence punishment for anyone who steals pets with the purpose of extracting a ransom, or seeking reward for the safe return of those animals, or with the intention of harming it or with the intention of not returning it to its rightful owner (unless they can prove that the animal was removed for good reason). We want police and courts to have tougher and stronger powers and to prioritise the theft of pets over the theft of objects. The address to sign this is submissions.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/45882

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SALUKI BREED NOTES 18th December 2013

We had planned to attend LKA but as I was unwell we did not make it. I see from the on line results that there will many absentees, to be exact I think I counted 20. I have heard a few reports about the new arrangements at the NEC and a couple of people have said that the location is quite far from the train station. With £10.00 car park charges at NEC, and I know this is out of the hands of LKA, taking the train is a sensible option. In time all the little wrinkles of relocation will be smoothed out. Judging us was Mrs Zola Rawson. BCC, BOB and a whopping Hound Group 1 was Jeanette and Alan Glaister and Mary Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM with the RDCC to

Nicola Quadling's Kasra Zebadiya at Malenkhai. BCC for her first CC as I believe she is new in the country is Jeanette Cotterill, Jayne Pyatt & Michelle Haag's Am Ch Sundara' Ayla of de Sabia (imp) . She was born on 13th May 2009. She was bred by Michelle & Michael Laflamme Haag. RBCC went to Denise & Ian Rogers Labakan Lacrox. Best Puppy was Sherys Steer's Fernlark Schussboomer and Best Veteran was Tasia Emilia at Sivendra. Best Breeders Hudson.

Ann Shimmin has sent me the following: "I would be grateful if you could arrange through the Breed Notes to pass on to everyone my thanks for the most lovely surprise gift of the lovely saluki head that was presented to me at LKA at the finish of my time as Newsletter Editor. It was totally unexpected and all the more delightful because of that. Caroline Owen has done the most wonderful piece of work and I am certain that she must have been looking at a photo of Noor when she did it as the head study looks just as glamorous as I am hoping that Noor might look as an adult saluki.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported my efforts as editor. I have had a lot of satisfaction from each finished Newsletter especially when taking into account the subjects that have been covered - and on which a variety of people have willingly contributed over the last five years. I am now really looking forward to reading the April 2014 Newsletter - my thoughts are with you Vicky-ann."

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 20TH DECEMBER 2013.

Schedules for the 2014 Members Limited Single Breed Show of the SGHC have now been posted. It will be held on Saturday 1st March 2014 at Steventon Village Hall, Steventon Oxon OX13 6AA. The SGHC Committee will be organising the Shows until a new Show Manager comes forward. One of the main Committee members will take control of each Show assisted by a 'Working Party', which we hope will be made up of Committee Members and Club Members living local to the venue. Kathy Webb is heading up the Limited Show, so if anyone has any queries please ring her on 01737 353279 or email mkwebb@onetel.net. Any offers of help would be much appreciated. In regard to the show, at this point in time there are no sponsors for the forthcoming shows, so the Club would appreciate help securing such. They are also looking for rosette donations, or any other contributions which would be most welcomed.

In the schedule there was a typographical error regarding the Special Yearling class, the definition of classes should read for dogs of **6**calendar months and not exceeding **24** calendar months of age on the first day of the Show. Please take note of this when entering the show.

Happy Birthday wishes to Chris Ormsby and Viv Davies for their 90th. Not far behind is Beryl Payne who will be celebrating her 90th in 2014.

Marie & Nick Bryce-Smith have asked me to pass on holiday greetings to everyone. Unfortunately Marie had a fall last week, breaking her right wrist so there will not be any cards this year.

Michael and I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. Personally we are really looking forward to a relaxing break and the end of the constant adverts on the television reminding us that we need to shop, shop, shop. Any news please let me know and I will print it as long as it is positive..

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 13TH DECEMBER2013.

All seems very quiet in the Saluki World at this time which accounts for the lack of breed notes last week. The deadline for articles in the Club magazine has been extended to the end of the month and the first week in January for adverts. The person to contact is Kathy Webb on 01737 353279. Kathy is the care taker editor until a new one is appointed. Anyone who is interested in editing the magazine should contact Kathy at the above number or the Club Secretary, John Hudson. While we are on the subject we still need a show manager, new Hon Secretary after the AGM, next March, plus someone to compile the annual calendar. For further information please contact the Secretary, John Hudson on 01954 230016 or email: hudson@genoak.org.uk

SGHC Committee will be running the Limited Show this year. Judging will be Mrs Maya Monk-Schenk. It will be held on Saturday 1st March 2014 at Steventon Village Hall, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX13 6AA. If you are a paid up member of the Club and have not received a schedule please contact John Hudson.

There are still a few places available for the Seminar which will be held at Steventon Village Hall, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxon on 18th January commencing at 10am. The am session will include historical presentation by Diana Allan, instruction and the understanding of our breed standard will be Jenny Macro and a talk entitled Traditional Colours and Coat Patterns by Karen Fisher.

In the afternoon there will be assessments for A3 list and a chance in small groups for hands on experience and open discussion with a tudor..

Attendance and Judging assessment Certificates will be issued. For further information please contact Kathy Webb on 01737 353279 or emailmkwebb@ontel.net or Michael Williams 01635 268269 email kasaque565@gmail.com

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 28TH NOVEMBER 2013.

It is always difficult to report the death of a Saluki, especially when only 5 years old. Tragically, Buzz Faber has had to say goodbye to her beloved Gina (Ch, Ir Ch Sufeina Zarita) A couple of years ago Buzz noticed a lump on Gina and rushed her to the vets where it was removed and they were very hopeful that it would be a one off. Buzz monitored Gina carefully and the vets had just given her a clean bill of health when they noticed her stomach swelling. There was little the vets could do for her, so they decided the kindest thing was to put her to sleep. I know Buzz was extremely attached to Gina and also hoped she might have a litter of puppies from her, sadly this will never happen.

The British Boxer Club is promoting heart testing at their open show on the 1st December 2013. The heart testing will be carried out by cardiologist Dan Andrews and is available to **all breeds** at a cost of £15 per dog (registration documents are required). The show will be from 10-2pm and held at Steventon Village Hall, Oxfordshire, OX13 6AA.

To make an appointment, please contact Amanda Jinks on 01728 454423. Alternatively, you can contact the show secretary Marion Seeney on 01235835207. Please do not hesitate to contact them for further information.

Anji Jackson-Main has sent the following regarding Discover Dogs:

"This year was very successful with a steady flow of interested visitors.

The visual aspect of the stall is developing very nicely. This year we applied for a corner space which was very successful, the decoration is slowly coming together, the boards that Ken had made of photographic descriptions of the Salukis. The first board contains a general description of the breed. Next is information about the Sarona Kennels with pictures of Kelb. The next to last one is of Florence Amhurst with her Salukis and lastly a Jacqui Jones picture with more information and old archives photos. To cover the back wall we have some beautiful material called mouldid which is Egyptian. This is appliqué in geometric patterns and is covered in sequins, they are about 6' x 6' we use one to cover the back wall and others we draped down to cover the metalbars. Next year we hope to use some of the material to run along the top area. And of course we have added a camel saddle hanging.

Fortunately this year we have new leaflets beautifully designed by Diana Duckenfield. It looked interesting and professional. We recognised many visitors who come back each year. Many have Saluki crosses who are

absolutely delighted to see a real Saluki, some are Saluki owners from years ago and many have a Saluki from the welfare. The dogs were well behaved, although it is a demanding day for them. We had a very good assortment of colours, but we did have a number of requests to see a smooth Saluki so we are putting out a call for any smooth Saluki owners who would like to do Discover Dogs 2014 to get in touch. Our thanks go to Nicola Quadling, Brendan Austin, Pete Jackson-Main, Tania Stevens and Craig, Anne Redway and canines, who helped to make it a successful weekend. If you would like to help next year contact Anji on 07717724257.

The Fernlarks have had a very successful trip to Belgium last weekend. Luke Johnston has passed on that at the Belgian Sighthound Speciality, Rafi (Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW won the CAC and Kirman Dafnia won the RCAC. At the Eurodogshow Rafi won the CAC and the CACIB. Sounds like a very successful trip.

To bring to a close the **Clubs 90th Year Celebrations** we will be holding a Breed Specific Seminar. It will take place at Steventon Village Hall on 18th January 2014 commencing at 10.00a.m.

Morning Session:-

This will include an historical presentation by Diana Allan, instruction and the understanding of our breed standard by Jenny Macro and a talk entitled 'Traditional colours and coat patterns' by Karen Fisher.

In the Afternoon:-

1. There is the opportunity for assessment to be included on our judging list. (Places limited and must be pre-booked)
2. The chance in small groups for hands on experience and open discussion with tutor.

Come along and learn a more about our beloved salukis, this seminar is not only for judging purposes. It does not matter how long you have been in the breed there is always something more to learn. Join us and increase your knowledge of the breed in an informal way.

Attendance and Judging Assessment Certificates issued.

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Tickets, including coffee on arrival, 2 course hot lunch and tea with cake before leaving.

Cost per person - £25.00 or £20.00 for SGHC Members. Extra £5.00 for Judging Assessment.

For further information or to book a place contact:

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 15TH NOVEMBER 2013

The Saluki Calendar for 2014 is now available from brendangaustin@aol.com telephone 01932 788040. Single copies £9.50 Three copies £23.00.inc UK P&P Please send a cheque made out to SGHC to: Brendan G Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex. TW16 7QB

This week I received the Breed Record Supplement for Autumn 2013. There were 3 litters registered making 20 puppies. The breeders were Mr F Loveridge, Miss E Price and Ms S A Steer. There was 1 importation, namely Shokran Al Shamam. It's origin was Republic of Ireland owned by Ms Y Fox. There was 1 export or rather a Dutch dog returning to Netherlands. Two Champions were confirmed and they are Mary Parker's Classicus Concorrdia and Sheryl Steer, Lorraine& John Fitzgerald's Gloak Kira of Fernlark.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 8TH NOVEMBER 2013

Last Sunday the SGHC held their Open Show in conjunction with Saluki Welfare. Usually we hold our Championship Show at this time, but as this was the 90th Anniversary Year we exchanged dates with the Open Show which is usually held in the summer. Considering it was a Club Open Show and not the champ show, there was quite a good support with an entry of 88. I see from below that the profit from the entry at the Companion Show was £53.00 which did include some Whippets and probably some of the dogs from the Open Show. It is a pity that more of the welfare dogs were unable to attend. As we were in the large hall at the Kennel Club building, at no time did we feel crowded, perhaps in this instance it would have been more cost affective to the Club, at this difficult economic time, to have held the event in the smaller hall. Catering was supplied, by outside caterers and they seemed to be selling masses of chips and bacon baps, plus coffees and teas.

The show was opened by the President of the Club, Marie Bryce-Smith who asked us to stand for a minutes silence for Sonia Lambrinudi of Geldara Salukis who recently died in her 90th year. Sonia bred some extremely beautiful Salukis during her showing days. They were very much based on the Burydown line. During the lunch break the committee of the 90th Anniversary Year were called into the ring and presented with gifts as a token of thanks for all their hard work during this past year

The Magazine stand was doing a brisk business. I understand they donated some of their anniversary mugs to the Companion Show and Junior Handling, so now have none left. Also the commemorative bone china mugs have now sold out, the last few being sold on the magazine table. During lunch we stopped to raise our glasses and partake of a special cake thanking Karen Fisher for her ten years of hard work as the editor of "The Saluki". There is no doubt under her editorship the magazine has gone from strength to strength. Kathy Webb has now sent most of the magazines off but if you have not received on or would like to order one please contact Kathy on 01737 353279.

Diana Allan oversaw the final '90th Anniversary Silent Auction' with the celebratory year now drawing to a close I believe all the items are now sold and in addition to all the other funds Diana has raised by her silent auctions, she has now added another £281.00. We thank Diana for all her hard work on behalf of the Club.

Judges for the Open Show were Liz McKnight, dogs, Maggie Holder bitches with Colin Wells Referee. The results are Best Dog and Best of Breed to Annette and Bryan Buckley's Hislome's Kareef (imp Swe) from the Junior Class. Best Puppy Dog, Best of Opposite Sex Puppy and Reserve Best Dog was Marie Bryce-Smith's Kasaque Ra Frankel Of Saruk. Best Bitch went to Clair Chryssolor's Gemini Jeu D'Esprit for Anasazi Sh CM (imp USA) with reserve Best Bitch to Fernlark Despina of Canerikie owned by Joss Duddell and Bryan Mansell Best Puppy was Sheryl Steer's Fernlark Schussboomer and Best Veteran in Show was Kathy Webbs' Ch Al Caliphs Nuray.

Daphne Parnham has sent the following note regarding the Welfare stall: "Please could you thank everyone who supported the Welfare stall and the Companion Dog Show at the SGHC Open Show. The Welfare stall made a £260.00 and the Stalls, musical Mats

and Companion Dog Show made a profit of £53 plus a large donation given to us by one of the Welfare owners. We would like to thank everyone who joined in the fancy dress and made a fitting end to the Companion dog Show.”

John Hudson, Hon Sec on SGHC has sent the following regarding the KCs National Education and Training Month (November 2013)

Conformation and Movement Seminars

Saturday 9th November in Fife

Sunday 17th November in Bulth Wells and Maidstone

Saturday 23rd November at Newark Showground

Saturday 30th November in Exeter

This seminar is aimed at all those who wish to develop knowledge, skills and confidence in their understanding of key aspects of Conformation, Structure and Movement. It complements the Points of the Dog assessment and is aimed at all those involved in exhibiting and judging and in particular those who aspire to give Challenge Certificates. A Kennel Club attendance certificate will be presented at the end of the seminar.

Points of the Dog assessments

Sunday 17th November in Bulth Wells and Maidstone

Saturday 23rd and 24th November at Newark Showground

Requirements of a Dog Show Judge Seminar (KC Rules and Judging Procedures)

Sunday 10th November in Wishaw

Saturday 16th November in Bulth Wells and Maidstone

Sunday 24th November at Newark Showground

Sunday 1st December in Exeter

This seminar focuses on providing the essential knowledge and understanding of Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and Ring Procedure. It

is for those who wish to develop knowledge, skills and confidence in their understanding of key aspects of Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. It is aimed at all those involved in exhibiting and judging and in particular those who aspire to award Challenge Certificates. An examination paper on Requirements of a Dog Show Judge follows this seminar for those wishing to award CCs. Successful candidates will receive a certificate which is a requirement for the first time CC questionnaire.

Managing a Dog Society

Saturday 9th November at the Scottish Kennel Club

Saturday 16th November in Builth Wells and Maidstone

Saturday 23rd November at Newark Showground

Saturday 30th November in Exeter

This seminar focuses on best practice guidelines as published in the Manual for Kennel Club Registered Societies. It looks at the effective management of a club/society through the committee working as a team. The seminar is designed to assist existing and potential new officers and committee members or those who might be interested in being involved in Dog Societies. Seminar delegates will:

Gain an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of all interested parties:

- o The Kennel Club
- o Members of the Society
- o Committee
- o General Public

Show Management Seminars

Sunday 10th November at the Scottish Kennel Club

Sunday 17th November in Builth Wells

Sunday 24th November at Newark Showground

Sunday 1st December in Exeter

The main focus is on Show Planning and Administration, covering the sequence of events required from 18 months prior to the show, what is required at the show to what is required after the show. All the most up to date information, legislation and Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are included in this seminar.

This one-day seminar is primarily aimed at those who will have a role to play in the organisation of Kennel Club registered societies shows and events. Delegates may include those elected as show officials of Breed Club Shows.

For more information and to secure a place please contact Joanna Howe, Canine Activities, Education and Training Specialist on 0844 4633 980 or email joanna.howe@thekennelclub.org.uk

-The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club will be holding a breed dedicated seminar and breed assessment seminar on 18TH January at Steventon Village Hall. There will be further information on the Saluki web site and in newsletter. For early reservations please contact Michael Williams on 01635 268269 or kasaque565@gmail.com or Kathy web on 01737 353279 or mkwebb@onetel.net

And lastly Midland Counties Championship Show was held on the Thursday prior to the Open Show. Generally speaking the show was most interesting as we were scheduled with the Pastoral Breeds. It was great fun seeing the breeds we rarely get to see. My hat goes off to the Committee of Midland Counties as they had work very hard to decorate the rather dreary interior of the Stafford Agricultural Hall with photos of past Best in Show winners. Pauline Everton the judge for the Salukis on the day mentioned to me later that their hospitality was most wonderful to the judges.

BCC, BOB & Hound Group 3 was Ch Glenoak Kira of Fernlark owned by Sheryl Steer and Lorraine & John Fitzgerald with RBCC to Liz Metcalfe and Martin Green's Tasia Zemar My Maria. DCC was Ch Jorgenjo Mirzam of Fernlark owned by the Steer, Fitzgerald and Johnston partnership with RDCC to Peggy Postma's Glenoak Kalima. Best Puppy was Kasaque Ra Frankel of Saruk owned by Marie Bryce-Smith and Best Breeders Group Steer. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH OCTOBER 2013

Brendan Austin has sent the following:

"The final touches have been put to our Open Show and Saluki Welfare Day on Sunday the 27th October. It is being held with kind permission of The Kennel Club at

the Kennel Club's Building, East Hall, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. Even if you have not entered, it would be nice to see you on the day. You can still bring your dogs and enter them as Not for Competition on the day at the Show Manager's table or enter them into the Companion Show.

The entries have now closed for the Open Show and I am happy to report that our judges, Liz McKnight and Maggie Holder have 88 dogs with 125 entries, plus 17 entries for the Special Classes including Junior Handling and our new Special Awards Champion Class. Our Referee is Colin Wells and we look forward to welcoming them all. The show will open at 9.00am and judging for the Open Show will begin with the dogs at 10.00am followed by the bitches. There will be a lunch break. The Companion Show will start at 11.00am. There will be two rings running simultaneously.

During the lunch break there will be Special Awards Champions Class, being judged by Elaine Rushton, Junior Handling and a special game of Musical Mats – think Musical Chairs but for dogs (with handlers). This is always great fun and we do hope that everyone will join in.

In the Companion Show Ring there will be Pedigree Classes, Any Variety in Puppy, Sporting, Open and Veteran. There are also fun classes Most Handsome Dog, Prettiest Bitch, Golden Oldie, The Odd Couple, Best Fancy Dressed, Best in Show taken from Pedigree and Novelty classes and Best Overall Rescue. Entry for all these classes is on the day at the Companion Show Table and is open to all dogs.

Refreshments will be available all day. Teas, coffees and soft drinks together with sandwiches, bacon rolls etc.; and there will also be hot lunches available. You can of course bring your own pack lunch if you prefer.

There will be Archive material on display, trade stands, 'The Saluki' magazine, the Saluki Calendar, as well as Welfare Stalls and A Cake Stall (donations very welcome please to Helena). There will be raffles and tombola; and a Silent Auction on behalf of the 90th Celebration Fund; details of the items are on www.salukiclub.co.uk

Arden Grange will also be with us and they are sponsoring many of the prizes for both shows. We do hope to see you there and if you have any questions please contact;

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 11TH OCTOBER 2013

Congratulations to Anna and Ben Freegard on the safe arrival of their daughter Andromeda Hilary who will be known as Mia. She was born on 30th September on their first wedding anniversary.

Slowly information has been filtering in about a Saluki World Congress in Australia, which will be held around the beginning of April 2015. This will be the 2nd World Congress, as the first one, was successfully held in Finland, in 2008. I have gone to their 'facebook' page and found the following:

"The Saluki World Congress 2015 in Sydney, will now officially be hosted by the Sighthound Association and sponsored by [Paula Bockman-Chato](#). All financial responsibility will be covered by fund raising through the sale of Paula's Saluki art and memorabilia collection, so please be generous with your bids when we start putting these items up on this site. Payments can be made by Paypal. All monies go into the Saluki World Congress 2015 account which is supervised by Rebecca Rafton, committee member of the Congress committee. Any donations of artwork or items pertaining to Salukis are greatly appreciated and will be noted in the Congress printed program.

We have chosen our official venue for the Congress and due to space restraints we will only be able to accommodate 200 participants. Reservations will start at the beginning of 2014.

For those who are interested in the topics, that we will cover at the Congress, here are those that are proposed:

Universal Saluki Standard
Conformation and Trends
Health issues pertinent to Salukis
Smooth vs Feathereds..."

Speakers are Monica Dahncke Roshanzamir will talk on Oriental Manuscripts. Kathryn McKay will speak on the history of the Saluki in Australia including significant exports and sires.

They state: "With overseas Sighthound Specialist Judges, two Sighthound Association Shows, their individual Sighthound Breed Specialties and The Royal Easter Show, it should be the largest collection of Sighthounds in Australia ever."

Sorry about reporting this show a little late but Michael and I have been catching the late summer rays in Sicily. Judging at Driffield was Mrs Adele Walton-Haddon. For BCC, BOB she chose Lisa & John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW with the RBCC to Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM. DCC went to Jackie & Alan Bloomfield's Ch Glenoak Jabari JW Sh CM (the Glenoaks seem to be having a very successful year) with RDCC to Jeannette and Alan Glaister & Mary Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM. Best Puppy was Annette & Brian Buckley's Hisilome's Kareef (imp). Best Breeders, Hudsons

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 4TH OCTOBER 2013.

David Hartley has sent the following article, written by Deborah Steele, regarding his (Fish and Chip) walk at Earby for Welfare.: "What a fantastic day!

I could stop there but feel I should elaborate at least a little. David had proposed that the walk would take place on the morning but due to heavy rainfall over the preceding few days he felt that holding the classes before the dogs had walked would be the better option. This turned out to be a very good call; even though the rain stayed away and the sun shone.

There was a wonderful turn out and the 38 dogs were happy to see each other. Classes were held in the hall and everyone who took part or supported had a wonderful time. It was our first time and the welcome was wonderful. It was lovely to talk to different people, making friends of the human as well as furry kind. A local photographer came along to take pictures which I believe will be in the local paper. Standard Poodle China was given many nicknames over the course of the day which started with the photographer calling her 'Afro dog'! Her wonderful poodle clip turned many heads over the course of the day.

The classes were held in the hall and everyone had fun and we even had a 'Where's Wally' moment when one participant couldn't be found. I managed to forget that Freya had won her class so sat expectantly waiting for the last dog to turn in for the 'Best in Walk' to be judged! Best in walk was Gill McLatchie's Saluki AMBER which I think is the third year in a row a dog of Gilkl's has won - so very well done. There was a very good turnout for 'Best 6 Legs' which was my first attempt at judging...I may make it my first and last as the pressure got to me.

Even though David had informed the local pub that there would be hungry dog walkers around there was a long wait for food. However, this gave us time to partake of a pint or two, the bitter was very pleasant and the dogs enjoyed lying on the grass outside the pub. A few pups' who shall remain nameless took every opportunity to play together whenever their paths crossed much to everyone's amusement. David came to say that due to the delay with people's food the walk would set off from the hall for those who were ready and the 2 miler would set off later and meet the 5 mile walk on route; this worked very well.

We opted for the longer walk and set off with the main pack. I must say it caused a stir as we passed another pub and the locals made much fun of Riddick deciding to take this opportunity to poop on the pavement. As the well trained owner that I am I swiftly removed the offending article without even breaking pace! It was a very pleasant walk with a slight incline to begin with which tapered off and then turned down towards the canal. All stiles were handled with grace and elegance with only one mishap. That I'm afraid was mine! Ollie decided he didn't like a Westie he met on the tow path, got his

legs tangled in mine and over I went...luckily narrowly avoiding pushing Riddick into the canal!! The saving grace was that I was at the back of the walk with a lovely lady (whose name I have forgotten sorry) who was very concerned for my welfare. However, all was well and all 6 legs were fine and the walk was completed.

When everyone had returned to the hall the fish and chip tea soon arrived and was enjoyed by all. The results of the quiz were read out and prizes awarded. Before everyone made their way home the results of the bids on the pastel of a running saluki and the chance to have your own dog's portrait in pastel by Lynn Ingram was announced. We were the lucky ones so Ollie had his picture taken and we await the finished article.

A fantastic day and some very tired dogs and humans made their way back to their homes after goodbyes and see you next year were passed. If you have ever thought of coming and haven't then you really should it is a fantastic day and I personally would like to thank David and all the people that made this day possible."

Annette Buckley has sent the following" The Northern Saluki Club held their breed Open Show on Sunday 22nd September at Shirland Village Hall, near Alfreton, Derbyshire. The weather was glorious which enabled the show committee to set up the ring outside; this was an added bonus for us exhibitors, as we were able to relax between classes and enjoy the very English countryside which gave a wonderful pictorial backdrop to the ring judging activities. We were even treated to 'action' scenery of farmers and tractors gathering in the hay across the nearby field!

Our judge for the day was David Lever, a founder member of the Northern Saluki Club, who found his BOB in Ch. Caryna Meilishia ShCM owned by Garratt, Oakey and Smith, with Res. BOB going to Mansell and Duddell's Jasmine of Canerikie (Imp) and BOS went to Buckley's Al Caliphs Djansa. Best Puppy was given to Dawn Queen owned by Sue Edge with BOS Puppy to Hisilome's Kareef (Imp Swe) owned by the Buckleys. Best Veteran was taken by Garratt and Oakey's Ch Caryna Calisto and BOS Veteran by Caryna Bacchus at Ilsham owned by Beryl Payne. Beryl looked very smart indeed in her deep red outfit and 'strutted her stuff' like the best of them! An amazing lady!

During the lunch break, the Specials were judged by Janet Kay and ring steward was Adele Walton- Haddon. Special Yearling was won by Mumtaz Hercules owned by Joe and Joan Cowie and Special Open by Ch. Caryna Meilishia ShCM. Grace Taylor won the Child Handler award. Well done all.

On behalf of the exhibitors I would like to say a big thank you to the club and all those who worked so hard to make the day very enjoyable - Our judge, David, show manager John Owen, the ring stewards, George and Rachel, and photographers Caroline Owen and Annette Buckley. Grateful thanks also to Jessica Brassington, Hilary Davies, Sue Taylor and Adele Walton-Haddon who covered the excellent catering services throughout the day. Rosie Lewis did a sterling job as usual organizing the trophy

presentations and paperwork. Daphne and Tony Parnham ran the Welfare Stall and looked very relaxed, probably looking forward to their retirement, Roy Goodby ran an excellent raffle, and the Northern Saluki Stall was managed by Judith Ayrton, who seemed to be doing a brisk trade.

Both the breed Championship and Open shows run by the Northern Saluki Club have always been very friendly affairs and this latest show truly followed this theme which has become somewhat of a tradition over the years. We look forward to your next show.”

The following has been sent by Brendan Austin: “At the Open Show and Saluki Welfare Day there will be a Silent Auction. We are finishing off our fundraising with some splendid items that have been donated towards our 90th Celebration year. If you are interested in any items and are not able to get to the show, then please contact Diana Allan on 01234 708658. She will put your bid in on the day.

The following items are on offer and there are pictures on www.saluki.co.uk 1). Watercolour. Quantock Hills by W Prosser (original) 1976 framed. 2). Saluki Head. (pastels) Ch. Geldara Carlotta by Barbara Testa 1985 framed. 3). Painted on silk. Geldara Emlym by Menda Lambrinudi 1991 framed. 4). Royal Canin Encyclopaedia of Cats, new. 5). Presentation box of 6 Classic Malt Whisky’s – we are told a couple are quite rare. 6). Glasses. Two Edinburgh Crystal tumblers etched with a Golden Eagle and a Kestrel. 7). Hessian Dog Bag. 8). Saluki Festival catalogue. 9). Skagen Watch ladies. 10). Dog Bowl. 11). Gingerberry Silver Broche. 12). JPR cultured river pearls Gold clasp and individually knotted. 13). FCUK Bag. 14). Holiday Inn Voucher for a double room bed, breakfast and evening meal (available Fri Sat or Sun night only).”

Magazine stand will be in attendance at the Open Show. They will be launching their final edition under the editorship of Karen Fisher. In this issue they will be continuing the history of the breed with articles and photographs celebrating this anniversary year. There will be a few commemorative articles for sale.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 19TH SEPTEMBER 2013.

For this year’s Education and Training Month, the Kennel Club will be holding seminars throughout the United Kingdom for those wishing to further their knowledge within the world of dogs. These seminars will take place in November and will cover a variety of subjects including Show Management, Requirements of a Show Judge, Managing a Dog Society and others. For more information visit www.thekennelclub.org.uk; alternatively, the Secretary of the SGHC, John Hudson, can email you a poster with the details if you ask him athudson@glenoak.org.uk. The poster says “these courses will

be in great demand, so to avoid disappointment call Joanna Howe on 0844 4633 980 ext. 225 or email Joanna.howe@thekennelclub.org.uk and book now!"

Annette Buckley has sent the following "Brian and I would like to thank all our Saluki friends for their kind messages of support whilst Sirocco is going through a difficult stage in his life fighting a serious illness.

We found a lump in Rocco's right ear at the beginning of August whilst at a show and cut short our break to attend our local veterinary surgery to get it checked out as soon as possible. Several visits to our vet, a wrong diagnosis and two fine needle aspirations later, a second vet at our local practice advised us to have a consultation with a specialist from the VRCC (Veterinary Referral Cancer Centre) in Fairdon, Nr. Basildon, Essex, and we were given an emergency appointment that day. A biopsy was taken and results from a third Laboratory assessment confirmed that it was an aggressive Mast Cell Tumour Grade III and advised excision as soon as possible. Rocco had his operation last Monday 9th September, and has had much of his ear removed; however, the expert surgeon, Dr. Laurent Findji, managed to keep half of his ear flap to protect the workshop of his ear. Results from several tests taken in the morning did not show any spread of the cancer to other parts of his body and hopefully if we find that he is a candidate for chemotherapy, the treatment should keep any stray cancerous cells at bay for as long as possible.

We appreciate the advice of experience given to us by the Saluki Family here and abroad throughout our search for the correct diagnosis. What have we learned from this traumatic experience? Keep asking questions, be armed with as much information as possible to be in a position to query a diagnosis that does not sit right with you and be aware that the smallest of lumps, especially in the ear pinna, as small as half the size of a pea, can be a lethal tumour and threaten your Saluki's life if not identified early and taken away.

Your concern over Rocco and helpful tips about his recovery needs are much appreciated. All being well, we hope to see you at a couple of the last shows later this year. Annette & Brian Buckley"

Last Friday Darlington Championship Show was held and judging Salukis for the first time, here in the UK, was all-rounder Mr R Doedijns from the Netherland. DCC, BOB & Hound Group 2 went to Jeanette and Alan Glaister & Mary Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM with the RDCC to Steve Ham, Paula Bockman-Chato and Margaret Elliot-Ross. John and Lisa Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW won the BCC with RCC to Denise and Ian Rogers Labakan Lacroix. Best puppy was Ann & Paul Shimmin's Hislome's Keepsake for Cranstal (imp), Best Veteran went to Ch Caryna Zazma owned by Denise Garratt and Mr D & Mrs L Stuart. Best Breeder, Hudson. Well done all.

Claire Jowett has sent me some interesting information regarding the "Yellow Dog Project" It seems that one of her Salukis had recently been bitten and was therefore apprehensive on his walks. She was advised to put a yellow ribbon on his lead to alert people to give him space. This idea is the initiative of the Yellow Dog Project. It was created to bring awareness to the dogs that need space while training, recovering from surgery or being rehabilitated. Their web site is www.YellowDoguk.co.uk. On this site they say: "If you see a dog with a YELLOW ribbon, bandanna or similar on the lead or on the dog, this is a dog who needs some space. Please, do not approach this dog or its people with your dog. They are indicating that their dog cannot be close to other dogs. How close is too close? Only the dog or his people know a **Yellow Dog** - so maintain distance and give them time to move out of your way."

Brendan Austin has sent the following: "I was able to visit Anji Jackson Main a few weeks ago and look at the Club's Archives. I was particularly interested in the selection of calendars that are now in her care. There are a few copies missing and we both think it is important that we put out a plea that if anyone has calendars sitting in a box maybe in their loft then please pass them on to Anji. She is looking for anything pre-1971, 1973, 1974, 1990, 1991, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2006 and 2007. They do not need to be in pristine condition but it is important to fill these gaps, if you can help."

It is always sad when we hear the passing of a beloved Saluki, unfortunately Gloria Cook and Alan Burtenshaw have had to say goodbye to their Daxlore Dazijane at Daandazi. Our thoughts go out to Gloria and Alan.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK-ENDING 13TH SEPTEMBER 2013.

John Hudson, Hon Sec for SGHC has sent the following: "The next meeting of the SGHC Committee on 5th October will be the last chance to appoint a new Show Manager to replace the Brendan/Nicola team before the schedule has to be compiled for the Limited Show in February; this schedule has to be posted out in November. If no schedule goes out, the Limited Show will have to be cancelled.

Similarly, the last issue of the Magazine to be edited by Karen Fisher, will appear at the Open Show. If a new editor is not appointed at the next meeting, it appears that the Crufts 2014 issue will have to be cancelled and money returned to those who have already renewed their subscriptions.

If any member thinks that he/she would be able to do one or other of these jobs, please get in touch with the Secretary (HUDSON@glenoak.org.uk or 01954 230016) or any other member of the Committee. Lack of experience is not a bar – members of the Committee and previous Show Secretaries and editors will be only too willing to help, and the Kennel Club runs courses."

We note that in the Manchester Championship Show Schedule for 2014 that if you win a qualifying placement there, then you will qualify for Crufts 2014. Not sure if the award

will also apply to 2015. The same goes for Boston but does not apply to us as we do not have CCs on offer there.

At City of Birmingham Show our judge was Nick Bryce-Smith. He chose for his DCC, BOB and Hound Group 2, Jeanette and Alan Glaister and Mary Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM with the RDCC to Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Early Dusk JW Sh CM. BCC went to John and Lisa Hudson's Glenoak Jazmyn JW for her 2nd CC with RBCC to Mary Parker's Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp) JW Sh CM. Best Puppy was Hisilome's Keepsake for Cranstal (imp) owned by Ann and Paul Shimmin. Best Breeder's Group was the Hudson's.

Richmond Championship Show as held last Friday. The weather predictions were not good as rain was on the forecast with the weather man informing us that our beautiful summer is now over. It has probably been the best summer that I can recall. As it happens the predictions for Friday were correct and we did have some rain at the show, but with the indoor out door rings and plenty of space inside to observe, the weather did not seem to be an issue. Judging was Cathy Smith from Australia DCC, BOB for his 3rd and qualifying CC was Kim & Lawrence Scowen's Fernlark Drambuie. He was born on 12th April 2009 and his breeder is Sheryl Steer. His sire is Kirman Bashaar at Fernlark (imp) and his dam, Fernlark Cointreau at Dawnchase. RDCC was Jeanette and Alan Glaister and Mary Parker's Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM. BCC was Kathy Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray and RBCC to Pauline & Don Everton's Kasra Zeleka. Best Puppy was our own and Jenny, Steve & Laura Macro's Kasaque Raissa. Best Breeder' Group was the Hudson's.

With results of the Championship shows taking high priority at this time of the year I have omitted putting in the Breed Records Supplement information regarding Salukis. In the Summer edition there was one new registration for a litter and that was bred by Sheryl Steer. Three new importations, Barakisch Tayyebah Delbar from Sweden by David Perkins. Timaru Inaaya of Jazirat from USA and owned by Andrea Ireson and Diana Allan. Yamila Havasu of Shikarah's imported from Spain by Messrs K Crockett & M Western.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 23rd AUGUST 2013

Once again I must report the passing of one of our Saluki exhibitors and Breeders. Miss Sonja Lambrinudi has just passed away not long after celebrating her 90th birthday which was in July. She was always an elegant and reserved lady who unfortunately in later years, had suffered poor health. Sonja became interested in Salukis through her mother. Sonja's mother had always loved Salukis and wanted one

so when her son died of cancer Sonja and her sister decided to give her mother one to occupy her time. From this Sonja became interested in our breed and obtained her first Saluki in 1962 from Hope Waters. From the three litter she bred 5 Salukis who were made up as champions. They were Geldara Amrita, Geldara Baryton, Geldara Benazira of Mabrooka, Geldara Carlotta, Geldara Corin. She also owned and made up Geldara Burydown Yanina. Sonja judged Salukis at Crufts in 1984 since then we have not seen her around the Saluki ring.

As per usual for this time of the Year the shows have been coming fast and furious. The first one I have to report on is The Hound Association. Judging was Deborah Copperthwaite. BCC, BOB was Mary Parker's Classicus Concordia JW Sh CM for her second CC. RBCC went to Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM. DCC was Michael Western's Ir Ch Int Ch Ulmarra Salib An Ch 12 Sh CM. He was bred by Linda Dunn. His sire is Int Irish Aust Ch Pdtheway Notorious and his dam is Int Ch Irish Ch Padtheway Schiram Sarea. Best Veteran was Denise Garratts and Sue Oakey's Ch Caryna Calisto. Best Puppy went to Annette & Brian Buckley's Hisilome's Kareef (imp)

The following day after The Hound Show was Paignton Championship show. Judging there was Michael Williams. Following on from her win of the previous day was Mary Parker's Classicus Concorrdia JW Sh CM for her 3rd CC and BOB. She was born on the 7th April 2010 and her breeder is her owner. Her sire is Ch Baghdad Karim Sh CM (imp Aus) and her dam is Ch Khalils Phaedra of Classicus Sh CM (imp Swe). RBCC went to Sheryl Steer and Lorraine & John Fitzgerald's Glenoak Kira of Fernlark. DCC went to Paul & Ann Shimmin's Ch Hislome's I Am Iceman Med Cranstal (imp) and the RDCC to Liz Stephen's Alsahra Alsam Bedu. Best Puppy went to Annette & Brian Buckley's Hislome's Kareef (imp).

Before any one had time to catch their breath it was the turn of Bournemouth Championship Show. Judging us was Mrs B Brodwall, judging Salukis for the first time in this Country. Some of the exhibitors/competitors/stewards were confused by her ring management. Maybe the Cubs could take this further as she was not on any our judging list and hopefully there was someone there assessing her on behalf of the Kennel Club. It seems a shame the appointment did not go to someone on one of our lists. I had requested her judging experience in Salukis, prior to close of entry and received none to pass on to the readers of these notes. She chose for her DCC, BOB Sheryl Steer, Lorraine & John Fitzgerald and Luke Johnston's Ali'fu ad Of Fernlark (imp)) He was born on the 15th May 2012 and his breeder is Mrs T Benedetti. His sire is Ch Daxlore Amir of Fernlark and his dam, Malake-latisa. RDCC went to Steve Ham, Paula Bockman-Chato and Mrs Elliot-Ross' Ch Baghdad Karim (imp) Sh CM. BCC went to Sheryl Steer & Lorraine and jOhn Fitzgerald's Ch Glenoak Kira of Fernlae with DBCC to Ann & Steve Ham's Baghdad Bamjoeh Diva (imp). Best Puppy was Annette & Brian Buckley's Hisilome's Kareef (imp) Best Veteran was Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW and Best Breeder Hudson.

I have received the following from Brendan Austin regarding the upcoming SGHC Open Show “ There will be Special Awards Champions Class, being judged by Elaine Rushton during the lunch break. Only Champions are allowed to compete and your placing in this class does not affect your placing in the Open Show; even if you are beaten, you remain unbeaten in the main Open Show.”

I have requested and have received an explanation on this Special Awards Champions Class from Nicola Quadling : *“This class came about after the KC brought in new classes at the end of 2012 I think. The idea is to hold these special classes at a breed club show and for them to be judged by an 'up and coming' judge i.e. from our C or B lists - it is to give these judges a chance to go over quality hounds (which one would hope champions are?) which they may not always get when judging general open shows. You can hold up to three classes and they can be judged during the lunch break or after BIS show that is the club's decision. To hold a Special Awards Champions Class this can be held at an open show and not at a Limited show, which is why it is only being held at our open show. It was the committee's decision to put on this class and to agree on a judge as Brendan explained and we are carrying out the wishes of the committee.”*

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 16TH AUGUST 2013.

Brendan G Austin, Chair 90th Celebration Committee “With all the hard work that went into the Classic Weekend there was one omission that I take 100% responsibility for. Nicola and I proof read the Classic Catalogue and went through the names of all those we wished to thank in the Acknowledgements. It is with regret that we did not mention Daphne Parnhan.

For those who don't know, Daphne compiles the lists of the winners of all the shows throughout the year. The 90th Celebration Committee are indeed grateful for the extra time she gave the Club in the preparation of the Classic invitation list.

Both Nicola and I are extremely sorry for this oversight and wish to say a big Thank You, Daphne.

The Open Show and Saluki Welfare Day is on Sunday the 27th October and is being held with kind permission of The Kennel Club at the Kennel Club's Building, East Hall, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire and we do hope that everyone will be there.

WHY? Well we are trying to get salukis from Welfare and rescue organisations with pet dogs and show dogs together under one roof – it's never been done on such a scale before. The day will be sponsored by Arden Grange. The Show will open at 9.00am with judging for the Open Show starting at 10.00am with the Companion Show starting around 11.00am. There will be two rings running simultaneously. The Open Show judges are Dogs, Liz McKnight; Bitches, Maggie Holder; and our Referee is Colin Wells. There will be Special Open Stakes Classes, being judged by Elaine Rushton during the lunch break. All dogs are allowed to compete including champions and your

placing in the stakes class does not affect your placing in the Open Show, even if you are beaten, you remain unbeaten in the main Open Show. Full details will appear in the Open Show Schedule.

In the Companion Show there will be Pedigree Classes, Any Variety in Puppy, Sporting, Open and Veteran. There are also fun classes Most Handsome Dog, Prettiest Bitch, Golden Oldie, The Odd Couple, Best Fancy Dressed, Best in Show taken from Pedigree and Novelty classes and Best Overall Rescue. Entry for all these classes is on the day at the Companion Show Table. During the Lunch Break there will be the Special Stakes Classes, Junior Handling open to all our younger enthusiasts and a game of Musical Mats organised for those salukis (and handlers) who want to join in - sounds like fun.

There will be trade stands, The Saluki magazine and the Calendar on sale. Welfare will have their normal tables and there will be a cake stall – donation welcome.

There will be refreshments available all day or bring your own packed lunch. Parking is FREE.

So what can you do to help? Firstly put the date in your diaries. Then tell all your saluki friends and your family. Tell those who have your puppies and their families. You don't have to be members of the SGHC. This day is for ALL SALUKI'S and their friends. If you require any information or offers of help please contact Brendan Austin, 01932 788 040 brendangaustin@aol.com Nicola Quadling, 020 8590 8457 nq.salukis@btinternet.com

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 11TH AUGUST 2013.

Daphne Parnham has sent the following "The Rally at Rosie and Chris Lewis' made a total of £827.00. We thank everyone who supported us and hope that they enjoyed the weekend. At the 90th celebrations the Welfare stall made a total of £188.00 many thanks to all, it is much appreciated."

I have received a copy of the Northern Saluki Club Open Show schedule which will be held on 22nd September 2013. Judging will be Mr David Lever. Mr Lever was an original member of the Saluki Circle and the Northern Saluki Club. He has a long time interest in the breed and his first Saluki was an Aliped from Avril Davies. Entries close on Friday 23 August both on postal and online. Schedules can be obtained from Andrew Sharp on 01274 564840 or through Higham Press.

South Eastern Hound Club Premier Open Show is on the 1st September 2013 and the entries are closing, on line, on Tuesday 13th August. Judging us will be Mr David Cavill. There is a large classification of classes and they are being sponsored by the SGHC. Beside the breed classes there is a good selection of variety classes, which are fun to enter. After judging there will be the "annual bring and share lunch" Through the years this has become a highlight of the show. Please let Marie Bryce-Smith on telephone number 01342 327573 or Kathy Webb on telephone 01737353279 know what you intend to bring.

Maya Monk-Schenk has sent the following through regarding health education at the Kennel Club "**KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES BREEDER EDUCATION SEMINARS WITH EXPERT PANEL** A new programme of seminars will provide dog breeders with the latest advice from prominent industry experts on improving breeding practices and rearing programmes.

Run by the Kennel Club and Royal Canin, the seminars will give breeders the invaluable opportunity to hear from highly regarded professionals in the world of canine health. The experts include Dr Cathryn Mellersh, from the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the Animal Health Trust, Dr Angelika von Heimendahl, from the Veterinary Reproduction Service, and Dr Lorna Kennedy, Senior Scientist at the University of Manchester. The seminars, which will take place throughout England and Scotland between September and December, are open to novice and experienced breeders alike. The panel will guide breeders through topics such as avoiding caesareans, identifying a good DNA test and dealing with autoimmune conditions.

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club Secretary said: "We are pleased to offer these important seminars that will undoubtedly help to improve the future health of our dogs. With such a prestigious panel of speakers, the seminars are a not to be missed opportunity for all dog breeders, whether they are looking to breed for the first time or have years of experience; even the most experienced breeders will find these seminars useful.

"The Kennel Club is passionate about creating a future of happy and health dogs and it is through seminars like these, and working with breeders that we will continue to

achieve this. We have thousands of great breeders on the Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme who are putting health first, and through seminars like these they, and those breeders not yet in the Assured Breeder Scheme, are able to take advantage of the latest expert advice and continue to improve the health of dogs.”

The seminars cost £25 per person, which includes morning refreshments, a buffet lunch, afternoon refreshments and a delegate pack. To book a place at any of the seminars, please visit www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/4998. For further information, or to request a booking form, please email Fay Moore

At fay.moore@thekennelclub.org.uk DATE VENUE SPEAKER PROGRAMME
28th September 2013 Royal Veterinary College, North Mimms,
Hertfordshire Speaker One: John O'Connor - Canine gastro-intestinal issues
Speaker Two: Angelika Von Heimendahl - Good breeding management: money well spent and money wasted
Speaker Three: Dr Lucy Davison - What's new in our understanding of why and how dogs get diabetes?

My co-writer of these Breed Notes, Helen Graham, has mentioned her concerns regarding the falling number of entries at shows. I too am aware and personally play a part in the decline. The price of one entry to some shows is nigh on £30.00. So if you have two dogs to enter, which many of us do it's £60.00 as the basic entry fee. Add on the price of a catalogue, maybe car parking and the luxury of a cup of coffee and you are talking serious money, plus you need to travel there so fuel costs have to be added in. Thus a day out at a show can easily cost around £150.00. With everyday items such as food, utilities, and fuel all going up at the same time as wages are often stationary (or even depreciating), we are having to make hard thought decisions on where we spend any funds we may have left beyond our living expenses. Fortunately, I can see that in Salukis there is a hard core of exhibitors who seem able to attend the shows, regardless of distance and irrespective of cost. Others choose to attend shows closer to home and are much more selective as to whom they show under.

This is not just a problem here, as show entries in the States have also gone down with the increase in the cost of living and earnings not being able to keep abreast of it. Where this will all lead I have no idea.

I have just been informed that Richmond Championship Show will be offering free micro-chips. That is good news.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 2ND AUGUST 2013

David Hartley has sent through to me the following information regarding his annual walk in aid of Saluki Welfare funds. It will be held on Saturday 14th September starting from St. Peter's Methodist Church, Riley Street, Earby; (Between Colne in Lancs & Skipton in Yorkshire). It is open to all breeds. Non showing and rescue Saluki owners, especially welcomed: The plan is to meet at the church at 10am -11am for tea/coffee. At 11.15 walk in surrounding countryside led by members of the local walking group. The long version is about 5 miles. Turn back version about 2 miles. 1.15-ish Time to eat your packed lunch, chill, or visit the pub. Tea and biscuits provided at Church. 2.30 pm ish, Simple Saluki quiz, fun classes sponsored by Cobbydog Dog photo competition, raffle etc. and Presentation of Trophy for Best in Walk. New for 2013 is Meet my Dog Competition: this means introduce your dog and tell his/her story to the audience in 2mins or less. At 4.30 pm the famous Fish and Chip Tea .Cost is £7 per dog in aid of Welfare Funds. Fish and chips (at cost) are £4.00 extra. For further information please contact David James Hartley, Riverside, 3 Greenbank, Schoolfields, Earby, Lancs BB18 6QQ . Telephone number for David is 01282 842617 or Email: davidjhartley@hotmail.com

Last weekend was the highlight of the celebrations of the 90th anniversary of the SGHC. The event was organized on behalf of the Club by Diana Allan, Brendan Austin, Anji Jackson-Main and Nicola Quadling. Unfortunately we were unable to attend on Saturday the first day, but Ann Shimmin has kindly sent the following report through:

“When Helen asked me to give recollections of the Saturday of the 90th Anniversary weekend (as she had not been able to attend) I readily agreed. However once I started to think about all of the events it was not as easy as I had originally thought. Which do you prioritise? The Classic Dog Show? The Dinner Dance? Or even the arrangements that had been made by the organisers and the hotel staff? All of which as far as Paul and I were concerned were excellent and would have been very difficult to better. However after some consideration I decided to prioritise the competition – as at the end of the day ‘competition’ had been behind the founding of the SGHC 90 years ago and ‘competition’ over the Saturday and Sunday was what had brought the majority of those present together in the first instance.

The Saluki Classic was run on the lines of a dog match with two salukis being drawn against one another, one of whom was judged to be the winner and who then went on to the next round. The judges, whose names had been kept under wraps until the moment The Classic started, were: Tessa Abbott (Burydown), Anne McIntosh (Cottonore) and John Walton-Haddon (Ilsham). All of them associated with long established saluki affixes. All three judges were involved in the judging both of the sections of the competition. (Before I progress to the actual competitions I must mention several of the exhibitors who looked exceedingly smart having taken the opportunity to dress up for the event – giving it all an added air of class!!) 15 salukis

aged 12 months to 24 months on the day of the show made up the entry for **YOUNG SALUKI CLASSIC**. The overall winner was Khalils Allegra-Classicus (IMP SWE) JW ShCM bred by Bo Forssberg & Elizabeth Kallin-Forssberg and owned by Mary Parker. Runner-up was Alsahra Aslan Bedu bred by Sue Bounds and owned by Liz Stephen.

56 salukis made up the entry for **SALUKI CLASSIC**. This section included all salukis aged over 2 years. (Salukis eliminated in the first round were called in to compete for a special Classic Award and there was also a special Classic Veteran award for salukis over 7 years). The overall winner of The Saluki Classic was Ch Caryna Meilichia ShCM bred by Mrs. Denise Garratt and owned by her in partnership with Sharon Oakey and Mrs Karen Smith. The Runner-Up and winner of Best Veteran was awarded to Kasra Ni'mah of Glenoak bred by Pauline and Don Everton and owned by Lisa & John Hudson. Jazirat Zidane was Runner up to Best Veteran - bred by Ken and Diana Allan and owned by Terry Farris and Mike Cosentini. Terry, looking very fetching in an all white outfit against her black saluki, took the award for 'Best Dressed Duo of handler and hound'. Whilst I had initially been concerned about the time allowed for the completion of The Classic - in response to tight control by the organisers it finished in good time at circa 6.15 pm.

This gave everyone the chance to retire to their rooms and prepare for the evening festivities which were to involve a dinner dance with live music from Take Two. The food was excellent, the band were very good and kept everyone involved and I believe that the auction (very ably conducted by Stuart Bell assisted by Di Allan and Brendan Austin) raised a substantial amount towards the costs of the 90th Celebrations however I do not, at this stage, know the exact amount. The main memory that has stayed with me from the evening is how much everyone enjoyed themselves. The noise from the tables of people sitting together seemed to consist mainly of laughter and the number of people dancing and prepared to (shall I say involve themselves in the activities?) in other words make a complete idiot of themselves was refreshing and very amusing. SGHC members and their guests certainly knew how to party!! And what better note to end my report to Helen on the day's activities!!"

We did attend the activities on Sunday which was the SGHC Championship Show. The event was held in the grounds of the Holiday Inn, Rugby. When we arrived we received a pleasant surprise as we saw the hotel and beautiful spacious grounds. Set in the middle was the marquee where we were able to drive our car up to a convenient spot, park it and unload it. There was more than adequate space for us to erect our "day" tent just in case it became too hot. As it happened the temperature was just about perfect for holding a dog show. The day was indeed blessed as we had been dealing with 30 degrees plus, which would have been very difficult for the dogs. Inside the marquee there were numerous trade stands, plus the annual photographic competition to vote on for next year's calendar. Everyone seemed very relaxed, but maybe they were just hung over from the night before.

Judges were Dr John Hudson proceeding over the dogs with Paul Shimmin doing the same for bitches. Best in Show judge was Nicola Quadling. John Hudson chose for his

DCC, Caroline & John Owen's Caryna Curetes for his first CC. He was born on the 14th November 2008 and his breeder is Mrs Denise Garratt. His sire is Ch Glenoak Inqi JW and his dam is Ch Caryna Nashira. RDCC went to Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi's Early Dusk JW Sh CM 10th March 2010. His Sire was Ch Tadj Mahal Emrani Izan (imp) dam Abu Baqr's Gaza Galiya. Best puppy and Best Puppy in Show was Marie Bryce Smith's Kasaque Ra Frankel of Saruk TAF NAF. He was born on 21st January 2013. His sire is Int Ch Rostam Al Badia and dam Ch Kasaque Miracle. He was six months old on the day. Best Veteran and Best Opposite Sex Veteran was Annette & Brian Buckley's Ch Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM. He was born on 27 August 2005. His sire is Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW and dam, was Ch Mumtaz Desdemona.

BCC, Best in Show went to the sister of the DCC winner, namely Ch Caryna Meilichia Sh CM owned by Denise Garratt, Sharon Oakey and Karen Smith with the RBCC and Best Veteran in Show to Kathy Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. Nuray's sire is Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni and Dam, Al Caliphs Zanubiya. Best Bitch puppy and Best of Opposite sex puppy was the sister of the dog winner, our own & Steve, Jenny & Laura Macro's Kasaque Raissa. Best Special Veteran went to Ch Jazirat Zakiyyah sired by Ch Timaru Valkyrie of Jazirat and dam Jazirat Shazaara JW. owned by Ken and Diana Allan. Well done all!!!

Brendan Austin has sent the following announcement: "Sorting through all the paperwork from the weekend, I have a raffle prize left from the Saluki Classic on Saturday. It is a pale green ticket with the serial number AB 731745, ticket number 755. The prize is a nights accommodation at the Holiday Inn, Crick either Friday, Saturday or Sunday, Bed Breakfast and Dinner for two. If it is not claimed it will go forward to the Open Show in October. Please contact Brendan 01932 788040" or Email brendangaustin@aol.com

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 12TH JULY 2013.

We are sad to report the death of Philip Browning on the 1st July 2013 after a long and bravely fought illness. He was a quiet and gentle man who served as President of the SGHC, during the Festival of the Saluki, with great pride, in spite of his illness. Philip obtained his first Saluki, a male, from Eileen Skelton-Fortune. He was called Black Beauty of Daxlore (Marathon of Daxlore X Rebecca of Daxlore) born in 1961. Later, at one of the Saluki Club Open Shows, when it was held at Kempton Park, in conjunction with the Arab horse show, that Philip met Caroline sitting beside the ring watching the Salukis. She eventually became his wife and partner in the Rabia Salukis. The foundation bitch of Philip's line was Bjonarrie Athene (Ch Knightellington Caspah X Bjonarrie Ferial) . His last Saluki who was a direct descendant of his foundation bitch. Rabia Atafa Kharifi, was born in 1998. He was so proud when she became a champion. Philip had been judging our breed since 1970 where his first appointment was at Bath Championship Show. Our condolences to Caroline and their Children.

Brendan Austin has sent in the following regarding the climax of the 90th Anniversary year: "[Celebration Weekend](#) The Saluki Celebration Weekend is almost upon us. The

final details are now in place and I am pleased to pass on the following. The venue is the Holiday Inn, Crick, Rugby. Turn off the M1 at junction 18, turn towards Crick and the hotel is 200 yards on the left. The Saluki Classic is on Saturday 20th July. The event opens at 2.00pm, the draw and judging start at 3.00pm sharp. There will be complementary tea and coffee available.

Visitors and non-exhibitors are more than welcome to attend, but dogs entered not for competition (NFC) must be registered, as this is a KC event, there is no charge. Please report to the Show Managers' Table to register if you have not already done so. Spectator tickets are £3.00 each. Exhibitors will be given a complementary catalogue. There will be additional copies available at £5.00 on the day. The Classic Dinner will be held in the Albany Suite 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Dinner will be a hot buffet style meal with vegetarian options and includes a glass of wine. During the evening there will be a presentation to our Classic Judges, the Classic Auction, the raffle draw and dancing until midnight to Take Two. Diana Allan will have the tickets on the day for those who have booked.

We have some wonderful gifts that have been donated for the Classic Auction, the details and photographs are on the Club's web site. If you are unable to come to the Classic and would like to put in a bid then please contact Diana on 01234 708658. Please note that some items have a reserve on them. Our Championship Show is on Sunday 21st July and the entries are: Dogs 43, Bit 65, NFC 27 making a total of 147 including all entries. The Show opens at 9.00am and dogs will be first in the ring at 10.00am, followed by Bitches. There will be a BBQ lunch provided by the hotel at reasonable prices and refreshments are available all day. If you prefer, you can bring your own picnic and enjoy the lawns. There is seating available on both days, but if you have a favourite deck chairs or rugs then please bring them with you.

Can I at this time remind all members that this is a private venue. Dogs must be on leads at all times and we have given an undertaking to the Hotel that all rubbish and dog waste is cleared away immediately. 'On the Day' telephone numbers are Brendan 07956 630094 and Nicola 07831 876143

Also, this is the last weekend for photos to be emailed to brendangaustin@aol.com for the Photographic Competition.

Annette Buckley would like me to inform those attending the celebration that some ladies at the dinner/dance on the Saturday after The Saluki Classic will be getting into the swing of things and dressing in the fashion of the 1920s era, which after all is what we are celebrating. If anybody would like to join these ladies in the fun, do please come dressed appropriately in smart outfits befitting the era.

Last Saturday at East Of England Championship Show another leg of the Anniversary was held with a bring and share picnic hosted by Diana Allan. We were not in attendance but from all I have heard it was a most enjoyable event. There was a great

assortment of interesting food with Caroline Pickering making cup cakes with the 90th logo on top of the icing. Toasting the club went well into the afternoon.

Judging Salukis was Mrs Clair Chryssolor. Her BCC, BOB was Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM with the RBCC to Lisa & John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW. DCC went to Ann & Paul Shimmin's Ch Hisilome's I Am Iceman Med Cranstal with RDCC to Lisa & John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kiyon JW. Best Puppy was Paul and Ann Shimmins' Hisilome's Keepsake (ImpSwe). Well done all!!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 5TH JULY 2013.

A big thank you to Annette Buckley and the team at "Our Dogs" for the wonderful article and photos in last weeks copy of the paper. They captured the enjoyment of the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the SGHC held at Southern Counties Show. One person that was not mentioned and was invaluable in helping me with the graphics for the banner, the leaflet and a shoulder to lean on, is Jenny Macro. Thank you Jenny!!

Last Friday Windsor Championship Show was held. Unfortunately we could not go as we have a puppy at home. She would be horrified if we went out and left her so long so we must wait for her to be old enough to attend the shows, which will not be long.

I have heard that there was a "wee" celebration after the judging to celebrate Vikki-ann Tompkins success at the Arabian Event. Vikki-ann stated that it is her first show since the event so has did not have a chance earlier to celebrate. Also on the day I understand that Kathy Webb held a raffle which did very well.

Judging Salukis was Breed Specialist Neil Stanmore. DCC, BOB was Lisa & John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kiyon JW with the RDCC to Lorraine & John Fitzgerald and Sheryl Steer's Tasia Moonshine Over Dawnchase JE Sh, CM. BCC went to Lorraine & John Fitzgerald and Sheryl Steer's Glenoak Kira of Fernlark with RBCC to Denise & Ian Rogers' Lebakan Laroix. Best Puppy was Karen Fisher's Ruweis Taghaada. Well done all!!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 28TH JUNE 2013.

Last Thursday evening we watched a program entitled "Cowboy Traders" with Dominic Littlewood and Melinda Messenger who featured a puppy farmer in Sussex. The whole story of the poor exploited dogs and the people who went to buy these puppies from ads in the papers and on line was very sad listening. As long as people feel sorry for the dogs and buy them, then the perpetrators are making money. They play on one's heartstrings. When looking for a puppy if you are not happy how the puppies are kept or the condition they are in, then the best thing to do is to say you will think about it, leave and report them to the local Council or/and RSPCA. A friend recently lost his Saluki and desperately wanted to find another. All his contacts were not having puppies at that time so he went to the Kennel Club web site and found an "Assured Breeder", which he felt would be an appropriate person to purchase a puppy. Turning up at the house he was taken to a shed in the back garden where the puppies lived. They chose a male and took him away. After a few days the male became ill and had to be rushed

off to the vets, put on a drip and they were told their lovely puppy had a life threatening problem. He was full of round worms as he had not been wormed. The puppy did survive but my message would be to visit the puppies a few times before purchasing and made sure the "breeder" has a good reputation. A place to start would be with the secretary of the whatever breed Club or in our case The Saluki Club..

Daphne and Nick Parnam have informed me that Rhumli Khahesh Sahab of Amirah went BOB under Mrs Pam Wild and then Best in Show under the BIS Judge Mrs Judith Ashworth, not bad for only 14 month old. They are very proud of her.

Last Saturday Blackpool Championship Show was held. Judging Salukis was Mr Mark Coccozza. DCC, BOB was Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM owned by Jeanette & Alan Glaister and Mary Parker, who I might state is having an excellent year. RDCC went to Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark owned by Sheryl Steer, Lorraine and John Fitzgerald and Luke Johnson. BCC was Glenoak Kira of Fernlark owned by Sheryl Steer and John and Lorraine Fitzgerald. This is the third sibling to obtain their title from this litter. Kira was born on 11th April 2010 and her breeders are Dr JA & Mrs EA Hudson. Her sire is Ch Fernlark Alsace JW and dam Ch Kasra Tahira Glenoak JW. RBCC went to Mary Parker's Classicus Concorrdia JW Sh CM. Best Puppy was Mrs Edge's Dawn Queen and Best Breeder: Steer. Well done all

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 15TH JUNE 2013

Liz Metcalf has informed me that Betty Davies is very unwell and in the hospital; for those of you who do not know her, she is one-half of the very successful Chandav Kennel, along with Vivian Davies.

As many of you are aware, Trevor White has been very ill with cancer. Zola Rawson has contacted me to let me know that on the 29th May Trevor passed away peacefully in his sleep. It was expected. Judith has family and friends with her and at this time would prefer no phone calls. By the time you will have read these notes the cremation will have taken place but donations are welcomed in Trevor's name to The Christie Charity, Young Oncology Unit Appeal, Winslow Road, Manchester M20 4BX or to Saluki Welfare. If sending the donations is complicated, Judith has suggested that one could make a cheque payable to Christie Charity You with the amount in a sealed envelope and send it to her (Judith); she will then pass it on to the charity - that way she need not know who sent it but the Charity would add up the amounts and give her the total. Judith's address is 20 Green Lane, Bolton, Lancs BL3 2EF and cheques to be made to Christie Charity YOU.

Congratulations to Nick Bryce-Smith who has been re-elected Vice-Chairman of the KC Breeds Liaison Committee. This Committee is the route by which Breed Clubs can direct their concerns, whether about the breed or about dogs in general, to the Kennel Club. Each breed appoints a Representative and the Representatives elect 30 Delegates from their number to form the Breeds Liaison Committee. Nick has served

the Saluki breed for twelve years as Representative and Delegate, and for three years now as Vice Chairman.

Maya Monk-Schenk has asked me to remind everyone to please fill in their health questionnaires. So far she has had a poor response and it is important that we receive more data in order to get more accurate results. Even though the deadline has passed, the late returns will be included in the results.

Daphne Parnham thanks everyone for supporting Welfare Fun Day at the polo centre, Kingsclere. The final total made was £586.00 and the Northern Saluki Club Open Show made £130.00.

Congratulations to Buzz Faber's Ch Sufeina Zarita on winning enough Green Stars in Ireland to qualify for an Irish Championship.

Due to pressure of work I am a little behind in reporting the results of shows. First one was Scottish Kennel Club and judging us was Mrs Jill Peak. DCC, BOB was Jeannette and Alan Glaister & Mrs Mary Parker's Classicus Cassander JW, Sh CM

with RDCC to Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW owned by Sheryl Steer, Mr LA Johnson and Mr J & Mrs L Fitzgerald. BCC for her 2nd CC was Glenoak Kira of Fernlark owned by Sheryl Steer and Mr J & Mrs L Fitzgerald with RBCC to Ir Ch Fernlark Nardini at Daandazi JW Sh CM owned by Mrs G Cook & Mr A Burtenshaw. Best Puppy was Miss L Phillips' Ruweis Thamiin. Breeders group: Steer.

Festivities for the 90th Anniversary celebrations of the SGHC are now in full swing. Last weekend we had the Southern Counties Championship Show in which classes were sponsored by the Club. The entry was amazingly high for Breed Specialist Dagmar Hintzenberg-Freisleben who had come over from Germany to assess our breed. In the next few weeks her critique will be published and we will have better insight into what she felt regarding the entry in its entirety and the winning dogs in particular. As I liaised between the club and the Committee, I was crossing my fingers that all would go well; in fact the night before I had slept with one eye open worrying whether I would have a table to display all the lovely "special items" donated by Club members. When I arrived at the show, in the morning, I found all was well except there was "no" table for the goodies. Fortunately, our 20 year plus old picnic table, was in the back of the car and it happily leant itself to the task - many thanks to Phyllida Cooke for helping me dress the table at the very last minute with the Club's tablecloth and a Saluki rug on top (wish I had taken a photo) . Many thanks to Arden Grange for donating dog treats to the class winners and large bags of food for the top winners. Diana Allan made the lovely tags in each mug and thank you Ann & Paul Shimmin for the gorgeous intriguing bag with a gift for BOB. Everyone gave most generously and all classes and BOB were sponsored. Standing proudly near our table was the Club's banner; if you have missed it, you can see it at all the Anniversary events this year. The results are as follows: BCC, BOB went to Kathy Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray with the RBCC to Clair Chryssolor's Gemini Jeu D'Esprit for Anasazi (imp) Sh CM, DCC went to

Jeannette and Alan Glaister & Mrs Mary Parker's Classicus Cassander JW, Sh CM with the RDCC to Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW owned by Deborah Copperthwaite. Best Puppy was Karen Fisher's Ruweis Taghaada and Breeder's Group Steer.

Part two of the event was the Barbeque with music. "The Saluki", the magazine of the club, hosted the barbeque and all were welcomed to join in for a burger and salad accompanied by the music of the band "The Subtitles" run by our own David Steel, a member of the SGHC - fronting the group as a special attraction was David's son. After a busy day around the show ring, relaxing with a plate of food and music was just what the doctor ordered. For pudding, we indulged in strawberries and baklava thanks to Jimmi Johnson White. A few of the ladies of the Club dressed up in clothing as would have been worn in 1923 when the SGHC was first founded. There are photos on www.salukiclub.co.uk and www.benitafowerimages.co.uk. plus there will be a feature shortly in this paper on 28th of this month. As evening arrived we started the match, judged by Hamad Ghanem Shaheen Al Ghanem of United Arab Emirates. Annette Buckley will be reporting on the winners later in these notes. As an overview, all the classes in the match were well filled and everyone had a super time. I would like to thank Annette Buckley, Karen Fisher and Kathy Webb for all their hard work making SCCS a day to remember, and Marie Bryce-Smith for the Veteran's sausages.

Clair Chryssolor has kindly sent through her comments regarding our special day - 'one of those rare and glorious days which was perfect for salukis in the show ring; sunny, a bit of cloud cover and a light wind which kept them on their toes'. The atmosphere ring side was celebratory not the least reason of which was the entry of 103 salukis, the best in ages. Our international saluki specialist, Dagmar Hintzenberg-Freisleben, was efficient, quick but thorough and, I think, enjoyed the day as much as the exhibitors did. A highlight was mugs with the Anniversary logo designed by Ken Allan. Other exhibitors generously gave fabulous flashy rosettes.

Our judge for the Arabian afternoon was Hamad Ghanem Shaheen al Ghanem, who flew in especially for this Special Event was at the main show with close friends. The barbecue, organized by various saluki members and contributors over, I'm sure, a great period of time, had an atmosphere of friendship, camaraderie, sharing, and, for me, a return to days when we all used to share picnics and the odd glass of wine (or two). A ring, suitable for salukis, had been mowed and gave everyone a chance to really move out with the dogs. This was after the barbecue and "starter mood" music and wine (okay, there were soft drinks and water). Hamad judged as he might in the Middle East and chose his salukis according to his own extensive background in the breed. If only every show could be as happy and filled with good will, then there would never, ever be any complaints."

Annette Buckley has forwarded the following regarding our Special Day: The Arabian Saluki Special Event

At the breed Open Show in 2011, when I was show manager for our club, Hamad AlGhanem generously donated prizes for the top five awards and winners of every

class. It was a short while after this show, that Hamad phoned me to offer his services to judge at a Special Arabian Event after our championship show judging later in the year; however it was felt that as this show is held mid October and finishes very late in the day, it would not be suitable for his contest, particularly as he hoped to hold it outside! The committee discussed various ideas such as an Arabian Garden Party in a member's garden, or combining it with our breed Open Show 90th Celebrations this year, but all these suggestions fell by the wayside for one reason or another. When Helen Williams told me she was looking for an event to follow the breed judging at Southern Counties Championship Show, I realised that perhaps this would be the ideal vehicle to at last bring Hamad over from the United Arab Emirates to assess our Salukis with the eyes of an Arabian Saluki judge. Karen Fisher is Hamad's agent in this country and co-ordinated the pre-planning arrangements; we are indebted to The Saluki magazine for funding this project and bringing the hoped-for event to fruition.

Luck was on our side with the return of warmer weather which enabled exhibitors, their family and friends to enjoy a relaxed evening in the late sunshine, listening to the music of David Steel's band The Sub-titles and partaking of the delicious barbecue food and the Arabian pastries and strawberries for dessert.

After this much needed break in the day's busy schedule, it was time to welcome Hamad AlGhanem to the ring to judge fifty entries in The Arabian Saluki Special Event. His judging was watched by not only our own breed members but also dog enthusiasts from other breeds - news of Hamad's presence on the showground quickly circulated the exhibitors around the rings and people came over to enjoy a unique experience. One lady in Basenjjs said she is submitting a write-up of the event to her breed newsletter as she found it so fascinating. Our breed judge, Dagmar, joined the audience, as did Dr Paolo Dondina from Italy, the hound group judge on the day, along with judges Jill Knight-Messenger and Chris Payne, well known to many club members.

There were six classes in total, Yearling, Open and Veteran in both dogs and bitches. Overall Best Special Event winner, Vicky-ann Tompkins took this award with her home-bred Saluki, Sivendra Abishai, and achieved a 'double whammy' by also winning Best Puppy with Galif Sivendra Al Djiibaajah (Imp Deu). Reserve Special Event winner was won by Glenoak Keziah, owned and handled by Mrs. Tree Smith and bred by Dr. John and Mrs Lisa Hudson, with Best Veteran going to Ch Nefisa Jeevun ShCM, owner bred by Steve and Jenny Macro.

Full details of the first three placements in each class can be viewed on the club's website www.salukiclub.co.uk. You can also view photos of the whole day's proceedings on the SCCA official photographer's website www.benitagowerimages.co.uk and insert 'Saluki' for the password to access the pages. If you have not yet taken a photo/caption advert for either show at the special price of £20 in the special feature 'Winners Gallery' page in Our Dogs to be published 28th June, and wish to do so, you will need to act quickly by contacting me onannette@saluki.plus.com asking for a submission form which you can read in order to give me the necessary information by email and I will complete the form on your behalf

and send it off to book your place. You can use your own photo if wished, and your cheque made payable to Our Dogs can be sent to me to follow soon after your order. Any queries please ring me 01424 830361. Final date for submission is Friday 14th June.

Feedback from those people who attended the celebrations at Southern Counties showground, suggests that the whole day was a resounding success, and the messages of thanks have been much appreciated by the team who worked hard to offer an enjoyable experience. The 'team' was led by Helen Williams and consisted of Karen Fisher, Kathy Webb, Annette Buckley and their respective long-suffering husbands, who were called in at the last minute to help erect the ring and marquee for the evening's event.

Husband Brian was persuaded to wear an Arabian costume and friend, Ann Shimmin, sportingly donned a 1920s black and white outfit to join me in a similar coloured dress and cloche hat to enter into the spirit of the day. I didn't realise how similar Brian looked to Lawrence of Arabia until I heard Hamad call over 'Come here, Lawrence'!

Hamad used a slightly different style of judging to that followed in this country and as mentioned earlier a full report on the event will be published with photos later this month in Our Dogs. Hamad certainly had an affinity with the breed and treated all the dogs with such gentleness and understanding. He was also very generous with his gifts to the winning owners, giving them colourful leads, story books, packs of posters and cards, and beautiful canvas prints of Salukis in the desert - items that I am sure will be treasured by the recipients for many years. The canvas print from Hamad that Rocco won in 2011 has been framed professionally and sits in pride of place over his trophies here in my study, where I see and enjoy it every day.

Saturday at Newbury was a long day but I feel that most everybody went on their way happy and content that they had taken part in a 'once-in-a-lifetime occasion' - this was an expression used by Vicky-ann describing her memories of the day's events. If anybody had a long journey to and from the shows, I doubt if it was longer than that of Vicky-ann and her companions - over 12 hours travel each way! When you go home with two major wins under your belt, adrenalin kicks in and you run on fresh air! Well done to Vicky-ann and all the place winners at The Arabian Saluki Special Event, and most heartfelt thanks to Hamad AlGhanem for honouring us with his expert knowledge in judging our precious Salukis. Thank you all for your continued support of our club's activities.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 24TH MAY 2013

Events for the SGHC 90th Anniversary are in full swing. Yesterday Michael and I called into the Welfare Day at Kingsclere. It was a beautifully sunny day which suited the dogs, who were having a wonderful time chasing the lure. The venue where the event

was held is just beautiful with vistas to the Wayfarers Walk and the famous Watership Downs. Everyone was relaxed and chatting with each other. Keeping on the theme of the Anniversary, Brendan Austin has asked me to mention that closing date for entries to the "Classic" is 31st May. Diana Allan would like everyone to liaise with her on the Bring and Share at East of England Show. Please let her know what you will be bringing. Her telephone number is 01234 708658 or email: jazirat@btinternet.com. And of course we will see you all at Southern Counties Championship show where our judge, Dagmar Hintzenberg-Freisleben has a great entry of 103 Salukis.

On a less high note John Hudson has sent the following information " I have just been getting the Annual Returns ready for the Kennel Club and have found an old covering letter that I last used when I was Secretary previously.; The letter was dated 18th May 2004 and the number of members of the SGHC reported to the Kennel Club was at that time 351. Currently our membership is 254"

This past week I received the The Kennel Club's Breed Records Supplements for spring 2013. They are always riveting reading. For new registrations there were 20 puppies from 3 litters. One of those litters of 7 puppies was from a fringed breeder. There were 7 importations..Ali Fu'Ad imported from Italy bred by Mrs T Benedetti and now owned by Ms S A Steer. Barbey Bamjoeh Kenzo bred by Mrs D Barbey & Mr Kellogg, imported from Bermuda and owned by Mr S & Mrs A Ham. Galifa Sivendra Al Djibaajah bred by Mrs S Horn, imported from Germany and owned by Mr V A Tompkins. Hislome's Kareef, bred by Mrs M A Axelsson imported from Sweden and owned by Mrs AK & Mr BW Buckley. Hislome's Keepsake for Cranstal, imported from Sweden bred by Mrs MA Axelsson owned by Mr P & Mrs A Shimmin. Jasmine imported from Italy, bred by Mrs T Benedett, owned by Ms S Steer. Kaukab Djaal Lhilal at Ulmarra imported from Republic of Ireland, bred by Messr M Van Thienen & S De Decker. There were two export pedigrees, one to Israel and one to Canada. One Champion Certificate to Glenoak Kiyam and One Certificate of Merit to Gemini Jeu D;Esprit for Anasazi (imp USA).

Birmingham National Dog Show was recently held with Mr Arthur Spencer-Bolland judging. His BCC, BOB winner her third and qualifying CC was Don & Pauline Everton's Kasra Tabina. She was born on 23rd November 2005 and her breeders are her owners. Her sire is Ch Glenoak Inqi JW and her dam Ch Kasra Nadirah. RBCC went to Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM owned by Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith. DCC was Ch Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM owned by Jeanette & Alan Glaister and Mary Parker. RDCC to Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark owned by Sheryl Steer, Lorraine and John Fitzgerald and Luke Johnson. Best Puppy was Ali 'Fu'Ad of Fernlark owned by Sheryl Steer. Best Breeders Group was Hudson.

Well done all!!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 17TH MAY 2013.

Southern Counties Championship Show is not far off now. The "Saluki" magazine of the SGHC has requested that I let them know how many people will be staying for the Barbeque for purpose of arranging the catering. So I would appreciate emails at kasaque565@gmail or telephone 01635 268269 to pre-book your tickets. There is no charge for these tickets and I will not be sending them out but they will be picked up, from me, at the show. Also a reminder while we will be providing food and entertainment, please bring your own tipples along.

John Hudson, Hon Sec for the SGGC has sent the following regarding their last Committee meeting: "Last Saturday – the Committee was sorry to receive Phyllida Cooke's resignation – she is needed at home – and very pleased to have Michael Williams' company once again.

There was a long discussion about the vacant positions within the Club. Vicky-Ann Tompkins will be taking over the Newsletter after Ann Shimmins retires at the end of the year, and Michael McCormick-Smith will be doing the next Yearbook. Andrea Ireson has offered to do the printing for the Club, and she also has put herself forward for the Show Manager role at the Limited Show next year.

A new scheme for the award of the colour trophies at Club Shows was agreed; the details will appear in the next Newsletter. And it was decided to have a Special Champions Class at the Open Show next October. This is a stand-alone class with a separate judge, open to Champions only, which does not affect the challenge for Best in Show.

Finally, the Committee expressed its gratitude to the former President, Peter Yardley, for all the work he did for the Club, and elected him to Honorary Membership.

As a matter of information, the Club website was unavailable for several days recently owing to confusion over payments. It appears to be up and running now and Lorraine Fitzgerald continues to nurture it. Best wishes, John"

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 10TH MAY 2013

For those of you that have been waiting for the next edition of The Saluki Book of English Champions, you will have to wait a bit longer. Mary Parker has written to say that it has been decided by Ann Birrell and herself that the next Saluki Book of English Champions will be published every ten years. Therefore the next Champions book will be produced in 2016.

A reminder from Maya Monk-Schenk "Please do not forget to complete the Saluki Health Survey questionnaire and return it to the Breed Health Coordinator, which is Maya. even if your dogs have not been ill, we would like to know, as this will help the statistics"

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKEND 4TH MAY 2013

Brendan G Austin has sent the following: " The 90th Celebrations go up a gear with two important events taking place in May. Firstly the Saluki Welfare Fund are holding their Lure Coursing and Fun Day on Saturday 18th at the BSFA, Kingsclere Newbury. There will be Welfare and Cake stalls (donations accepted); please bring your own picnic lunch. This is an ideal day out for all members, families and their friends.

Secondly is the Kennel Club Archive Visit, which is on Friday 24th May. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who has not been to the Kennel Club's building in Clarges Street and visited their Library and seen the Saluki Archives. There will be much on display for this event. The day will be very relaxed you can arrive from mid-morning. Lunch will include wine and coffee at £22.50. Tickets must be pre-booked (cheques made out to the SGHC), and are available from Marie Bryce-Smith 01342 327573. The deadline for tickets is Monday 13th May.

Looking a little further forward we have the Southern Counties Championship Show on 1st June, Sponsored by the SGHC. Details from Helen Williams on 01635 268269.

Also, the Peterborough Championship Show with Bring and Share Lunch on Saturday 6th July, details from Diana Allan on 01234 708658."

We have just heard from the Kennel club and we now have the go-ahead for the following: After the breed judging a further Special Event has been added to our agenda to take place immediately after the barbecue It is a Arabian Saluki Special Event. Judge is Hamad Ghanem Shaheen AlGhanem Director, Breeder & Registrar General of Saluki of Arabia United Arab Emirates. Entries to be taken on the day.

The SGHC web site has been shut down for a few days. It will soon be restored and the Committee apologizes for any inconvenience it may of caused

Last Monday I received quite a few calls letting me know about the results of the Northern Saluki Club Show which was held on the previous day. A big thank you to Kevin Carter, who sent us a marked up catalogue. Judging was the well know hound Specialist Keith Thornton. DCC, BIS went to Ch Baghdad Karim (imp) Sh CM owned by the Ham, Bockman-Chato, Elliot-Ross partnership with the RDCC to his newly crowned son, Ch Classicus Cassander JW, Sh CM owned by Mrs J & Mr A Glaister and Mrs M Parker. BCC went to Mrs D Garratt, Miss S Oakey and Mrs K Smith's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM with the RBCC to Ms S Steer & Mr & Mrs J Fitzgerald's Glenoak Kira of Fernlark. Best Puppy was Mrs JM Mansell & Mr B Duddell's Jasmine of Canerikie (imp) Well done all!!!

Helen Williams

SALUKI BREED NOTES 26TH APRIL 2013

There was a mix up with the Breeders Class at the Hound Association of Scotland. Winners were the Steer Salukis not as originally credited by Fossedata

Brendan Austin has forwarded the following "The Saluki Calendar has become an all year round pastime. I receive photos from far and wide, some too late for this year so they get put forward to next. 2013's calendar has been very well received and I think it is one of my favourites, collecting the information; the layout and again the beautiful photographs make this a pleasurable task.

Next years calendar is already in the planning stages, although the timing for it is slightly different as our shows and dates in 2013 have changed slightly. The annual Photographic Competition will be held during the Celebration Weekend at the Holiday Inn, Rugby on 20th and 21st July.

Entries are FREE and you may enter as many photographs as you wish. Photographs should be no larger than A5 (6x8"). They may be in black and white or colour and should be of a reproducible quality. Entries should have a SAE for their safe return.

Please send your entries to arrive no later than Monday 8th July to: Brendan G Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex. TW16 7QB.

Entries may be submitted online to brendangaustin@aol.com (jpeg image preferred), and they will be printed for you. Please note that all photographs and their details are shredded after the competition. Please include any information about the photograph, names of dogs when and where it was taken - anything that might be of interest, bearing in mind space availability.

The 2014 Calendar will this year be available at the Open Show and Welfare Day on 27th October, by post or on eBay (search Saluki Calendar). Further information from Brendan on 01932 788040"

Clair Chryssolor has come across the following on the "Dogwatch" Internet site: Staffordshire police report that gangs of thieves that steal dogs to order are identifying their targets by daubing the letter 'K' on gateposts. The burglars return later to take the animals which are then sold on an Internet black market. The most popular targets are trained working dogs and the biggest rise in thefts has been among cocker spaniels. About 3,500 dogs are reported across the country last year, up by 17% on the previous year.

A few years ago we had a cone placed near the bottom of our drive. I contacted the Council to see if they knew why it was there and they denied any knowledge of it and had no plans for road works in our area. We then removed the cone and placed it further up the road. A couple of days later the cone mysteriously re-appeared at the bottom of the drive, so once again we removed it in another direction only to have it

back again. (It sounds like a garden gnome story) In the end we confiscated the cone and thankfully it was not replaced. We felt that we were being targeted.

- Maya Monk-Schenk, Health co-ordinator of the SGHC has sent information through on a health seminar to be held on 12th May at the village Hall. Newport Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes MK19 7NZ. The subject is Genes and Thermals. Dr Tom Lewis will be giving an overview of inbreeding (the loss of genetic diversity) discussing the problems it can cause in both individuals and populations and how it does so. He will also talk about complex genetic diseases such as hip-dysplasia and will demonstrate the KC's web tool 'Mate Select'.
- Also speaking will be, Hayle Springett, who will explain the use of Thermal Imaging as non-invasive diagnostic tool in identifying such things as lameness, osteoarthritis, skin cancers, back and foot problems and dental disease in companion animal which can be carried out in your own home. Tickets are £15.00. Lunch £5.00, booking essential on 01246 554742 or www.wheatenhealthinitiative.com.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 19TH APRIL 2013.

Yesterday, Saturday 13th April, the Hound Association of Scotland was held. Judging Salukis was breed specialist, Mrs Jeannette Cotterill. She chose for her DCC, BOB Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM owned by the Glaister & Parker partnership. He also went Group 4 in the Hound Group under judge, Mrs V Foss. RDCC went to Paul & Ann Shimmin's Ch Hislome's I Am Iceman Med Cranstal (Imp Swe). BCC for her second CC was Don & Pauline Everton's Kasra Tabina with the RBCC to Kathy Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. Best puppy went to Paul & Ann Shimmin's Hislome's Keepsake for Cranstal (imp). Best Breeder's Group was Graham. Well done all!

A reminder to enter Southern Counties Championship Show. Entries will be closing on the 23rd April on line. You can find details at www.fossedate.co.uk. The supported entry and festivities at SCCS are part of the exciting events for the 90th anniversary of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club.

At the AGM of the Saluki Welfare Fund which is to be held on Sunday 5th May in the Village Hall at Weston on the Green Oxfordshire OX25 3QP on the agenda there is a proposed change to Rule 3.1 of the Saluki Welfare Constitution. It is

'Members of the Association shall be the members for the time being of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club of Great Britain and or the Northern Saluki Club or owners of Salukis rescued through the Saluki Welfare Fund.'

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 12TH APRIL 2013

As promised in last week's Breed Notes please find below the results of the 1012/2013 Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club Annual General Meeting. Many thanks to John Hudson for sending them on to us.

The results of the ballot mean that the Club Committee is now:

President Marie Bryce-Smith

Vice President Don Everton

Treasurer Pete Jackson-Main

Secretary John Hudson

Committee members for one year Phyllida Cooke, Andrea Ireson, Katy Lipton, Nicola Quadling, Kathy Webb and Michael Williams.

The two new Honorary Vice Presidents are Harry Kendall and Jenny Ziman.

At the Championship Show 2015 the dog judge will be Clair Chryssolor and the bitch judge Jenny Macro.

At the Open Show next year the judges are Trevor McCrory and Jackie Reader.

At the Limited Show next year the judge will be Maya Monk-Schenk.

The Club made an overall loss of £1178 last year and the AGM discussed ways of economising. It was hoped that increasing amounts of mail could go electronically to members. Printing costs money and, unless someone is prepared to take over the Club printer, it will cost even more in the future.

The Club needs more people; in particular,

- 1 Magazine editor steps down after the next issue and the editor also chooses the treasurer and advertising person – so potentially 3 vacancies in all
- 2 Newsletter editor is required
- 3 At the end of this year the Show Management Team step down

- 4 The club secretary will step down at the end of this year
- 5 The club printer needs housing and club printing to be taken on
- 6 We do not have enough committee members

The next Committee meeting will be on 27th April.

Congratulations are due to Gary & Trish Russell's Ch. Pazada Grand Royale" who was Best in Group at the Sydney Royal Show under hound specialist Ramon Podesta.

David Crane, The Secretary of the Welfare has sent the following: " The AGM of the Saluki Welfare Fund is to be held on Sunday 5th May in the Village Hall at Weston on the Green Oxfordshire OX25 3QP. Weston on the Green is just off the A34 near the junction with the M40 (J.9). We need as many people as possible to attend to ensure there is a quorum. The starting time is 2.00 pm.

Also a reminder about the Saluki Welfare Fun Day on Saturday 18th May from 11.00 am at Park House Stables, Kingsclere near Newbury RG20 5PY. We would ask people not to use the main entrance to the stables but to look for the signs on the road showing the Fun Day entrance.

There will be a Fun Dog Show plus Lure Coursing and stalls. We need cakes for the cake stall please. Entrance will be £5 per vehicle to include a free round of lure coursing."

Diana Allan woke up the other morning with a sore back. As it turns out it was not just a sore back but she has injured some vertebra and ended up being hospitalized

for a few days while they brought the pain under control. It was caused by a mechanical spasm. The pain is still quite bad but it is being controlled with medication.

When reading the following tale one can only be too pleased for micro-chips to be required in all dogs, though that does not mean the owners will accept their responsibilities. The following article appeared on the front page of the Southampton Echo on Tuesday 2nd April 2013: " When stray dog Lassie arrived at a re-homing centre, she was carrying a big surprise. Two-and-a-half weeks later the pedigree pooch gave birth to seven puppies that will soon be ready to go to new homes. Lassie, a five-year-old Saluki, was found by a member of the public in Bitterne, Southampton. She was moved to the Blue

Cross re-homing centre in West End, near Southampton, at the beginning of February. When nobody came forward to claim her. . "We didn't know she was pregnant, but then she started putting weight on and developing milk, so we scanned her and found out she was going to have puppies.

"Lassie is looking for a quiet home with lots of love and the puppies need people who can put in the time for training and socialising. "It'd be nice for them to grow up in a family environment so they can experience lots of things like growing up around children but they'll also be happy living with anyone who can give them lots of time."

Buzz Faber went with her Ch Sufeina Zarita Sh CM for the long bank holiday weekend to Ireland. She attended the Combined Canine Club show at Cloghraw which was awarding CACIBs and Green Stars. Zarita won the Green Star, CACIB and BOB. Judging was Ms Getzing from Austria

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 22ND MARCH 2013

Daphne Parnham has sent the following regarding the Welfare stand at the SGHC Limited Show " Many thanks to all those who supported the Welfare stall at the Limited show. We took £101.00 which we thank everyone for their generosity and for the tombola prizes that we have saved for the next show. We would like to thank Nicola, Brendan and Michelle for all their hard work and the lovely tea they provided for the 90th Celebrations."

Clair Chryssor has been doing rather well with her Feather, Gemini Jeu d'Esprit for Anasazi. She won BOB and Group under Pam Wild, Borzois then won BIS under Jonathan Daltrey, gundogs, at Thames Valley Open. She is thrilled to bit, of course, and she has said that Jonathan has sent a lovely critique which will be published in the dog papers. A lovely start for her to 2013.

Crufts 2013 is now passed. We were, unfortunately unable to attend but we did receive many reports on the day. Much was said about the car park and arrangements for leaving the NEC. It seems that people spend hours waiting to exit. At first it was said that it had been caused by an accident somewhere down the line but later it was attributed to the new system of exiting. I was informed that on Friday night attendees suffer the same hold-ups as the Thursday lot. As the car parks are owned and run by the NEC, they are the ones we pay the exorbitant fees to, I think they may be to blame for this unnecessary situation. It will be interesting to see if the public relations team for the Kennel Club has anything to say about this. Judging Salukis was breed specialist Mrs Jeanna Jacques of the Classicus affix. She chose for her DCC, BOB Classicus Cassander JW, SH CM owned by Mrs J & Mr A Glaister and Mrs M Parker. This was his third and qualifying CC. He was born on the 7th April 2010 and his breeder is Mrs M Parker. His sire is Ch Baghdad Karim ShCM (Aus Imp) and his dam Ch Khalils

Phaedra of Classicus ShCM (IMP SWE). RDCC went to the German Dog, DE/VDH/INT/CH/HR/DK/SLO Ch Feroz Von Der Irminsul owned by M Latsch. Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM owned by Mrs K Smith, Mrs D Garratt and Miss S Oakey won BCC with RBCC to Miss D Layton's Anasha Al Noushararin (imp Aus). Best Puppy was the bitch, Fernlark Despina owned by Mr B Duddell & Mrs JM Mansell.

The new copy of the "Saluki" is now available and can be obtained through Kathy Webb. Her telephone number is 01737 353279. Subscriptions price is £20.00. I have not seen the magazine as of yet but I have been informed that it there are many interesting old photos, that have not been seen before, to coincide with the 90th anniversary of the club.

Saluki Breed Notes Weekending 8th March 2013.

A strong warning to all dog owners, I have just received information that a friend has lost two young Salukis to "lung worms". With the very wet weather we have had for the past year the slugs and snails are going mad and they carry the disease. It seems the dogs contracted the disease from rain water, leaves or other matter in the owner's garden. Annual inoculations are not a defence against it and as far as I am aware Avocate is the only way to prevent the disease Best suggestion is to discuss this with your local vet.

Due to our personal circumstances Michael, and I were unable to attend the first event of the 90th Anniversary events, but we were pleased to receive the following note regarding the day from Annette and Brian Buckley "Yesterday, we attended the Club Limited Show and congratulations go to Nicola and Brendan for all the hard work which took place behind the scenes, let alone on the day, to make this show so successful. It was a great start to the 90th celebrations taking place this year. The rosettes were very special and there were some great prizes, not least the Commemorative Best of Breed plate with the 90th Birthday logo and a Special Handmade Pottery Gift donated by Kasaque Salukis; I also see that Brendan Austin's company Pets Place sponsored the show. I am sure those who took part in the show appreciate the generosity of all the sponsors. There was delicious food on offer throughout the day and after the show, many exhibitors and their friends very much enjoyed 'The Very English Tea Party', serving delicious sandwiches, savouries, fancy cup cakes, jelly & custard, and hot drinks. We were later served with a piece of celebration fruit cake and a glass of bubbly; Jenny Ziman was asked to make the first cut in the very stylish iced Celebration Cake, and it was good to see how well Jenny is fairing now.

We thoroughly enjoyed our day and we would like to thank the committee and show management for making this successful celebration possible. We look forward to the next one! "

Results of the 2013 Limited Show, judged by Mrs Caroline McCormick Smith are as follows: Puppy Dog, Junior Dog, Novice Dog and Best of Opposite Sex Puppy was Liz Stephen's Alshra Aslam Bedu. Open Dog, Best Dog and Best in Show went to John and Caroline Owen's Caryna Curete. Reserve Best Dog was Janet and David Steele's Res BIS & Best B/T: Steel's Dawnchase Zamir Veteran Dog and Best Veteran in Show was Maya Monk-Schenk's Fargaze Eyebright. Puppy Bitch, Best Bitch, Best Smooth and Best of Opposite Sex was Sue Bounds' Alshra Arabella. Graduate Bitch and Rest Best Bitch went to Pauline and Don Everton's Kasra Zeleka.

A couple of weeks ago I included in these notes a letter from Clair Chryssolor regarding written critiques following judging appointments. Dawn Russell having read the comments has sent to us the following: "When judges accept judging appointments they sign a contract, one of the conditions being that a written critique must be supplied to the dog papers.

Unfortunately many fail to do this. I was therefore somewhat disappointed that in recent breed notes a breed specialist judge chose to vilify, in their words, 'novice judges' who had made an effort to supply a critique. Some of the phrases and comments that were ridiculed and objected to are printed week after week in many breeds by some very experienced judges!

Critique writing does not come easy to many, but we should encourage those who make an attempt at putting pen to paper. Maybe instead of such negative remarks more effort could be put into organizing seminars for critique writing in conjunction with breed exams. Positive thoughts are always so much better than negative ones, in all aspects of judging. It will be very interesting to read any forthcoming critiques from this judge."

Michael and I would like to thank everyone for their cards and calls regarding his recent stroke. He is now home from the hospital and getting better every day but it will be awhile before we will be able to attend any dog showing activities. He does love hearing from everyone.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 22ND FEBRUARY 2013

Last Saturday, Michael Williams, suffered a stroke. As of this moment, he is receiving great care from Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading. He collapsed about 9.30am and the paramedic came within about 10 minutes, giving his oxygen. Upon arriving at the hospital they gave him an injection that reversed the symptoms of the stroke. He is doing very well but shall be convalescing for a while before he is able to return to work. I am hoping he will be back home by the time you read these notes. On a personal note I would like to thank everyone for their offers of help with the Salukis which has been complicated by having a very young litter of puppies though they are a joy at the same time

I have received the following information from Nicola regarding the upcoming Limited Show: "The SGHC Limited Show is due to be held on Sunday 24 February 2013 at Steventon Village Hall, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6AA. Our judge Mrs Carolyn McCormick Smith has 32 salukis entered making an entry of 48. 15 Dogs making 17 entries and 17 bitches making 23 with a further 7 entries for the special classes after BIS. There are 11 not for competition. Judging commences at 10.00am and the show opens at 9.00am. Catering will be provided and bacon baps, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. There will be a raffle, so please feel free to bring your unwanted gifts or donations. Welfare will also have their stall including a tombola and donations for their stall are also welcomed. There will be a White Elephant stall to raise funds for the 90th Celebrations. The club magazine will also have a stand. After judging has been completed the Show Management Team would respectfully ask, where possible, that you vacate the room so that preparations can be made quickly for the Celebratory 90th Afternoon Tea event. We anticipate this to be done within half an hour after the show has closed. There are still Afternoon Tea Tickets available at £5.00 each and if you have not already purchased or reserved a ticket please contact either Brendan G Austin on 01932 788040 or Nicola Quadling on 020 8590 8457. Your tickets will be with your catalogue if you have ordered one or with the Show Manager. Should you have any queries, please contact either Brendan or Nicola on the numbers given above."

We have made a few more mugs with the SGHC anniversary logo on them. Many people were disappointed that they were all sold out at Championship Show by lunch time. These mugs should be available at the Limited Show.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 8TH FEBRUARY 2013

Brendan Austin has sent the following:

2013, A Year to Celebrate

The final touches have been put to our program of Shows and Events for our Celebrations this year. All the debates are over and we all agree that 2013 will be a time to reflect on the past 90 glorious years.

It was ninety years ago that a group of fourteen enthusiasts discussed the formation of a club specifically for saluki owners and on the 8th February 1923 The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club was formed. The years have passed but even today, the Committee of the Club continue to work hard to promote interest within the breed, its purity and its welfare.

We have always maintained that this year will not just be just a Birthday Party. The Committee see this year as the start of the build up to our Centenary. They plan to promote our breed, increase awareness of the Club and its activities and put together archive material, which will be more accessible to the members.

We do hope that you will put these dates into your diaries and join us when you can._

Limited Show and Birthday Tea Party

Sunday 24th February
Steventon Village Hall, Oxon
Judge Carolyn McCormick-Smith
Followed by the 90th Birthday Tea
Tea Tickets are still available from Nicola Quadling 0208590 8457_

Lure Coursing and Fun Day

Saturday 18th May
Saluki Welfare Event
All Members and friends have been invited
Bring your own picnic lunch,
Welfare and Cake Stalls (donations gratefully accepted).

[Kennel Club Archive Visit](#)

Friday 24th May
Clarges Street, London
Limited numbers – Tickets £22.50 Includes FinGer Buffet Lunch with wine and coffee Bookings and further information from

Marie Bryce-Smith 01342327573_

Southern Counties Championship Show, sponsored by the SGHC

Saturday 1st June
Newbury Showground, Newbury
Judge Dagmar Heintzenberg Friesleben.
Followed by two special events, sponsored by The Saluki magazine.
Barbecue with live music by David Steel and the Subtitles;
and an Arabian Beauty Contest for all-comers, entries accepted on the day.
Full details from Helen Williams on 01635 268269

East of England Championship Show

Saturday 6th July
Peterborough Showground
Judge, Clair Chryssolor
Ringside Bring and Share Buffet after judging.
Further details from Diana Allan 01234 708658

Celebration Weekend.

Saluki Classic

Saturday 20th July

[Holiday Inn, Rugby in marquee](#)

Distinguished Judges

Smart Dress – no jeans please

Dogs to assemble from 2.00pm

Draws to take place at 3.00pm sharp, followed by judging

Teas and Coffee available

The Classic Dinner – private room

Further details to follow

Overnight accommodation can be arranged with dogs in your rooms in the hotel. Rooms are available for the Friday, Saturday or Sunday night at the special price of £40.00 per double room/twin - bed and breakfast, **Please note that there is no charge for dogs, but dogs must be registered when booking rooms.** There are also a few Executive rooms at £55.00. The number of rooms is limited, so we advise that you book early using the code X3D. Please telephone the Holiday Inn direct on 01788 824 800. You will need to have either a credit or debit card available, but the amount will not be taken from your account until you check out. Rooms are available at this rate until 1st July or until the allocation is taken.

[Championship Show](#)

Sunday 21st July

Held in the grounds of the Holiday Inn, Rugby.

BBQ Lunch

Judges Dogs John Hudson

Bitches Paul Shimmin

BIS Nicola Quadling

Open Show and Saluki Welfare Day

Sunday 27th October

East Hall, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire

Judges Dogs Liz McKnight

Bitches Maggie Holder

Referee Colin Wells

Companion Show by Saluki Welfare in second ring

Welfare Coordinator - David Crane

day for all salukis to come together, from the show ring, Welfare and rescue organisations and pets dogs.

Discover Dogs

November 2013

Earls Court, London

Further information of any events can be obtained from coordinators,
Or contact Brendan Austin 01932 788040

Our Dogs is offering the exhibitor two opportunities for including information in their Our Dogs Crufts Special. It would be part of the guide to the show featuring maps, judges, trade stands and breeders adverts in a special edition that comes out the week before Crufts on improved paper. For further information please contact Kerry Rushby on tel 0844 504 9010 or email kerryrushby@ourdogs.co.uk

Diana Klein has sent in an article she found regarding a Saluki which was run over in South Wimbledon.

"The owners of a badly injured dog are being sought after it was mown down by a car and left for dead in the snow. The young Saluki pure breed dog is believed to have been the victim of a hit-and-run at about 2.15pm on Sunday, January 20, before it was found on Windsor Road, at the junction with Lyon Road in south Wimbledon. After being discovered on Windsor Road, at the junction with Lyon Road in south Wimbledon. After being discovered by a dog warden, he was taken to the nearby Blue Cross animal hospital in Colliers Wood, before being transferred to their sister site in Victoria, where he is due to undergo surgery. Veterinary surgeon, Nigel Smith, said: "He is still very shaken and disorientated, but despite his ordeal he has remained friendly and placid." "We will operate on him to fix a complicated fracture to his front leg, and hope that over time he'll be able to resume a normal active life." "He is such a stunning dog, we are sure his owners must be out there somewhere and missing him terribly." The Saluki was found wearing a striking yellow collar, but not a dog tag with his owners contact details displayed, nor was he fitted with a microchip which means the charity cannot trace his owners. He is believed to be about 18 months old and is described as being underweight for his age and breed. It is a legal requirement for dogs to wear an ID tag when out in a public place, without which owners may face a fine of up to £1000. To contact Blue Cross call 0300 777 1890.

Helen Williams

kasaque565@gmail.com

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 1STFEBRUARY 2013

After reading some of the Saluki critiques in the dog press, Clair Chryssolor has written the following: "Who are these judges are where do they come from? When they haven't read the standard or, perhaps, haven't seen the breed do they make it up as they go along?"

So far in 12 months we have had the word 'correct' used innumerable times without describing what "correct" is. I think it's lazy. We have had mentioned well padded feet,

'correct' cat feet and 'correct' hare feet both of which I thought belong at the end of a cat's leg and the end of a hare's leg respectively. There was a saluki not placed because it was out of coat. The latest is 'correct' muscled neck and nicely arched over the loin. 'Correct' in depth of brisket and length of loin which tells us absolutely nothing. But horror of horrors 'nice shoulder placement with straight front and tight elbows'. I thought this was supposed to be a working dog which has endurance. Straight shoulders will give a hackney gait or a straight legged gait. This sent me screaming to re-read the breed standard. Can someone tell me where any of these descriptions appear in the saluki breed standard?"

Brendan Austin has sent the following: "We have just heard from the Holiday Inn, Rugby and they have confirmed that they will not charge for dogs in rooms for the Celebration Weekend 20th and 21st July. Please let the hotel know how many dogs you will be bringing when you make your booking. If you have already booked then there is no need to change your booking details - it has already been done for you. That's a nice little saving for us all!"

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 25TH JANUARY 2012

Brendan Austin has sent us the following 2013, A Year to Celebrate

The final touches have been put to our program of Shows and Events for our Celebrations this year. All the debates are over and we all agree that 2013 will be a time to reflect on the past 90 glorious years.

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Tickets are still available from Nicola Quadling 020 8590 8457
Lure Coursing and Fun Day Saturday 18th May, Saluki Welfare Event. BSFA, Kingsclere, Newbury. All members and friends are invited. Bring your own picnic lunch. Welfare and cake stalls (donations gratefully accepted)

Kennel Club Archive Visit Friday 24th May, Clarges Street London. Limited numbers-Tickets £22.50 Includes Finger Buffet Lunch with wine and coffee. Bookings and further information from Marie Bryce-Smith 01342 327573

Southern Counties Championship Show, Classes Sponsored by the SGHC Saturday 1st June, Newbury Showground, Newbury.Judge Mrs Dagmar Heintzenberg Freislebon. Followed by two special events, sponsored by "The Saluki, magazine of the SGHC. Barbeque with live music by David Steel and the 'Subtitles' and an Arabian Beauty Contest for all-comers. Entries accepted on the day. Full details from Helen Williams on 01635 268269

East of England Championship Show, Saturday 6th July, Peterborough Showground, Judge Clare Chryssolor. Ringside Bring and Share Buffet after judging. Further details from Diana Allan 01234 708658

Celebration Weekend Saluki Classic, Saturday 20th July, Holiday Inn Rugby in marquee, Distinguished Judges. Smart dress-no jeans pleas. Dog to assemble from 2.00pm.Draw to take place at 3pm sharp, followed by judging Teas and Coffee available

Classic Dinner Private room Further details to follow.

SGHC Championship Show 21st July Held in the grounds of the Holiday Inn, Rugby . BBQ lunch, Judges Dogs John Hudson, Bitches Paul Shimmin, BIS Nicola Quadling.

Open Show and Saluki Welfare Day, Sunday 27th October, East Hall, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. Judges Dogs Liz McKnight, Bitches Maggie Holder, Referee Colin Wells

Companion Show by Saluki Welfare, second in ring. Welfare coordinator David Crane. A day for all Salukis to come together, from the show ring, welfare and rescue organisations and pet dogs.

Discover Dogs November , Earls Courts"

The Saluki Club of America has returned to Kentucky for their National Specialty. It will be held on 3rd June through the 8th June at Masterson Station Park, 3051 Leestown Road, Lexington Ky. Conformation judge is Conformation Judge Ute Lennartz. Activities are numerous with a Lure trials, Obedience, Junior Handling, Futurity, Agility and Annual Dinner. Sue Ann Pietros has said she will happily help with finding accommodations and travelling plans for any one going from this side of the pond. Her email address is monabsaluki@aol.com

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH JANUARY 2013.

Congratulations to Phyllida and Marcus Cooke on the arrival of their new grandchild, namely Jago Adam Marcus Cooke. He is a brother of Henry. Rachel and Sebastian are the proudparents.

In the Saturday Daily Express television magazine of a couple of weeks ago there is a page entitled New Year Diet. A young rather slim lady with boots with hearts is walking on the beach with a grizzle Saluki. It is interesting because it appears that this Saluki has it's dew claws still in tack. If anyone knows who the dog is, it would be interesting to know.

Last Saturday Boston & District Canine Society held their Championship Show at the East of England Showground. Judging Salukis, without CCs, was Mr Chris Payne. He chose for his BOB Mrs M Parker and Ms L Aldous' Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp Swe) with the RBB to Mrs P Spilsted's Jeshins Dynamic Diva. Best Dog was Dr JA & Mrs EJ Hudson's Glenoak Kiyon with RBD & BP to Fernlark Elswavo owned by Mrs S Edge. Well done all

Saluki Breed Notes weekending 4th January 2013

The following come from the Officers and Committe of the SGHC:

SALUKI OR GAZELLE HOUND CLUB's 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We would like to wish all SGHC members and all Salukiphiles a happy New Year and remind you that 2013 is the 90th Anniversary of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club, the first Saluki Club ever established.

In celebrating this milestone in our history, we hope to strengthen our alliance with all like minded individuals and groups worldwide as well as confirming our commitment to the original principles of our founding members.

There is certainly good reason for us to celebrate what is a remarkable period of development in terms of Saluki recognition, health, welfare and the retention of the form and functionality of our magnificent breed.

However, we continue to have our challenges and the purity of the breed remains our primary goal. Also the hunting ban has forced us to look for alternative forms of exercise and methods of testing our Salukis while remaining prepared for a reversal of the ban.

Commemorative events are still being arranged with all of them at different stages of completion. The events are spread throughout the year giving us all the opportunity of attending one or all, depending upon circumstances. After all, the best way to continue along the lines set out in 1923 by our forerunners is to enjoy participating with and learning about our beloved

hounds.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU - TO HAVE FUN AND SHARE IN CELEBRATING OUR 90TH YEAR.

An updated list of events will be provided through John Hudson, the Acting Hon. Secretary following a meeting of the 90th Birthday Subcommittee, on 13th January 2013.

Just before Christmas we attended the funeral of Murray Ormsby at the Cheltenham Crematorium. There was an excellent turnout with the Pastor, a personal friend of Murray, giving an in depth talk about Murray's very interesting life. In the next few weeks we have been told there will be a full obituary of Murray in the Daily Telegraph and the Times so please keep watching for this. If I am notified I will put it in Breed Notes but Chris spoke to the biographer and he said he never knows when the obituaries he has written for the paper, will appear. After the service we went to a small country hotel in Morton in the Marsh for the wake. It was a very fitting send off for Murray. We would like at this time to give our condolences to Chris and Julian on their loss. Chris would also like me to pass on her thanks to everyone for the kind notes you have sent to her.

The last championship show of 2013, LKA was held with Liz Stephens judging. I have understood from reports that it was a very long day as Salukis were third in the ring. It seems that Liz finished judging just minutes before the Hound Group was called. BCC, BOB was, Lisa and John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW with the RBCC to Clair Chryssolor's Gemini Jeu D'esprit for Anasazi (imp). DCC for his third and qualifying CC was the brother of the BCC, namely Glenoak Kiyon JW. He was born on 11th April 2010 and his breeders are his owners. His sire is Ch Fernlark Alsace JW and his Dam, Ch Kasra Tahira Glenoak JW. RDCC was Paul and Ann Shimmin's Ch Hisilome's I Am Iceman med Cranstal (imp) Best Puppy was Mr B Mansell and Mrs J Duddell's Fernlark Despina. Best Veteran was Alan Burtenshaw and Gloria Cook's Ir Ch /Daxlore Daisiemae Sh CM. Best Breeders was awarded to the Hudsons. Congratulations to Lisa and John for have such a fantastic year with their stock.

It will not be long before Crufts and the Saluki Club magazine will be available so if you would like an advert please contact Kathy Webb on 01737353279. As Kathy will be travelling in January she would like all adverts to be with her by the 10th January.

I have noticed in this area that the pubs are becoming more dog friendly. Not long ago the publican cringed when you mentioned bringing in a dog or dogs into their pubs. Some would not even let us bring them into the gardens. Now in many of the pubs in this area they can sit with us as long as they behave. What a pleasant change.

Happy New Year from all of us at Kasaque (two and four footed)

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 21ST DECEMBER 2012,

Peter Yardley has kindly sent through the following obituary on the passing of David Waters (Burydown). "I sadly have to report that David died on 27th November at the age of 101 and 3 months in a care home in Christchurch, New Zealand. David will be best known in combination with Hope Waters and their Burydown Salukis renowned around the World and in the pedigrees of many of today's hounds. In 1969 they jointly wrote and published "The Saluki in History, Art and Sport" perhaps the first comprehensive book on the Saluki. David was Chairman of the SGHC in the early 70s and was later made an Honorary Vice President of the Club. He judged on occasions but was more interested in the coursing aspect of the breed and between them they had many show champions who gained honours on the coursing field.

David was born into a naval family and followed his brother Rick to Dartmouth in the 1930s. He joined the Fleet Air Arm before the war and operating from Malta with a Fairey Swordfish torpedo bomber squadron against target in Sicily. He failed to return on his last sortie and spent the rest of the war a prisoner of war

He married Hope Waters after the war and they lived in Bury in Sussex. Whilst Hope concentrated on the Salukis, David in the meantime was transferred from flying duties in 1946 to the Historical Section of the Admiralty to help research the Naval Staff History of the Battle of the Atlantic. He retired from the Navy in 1950 but remained an Admiralty Historian until taking up a position at the National Maritime Museum in 1960 as head of Navigation and Astronomy and later becoming Deputy Director of the Museum.

David will always be remembered by his friends for his dry wit, his chuckle of a laugh and his ability to be analytical of any problem and resourceful in coming to a conclusion."

Nick Bryce-Smith rang to let us know that Mrs Cathy Smith of Australia has been approved by the Kennel Club to Judge Salukis at Richmond Championship Show 2013.

SGHC has now circulated its final newsletter of the Year. If you are a member of the club and have not received a copy please contact the acting secretary Dr John Hudson at his email address of, hudson@glenoak.org.uk. Michael and I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and a wonderful fun time during this festive season.

SALUKI BREED NOTES 15TH DEC 2012.

Major Murray Ormsby died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday afternoon at the grand age of 93. Murray was not interested in showing dogs but he was a coursing man. His and Chris's first coursing dog was Burydown Vasara who later became Ch Yazid Burydown Vasara. It all started with a two day coursing meeting in Norfolk where Vasara won the Lady Gardner Stake. Murray was hooked after that and only stopped attending coursing meetings when he found it too difficult, physically, to attend. The funeral will be on Tuesday 18th December 2012 at 11.15am at the Cheltenham Crematorium, Bouncers La, Cheltenham GL52 5JT

John Hudson, acting secretary of the SGHC has sent the following information to be included in the notes. Due to the deaths of David Water and Ernie Tebbs there are two vacancies for Hon Vice President. Anyone wanting to nominate a candidate please contact John.

Peter Yardley is coming to the end of his term as President, and he will not be running for re-election so please once again send your nominations to John. Also as Peter has been doing all the copying, we need a volunteer to do that job. John will give more details to any interested parties. More and more in future, by way of being more efficient and reducing costs, the Club will be sending out information by email.

Ann Shimmin has been Newsletter Editor for five years and has decided that it is time for someone else to take over. Once again please contact the acting secretary.

It has been suggested to the Committee that we could have more breed related detail on the web-site for those enquiring about our breed. Another aspect of the work being carried out to promote and retain good health in Salukis, the Club intends to undertake a follow up to the KC health survey that originally took place in 2004. This programme is planned to start this year and the questionnaire will appear on the web-site.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 7TH DECEMBER 2012

Peter Yardley has informed us that David Waters passed away peacefully in a care home in Christchurch, NZ on 27 November. We will put more on the passing of David in next week's Breed Notes

We have been sent information regarding a new book that has just been launched here and in the USA, it is "The Spirit of the Dog": An Illustrated History of Dogs written by Tamsin Pickeral. On the cover there appears to be is a smooth Saluki. Information on the book is as follows:

"Dogs formed an allegiance with humans in early pre-history and this was the beginning of a unique bond between dog and human that has endured some 14,000 years. Since then, there have been numerous momentous events through history at which the dog has been present: following or leading troops into battle, lurking in the shadows of official business, seated on the laps of emperors, and curled sleeping during spiritual

and religious occasions.

The Spirit of the Dog explores the long and varied history of the dog in human cultures across the world and celebrates the very special place that this enigmatic creature holds in people's hearts. Established author and animal specialist Tamsin Pickeral examines the development of the major dog breeds within their historic context—from the slender, powerful sight hounds to the hard-working Siberian Husky, the spirited Terrier breeds, and the personable mongrels. Grouped according to their key characteristics—including Elegance and Speed, Power and Strength, Devotion and Loyalty, Agility and Wisdom—the breeds are each studied in comprehensive detail.

As a mammal species the dog is the most varied in shape, size, and colour, and also the most versatile, whether working as a hunter, protector, or simply providing companionship as a domestic pet. *The Spirit of the Dog* celebrates this diversity, aided by the stunning photography of contemporary animal photographer Astrid Harrison, whose striking, beautiful, and unusual images of our major dog breeds skillfully reflect the virtues of 'man's best friend.' With evocative text and exceptional photography, this is an essential volume for everyone who loves dogs."

In the Breed Notes of a few weeks ago I mentioned that I had heard that the Chellini Bronze was at the Royal Academy in their exhibition entitled "Bronze" We went along a couple of weeks ago to have a look. Yes the Chellini was there in the last room. We had just about given up of finding it when it appeared in the room attributed to Reliefs. We were very pleased that we went to see the exhibition as it was another super collaboration of the RA.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 30TH NOV 2012

Brendan Austin has sent the following information:

"Saluki Calendar 2013: The Club's Calendar went on sale at the Championship Show this year. Sales have been brisk and I hate saying this, but Christmas is only a few weeks away and the Saluki Calendar makes an ideal gift for the New Year.

Copies are available at £9.00 each or 3 copies for £23.00, including UK package and postage. To order your copies please contact brendangaustin@aol.com or 01932 788040. Cheques should be made payable to SGHC or I can take a credit card over the phone, should you prefer. Copies are also be available on eBay please search SALUKI CALENDAR.

May I say a big thank you to all those who send photographs for the Saluki Calendar. Next year the competition will be held as part of our Celebration Weekend in July. I look forward to another amazing collection of photos."

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 16TH NOV 2012

Maya Monk-Schenk , Health Co-ordinator for SGHC, has kindly sent through Information on an upcoming seminar to be sponsored by the Clumber Spaniel Health & Welfare Sub Committee. It will be held on Sunday, 25th November at Stoneleigh Village Hall, Warwickshire. The topics and speakers are: **Holistic and Natural Feeding-by Neil Garrod:**Neil Garrod is an expert on holistically feeding and is well respected in this field he will make a presentational how natural feeding can be of significant benefit to dogs.**Eye Conformation Problems and the New Certificate for the Eye Scheme** Presentation by Ian Mason, Chief Panellist of the BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme which will look at eye confirmation problems especially for those high-profile breeds and the introduction of the new BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme Certificate.**Mate Select and Kennel Club Initiatives to Assist Breeders** Bill Lambert is the manager of the Kennel Club Health Breeder Services Department and he will give a presentation on kennel club initiatives to assist breeders including insight into the mate select and other kennel club online services **Petlog**

Anita Tabrett will give a presentation about the Petlog service. Tickets are £10 per person and includes lunch and refreshments.Any enquiries, or completed booking forms (see attached), should be directed towards Mrs J Sheppard, 29 Frome Road Trowbridge Wilts BA14 0DE. Phone (01225) 753960 e-mail Jackie@whissgig.co.uk

It is with great sadness that I must report that Denise Courtney has lost her battle with cancer. I am sure there will be many tributes to her in the following weeks as I only knew her mainly as the very efficient secretary for Bournemouth show and a regular judge at Championship Shows for Salukis. She in fact was suppose to judge us at Windsor this past summer.

The Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London is holding an exhibition of Bronzes until the 9th December. Diana Allan has contacted me to let me know that she has heard there is a Saluki in the exhibition made by Benvenuto Cellini. It is a bronze relief. I am not sure if it is the same one that is in Hope and David Water's book "The Saluki in History, Art and Sport. Hopefully we will get a chance to visit the exhibition and I can inform the readership.

A couple of days ago we visited with Geoff Banyard. He has asked that we pass on a big thank you to all that have sent him messages and cards. He and the dogs are coping.

All is going well with the arrangements for Southern Counties Championship Show . We hope to have an update, with added information, on our plans for the day, in the not too distant future. As the show is just three weeks off from the summer solstice with the long expanse of daylight we hope everyone will stay well into the evening. We promise a day not to forget. Unfortunately that is exactly the opposite of what has happened in the Saluki

Club Championship Show Catalogue. The show secretary has not included our event . So as a reminder the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club will be supporting the entry at SCCS on Saturday 1st June 2013. Our judge will be breed specialist Dagmar Heintzenberg Friesleben. After the judging there will be a catered barbeque with music by the Subtitles (<http://thesubtitles.co.uk>). Any questions please contact myself on tel. 01635 268269 or email me at the address below.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 9TH NOVEMBER 2012.

Gloria Cook has sent the following: "There are times when dog showing seems like insanity! We decided to go to Dublin for the day to The Bull Breeds Championship Show. Doesn't sound like it but it is an all breed championship show. At 3 30 in the morning, we awoke in Belfast harbour , aboard the ferry, to discover we were alone. The boat was like the Marie Celeste, our car with 4 dogs in it, was looking lonely and alone on the car deck. How could we have slept through the usual chaos of disembarkation? Did anyone think it was strange that dogs were left in an orange car? No one around! The dock gates were closed and we had to get security to let us out! I began to think it was all madness. Eventually we made it to our ring, at the National Centre at Clogram, was tastefully carpeted in bright purple. It was very comfortable to run on and luckily I was wearing a purple blouse, so I matched perfectly. Our judge was from Dublin, we were so pleased when Poppy was awarded her 7th Green Star making her an Irish Champion. Our journey home was uneventful. It was probably all worth the madness!!!!

Midland Counties Championship Show was held last Sunday. Judging Salukis was Jerry Robertson BCC, BOB was Buzz Faber's Ch sufeina Zarita Sh CM with the RBCC to Lisa & John Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW. DCC was awarded to Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk with RDCC to Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Early Dusk. Best Puppy was Liz Stephen's Alshara Aslaw Bedu and Best Breeder went to Hudson. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 2ND NOVEMBER 2012.

Discover Dogs will be held on the 10th and 11th of November. Anji Jackson-Main is looking after the Club's stand and would appreciate any assistance she can get on those days. She has stated that one need not stay very long, only a few hours. If you have some time available, please contact her on email anji@salondarbuka.co.uk or 0771 7724257. KC will arrange free entry, free refreshments and snacks.

Last Sunday the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club held their annual Championship Show, at the Kennel Club Building. There were the usual Club stands plus Diana Allan's Silent Auction. She had a wonderful array of items to be sold to the highest bidders with the takings to be used for the Anniversary celebration, next year. . When I walked by, bidding seemed to be brisk. Diana asked me to thank everyone for their contributions both in items donated and purchased. In total Diana made £418.00. Daphne Parnham has also contacted me and would like to thank everyone who supported the Welfare

Stall both at the Northern Saluki Club Open Show and at the SGHC Championship Show. At the NSC Open Show the stall takings were £44.00 at the SGHC show £300.00. Daphne says it was a worthwhile contribution to Welfare.

The sale of Anniversary mugs went very well and by lunch time I was completely sold out. Thank you to all those people who purchased mugs and even a bigger thank you to those who said they really liked them. For all those people that did not get a chance to purchase mugs, there may be a second chance or there may be a chance to purchase a different Anniversary mug. Also I would like to thank all those people who purchased mugs to support classes at Southern Counties Championship Show next year. Our plans for SCCS seem to be growing with new ideas coming forth all the time. In the spring (to be sent with the AGM information) we will be sending out more information about the day plus local ideas of what to do around the Newbury area

Anji Jackson Main has sent the following regarding the archives : “ June Applebees archival exhibition was the first of yearly displays to be held at Saluki Club Shows. . Although it was small and “site specific” it did show essential photos of June and her hounds and displayed her hand drawn book and numerous Dogs World advertisements from the 1940s -50s.This yearly archival exhibitions will enable all those interested in Salukis to have visual knowledge of our breed and celebrate it’s development in this country. It is one way, of several, that our breed history can be shared and reflected upon. If any Saluki enthusiasts have any ideas regarding collaborating on future exhibitions, please feel free to contact me or Anji Jackson-Main, the Saluki and Gazelle Hound Club Archivist anji@salondarbuka.co.uk”

Unfortunately “The Saluki” (official publication of the Club) was not available at the show because the printer made an error in delivery dates. All has been organised now as we received ours today, through the post. I must say it is one of the most beautiful and interesting issues and certainly the whole team should be congratulated for that. A few highlights are the wonderful and interesting article on the late Ernie Tebbs. Two other pieces I must comment on are one, Jewellery for the discerning Saluki and collectable art pieces. Diana Duckenfield’s layouts are a true work of art. Magazines can be purchased from Jimmi Johnston-White at www.salukimagazine.co.uk or telephone Jimmi on 0208 8533197

During the lunch break we were treated to a glass of bubbly and a piece of cake courtesy of Oz (Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk). He has now decided to hang up his show boots after a fantastic career.

Judging at the show were Mrs Sharon Kinney (USA), for the dogs and Mrs Rosemary Lewis, bitches, with Best in Show judge Mrs Margaret Fulcher. BOB, BIS was Laurence & Kim Scowen’s Fernlark Drambuie for his second CC. RCC went to Marie Bryce-Smith’s Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW. BCC, RBIS, was awarded to Sheryl Steer, & Lorraine & John Fitzgerald’s Glenoak Kira of Fernlark. She was born on 11th April 2010 and her breeders are Mrs L & Dr J Hudson. Her sire is Ch Fernlark Alsace JW and dam, Ch Kasra Tahira Glenoak JW. RBCC went to Buzz Faber’s Ch Sufeina Zarita Sh

CM. Best Puppy was Andrea Ireson & Diana Allan's Jazirat Shakilah. Best Veteran was Don & Pauline Everton's Ch Kasra Nadirah, Best Smooth was Kevin Carter's Hanaa Har Kala Rachi of Clearwing (imp), Best Breeder went to the Hudson's.

It was a lovely well run show but it just went on too long. The bitches started a half hour after the dogs and did not finish for at least one and a half hour after the dogs. I really think this needs rethinking. We had hoped to stay for the "Grizzle Class which was after BOB but left at 5.30 pm as we, along with most others, felt that we had to leave. It is always a concern having dogs at home and a journey to undertake, when a show continues into the evening, it becomes something of a problem. There were only about 15 people left in the whole room. The Flat Coated Retrievers in the next room had long gone.

Results and photos of the show can be seen on the Club's website www.salukiclub.co.uk. Lorraine Fitzgerald has now taken over as webmaster and is busy updating the site.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 19TH OCTOBER 2012.

It is with great sadness that I must report the death of Jan Banyard of Darquell Salukis and Whippets on Sunday 14th October. Last May she was diagnosed with motor neuron disease and last few months have been incredibly difficult for her and her family. Our thoughts are with Geoff and her two children. We shall print details of the funeral as soon as we know them

Nicola Quadling has sent the following regarding the SGHC Championship show which will be held on Sunday 21 October 2012 at Stoneleigh. The entries are as follows: Total entry 176; dogs 71; bitches 84, stakes after BIS 21 and 24 not for competition. Judging starts with the dogs at 10.00am and bitches at 10.30am. The show opens at 9.00am; please be reminded that exhibitors dogs are not permitted into the hall until after this time. There will be full catering at the show by AJ Catering and their food is reasonably priced. They will be offering breakfast baps, tea, coffee, main meals including trays of chunky chips, pastries and muffins etc. Disabled parking is limited and strictly controlled by the venue and all cars must have a valid blue badge. If you have a passenger with limited mobility that you need to drop off, please contact the Show Secretary to arrange this, as this facility is also limited. The usual club stalls will be at the show along with a few trade stands. Please support the Welfare stall run by Tony & Daphne Parnham and the raffle stall where gifts are always welcome. The raffle at this show will go towards raising funds for the club's special 90th anniversary events. We hope you all enjoy your day at the show. Should you have any queries, please contact the Show Management Team: Nicola Quadling on 020 8590 8457 or Brendan G Austin on 01932 788040.

Yesterday South Wales Championship Show was held. Judging us was Mrs Shirley Rawlings. Her BCC,BOB was Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM owned by the Garratt, Oakey and Smith partnership. RBCC went to our own Ch Kasaque Miracle. DCC for his second CC was Glenoak Kiyon JW owned by DR JA & Mrs EJ Hudson with the RDCC

to Mrs D Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW. Best Puppy was Jazirat Safiyyah owned by Lady Ruth Dann. Best Breeder and 1st in Hound Breeders Group was "Hudson"

Saluki Breed Notes Weekend 12th October 2012

It is with great sadness that I must relate the death of Mrs Hilary Cornock on Monday 1st October. She died at home with her family around her. She has not been well for a while but did manage to live long enough to see her daughter Anna married. Anna has sent the following details:

Hillary's funeral will be on Wednesday 17th October at 1pm at St Teresa's Catholic church New Road Princes Risborough HP2 0JW and afterwards at their home

Chequers Lea Butlers Cross, Aylesbury HP17 0XH Please let Ann or Alex know Tel Alex 01296 623073, Anna 01494880417 or Anna's mobile 07814264217

Clair Chryssolor has sent me a critique from the paper regarding the judging from Perthshire Show. The judge, Hazel Deans described the saluki as having well knuckled feet, neck into nice arched topline without being humped and well bent stifles. What was she judging? I think we should send this lady a copy of the "Breed Standards" to understand where the arch should be, to understand more about Saluki feet and recognise that humps come with an alternative animal from the desert, called a Camel. _

Brendan Austin has sent in the following: "To commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club, the Officers and Committee would like to invite you to a Year of Celebrations.

Our **Limited Show and Birthday Tea Party** will be held at Steventon Village Hall on Sunday 24th February. We have agreed with your judge Carolyn McCormick Smith not to have a break between judging dogs and bitch so that in the afternoon we can get together for our 90th Birthday Tea Party.

The club was formed on 8th February 1923, so it seems fitting that members and guests come together on this day to celebrate our 90th birthday.

Full details will appear in the Schedule due out at the end of the year. The **Celebration Weekend** starts on Saturday 20th July with our first ever **Saluki Classic**, at the Holiday Inn, Rugby. This will be followed by a **Gala Dinner and Presentation** in the evening.

Overnight accommodation can be arranged with dogs in your rooms in the hotel. Rooms are available for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday night at the special price of £40.00 per double room - bed and breakfast, with a £10.00 supplement per dog. There are also

a few Executive rooms at £55.00. There is a limited number of rooms, so we advise that you book early using the code X3D. Please telephone the Holiday Inn direct on 01788 824 800. You will need to have either a credit or debit card available, but the amount will not be taken from your account until you check out. Rooms are available at this rate until 1st July or until the allocation is taken. On Sunday 21st July we will hold our Celebration **Championship Show** in our marquee in the grounds of the Holiday Inn, Rugby, with an optional BBQ lunch. We hope this will be a very relaxing and enjoyable day.

With the support of the Kennel Club our **Open Show and Saluki Welfare Day**, will be held on 27th October at the Kennel Club Buildings, Stoneleigh. The Open Show will follow its normal format in Ring One. Ring Two will have a **Companion Dog Show** on behalf of the Saluki Welfare Fund. We hope this will be a party gathering of all Salukis from the show fraternity, welfare and rescue organisations and pet dogs.

If you want to discuss any of the above events or if you would like to sponsor Rosettes for any of these shows then please visit the Show Managers table at the Championship Show on 21st October or contact Brendan Austin on 01932 788 040 or brendangaustin@aol.com Other events are planned and details will follow through the Breed Notes when available.”

Coming back to this current year the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club will be holding their Championship Show 2012, on Sunday 21st October at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ. Judging dogs will be Mrs Sharon Kinney (USA) with bitches being judged by Mrs Rosemary Lewis. Best in Show judge is Mrs Margaret Fulcher. Diana Allan will be holding a very exciting Silent Auction with proceeds to go to the 90th Anniversary celebration. I will be selling bone china “mugs” which incorporate Ken Allan’s artwork, especially produced to commemorate the 90th Anniversary. They will make wonderful Christmas gifts!

Helen Williams

kasaque565@gmail.com

SALUKI BREEDNOTES WEEKENDING 29TH SEPTEMBER 2012

It is with great sadness that I must report the death of Sue Cronin. Well know for her Whippets, she recently acquired her first Saluki from Buzz Faber. She was doing very well in the show ring with Sufeina Jebel Ali JW, Sh CM until she became ill with a brain tumour.

In the last couple of weeks, two of our favourite Championship Shows have been held. Michael and I both love the countryside in the area where those shows are held. The first of the two was Darlington with breed specialist Jane Pyatt judging. Her

DCC, BOB for his third CC was Mr & Mrs A Bloomfield's Glenoak Jabari JW, Sh CM. He was born on the 24th May 2008 and his breeders are Dr JA & Mrs EJ Hudson. His sire is Kasra Najib and dam Ch Glenoak Ishaara. RDCC went to Mr P & Mrs EA Shimmin's Ch Hisilome's I Am Iceman Med Cranstal (imp). BCC for her first CC was Mr A Rawson's Mumtaz Monsoon. She was born on 27th August 2005 and her breeder is Mrs Z Rawson. Her sire is Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW and dam Ch Mumtaz Desdemona. RBCC and BR was Mrs M Parker & Ms L Aldous' Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp). Best Veteran went to Mrs D Garratt & Miss S Oakey's Caryna Calisto. Well done all!!

Driffield Championship Show was judged by Mr Keith Prior of South Africa. I believe he did reside here originally and was well known for his Borzois. For his DCC, BOB he chose Mrs C Chryssolor's Anasazi Early Dusk JW, Sh CM, for his first CC. He was born on 10th March 2010 and his owner is his breeder. His sire is Ch Tadj Mahal Emraniizan (imp) Sh CM and his dam Abu Baqr's Gazal Galiya for Anasazi (imp). RDCC was Mrs J & Mrs A Glaister & Mrs M Parker's Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM. BCC went to Dr J A Hudson & Mrs EJ Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW with RBCC to Steer, Fitzgerald, Cook & Burtenshaw's Kirman Dafnia at Fernlark (imp) JW. Best Puppy was Ms E Graham's Faaris Ya'soub Al Djiibaajah. Once again well done all!!.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 21ST September 2012

We have received the following note from Jeannette Glaister " Alan along with Classicus Cassander JW Sh CM along with myself, attended Border Counties Hound Club Open Show on Sunday 9th September at their new venue in Morecambe. The weather was kind to us so being outside in good sized rings was a bonus. Dexter won BOB under judge Ariane Forrester and then went on to get BIS under Whippet judge Mick Howgate. Alan and I was absolutely thrilled and even though it had been a very long day it was a good journey home."

A couple of additional names for judges, 2013. Michael Williams will be judging Paignton. Judging the SGHC supported entry show for the 90th anniversary of the Club which will be held at Southern Counties Championship show is the Saluki breed specialist Dagmar Hintzenberg-Freisleben.

There will be Heart testing at the Mastiff Association's Open Show on 23rd September 2012. The Mastiff Association has invited Emily Dutton BVM&S Cert VC MRCVS, a veterinary cardiologist, to attend our Open Show to carry out heart examinations on our dogs. The procedure is called 'auscultation' and involves your dog being listened to with a stethoscope in a confidential environment. A certificate will be issued to all dogs participating (please ensure you bring KC documents and your registered vet's name/address). Should a murmur be detected, Emily will advise on the next course of action. This may involve performing an echocardiogram (cardiac ultrasound) and/or ECG at an appropriate centre at a later date. This can be discussed confidentially. The Mastiff Association is pleased to encourage health testing within the

breed wherever possible. This is the first time we have invited a cardiologist to one of our shows and we hope that members will support and utilise this initiative. We are pleased to offer this test at a subsidised rate of £15 for the first dog and £10 each for subsequent dogs in the same ownership. In the interests of the health of the breed, OEMC members also have been invited to participate with us in this scheme; however MA members will take priority. Please complete the form (see next page) and return it with your remittance to: Linda Proudfoot, Briar House Farm ewlands ,Rotherfield,'Crowghborough, East Sussex TN6 3RU. Early booking is strongly advised For more information on heart testing,

Maya Monk Schenk has sent the following through: "For your information, there will be eye testing available at the Griffon Bruxellois Club Open Show on October 7th from 10:30 am. Eye testing will be available to all breeds, so please feel free to distribute this information amongst your colleagues. Appointments will need to be made, so please ensure you book prior to attending (please see contact details below). Eye testing will be carried out by Mr. N.J. Burden BVSc CertVOphthal MRCVS. No Gonioscopy will be used. Eye drops will need to be administered 20 minutes before being seen, but should not affect the dogs' vision inside the hall. If you have any queries regarding the day or would like to book a place, please contact either Jessica Gruniger on 01707 644 182, email: jessica.darkle@gmail.com or Club Sec. John Swinge on 01702 230 072 email: balthazar.K9@gmail.com"

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 14TH SEPTEMBER 2012.

We have heard that Anna Cornock and her fiancé Ben Freegard will be married at the end of the month. We wish them great happiness and joy in their life together. It certainly has been an eventful year for the Cornocks with their first ever litter of Saluki puppies and now the wedding to look forward to.

Judy White rang to pass on her thank you to all those that have phoned and written to them regarding Trevor's illness. Everyone's concern has been a comfort to them during a very difficult time. Trevor will soon be starting chemotherapy and hopefully this will have a positive affect.

A couple of names to add to the judges list for next year are Jannette Cotterill will be judging Hound Association of Scotland and Una Preece will be presiding at the Welsh Kennel Club.

At the SGHC upcoming Championship there will be a Silent Auction with all proceeds to go to the 90th Anniversary of the Club. Please support this with either items to donate or making bids on various items. So far we have had some very interesting pieces donated and we are looking forward to some healthy competition in purchasing them. If you would like to donate or want more information please contact Diana Allan on 01234 708658.

I have received an email from Liz Scoates, secretary of Reading & District Kennel Association regarding their upcoming Open Show: "Please note that the date of this

Associations' open show has had to be changed FROM Saturday 24th November TO: Sunday 2nd December 2012. The following Breeds will now be judged by Mr Alec Mackenzie: Tibetan Spaniel, Tibetan Terrier, Shih Tzu, Min Schnauzer and Puppy Stakes. The AVNSC Utility and the Utility Group will be judged by Marita Rodgers. The Judges for all other Breeds and Stakes classes that appear in the Schedule that has already been sent out or that can be found on -line remain the same, as does the venue." The judge for Salukis is Phil Freer (Switzerland) with three classes.

City of Birmingham Show was held recently with Ben Reynolds Frost judging. Continuing with his good run of success was Steer, Fitzgerald and Johnson's Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW with the RDCC to Mrs D Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW. BCC went to Dr JA & Mrs EJ Hudson's Ch Glenoak Kamala JW with RBCC to Mr P Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Angelis. Best Puppy was Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp) owned by Ms L Aldous and Mrs M Parker. Breeders Group was Hudsons

Last Friday it was the turn of Richmond Champion Show. We had a good ring providing lots of shade as the weather was quite warm. Our judge, Jenny Dove was awarding CCs in our Breed for the first time. DCC, BOB and Hound Group 2 was Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW owned by the Steer, Fitzgerald, Johnston partnership with the RDCC to Mrs C De-Souza, Ms L De Souza and Ms H Woodgates smooth, Kasaque Obidiah. BCC went to our own Ch Kasaque Miracle with the RBCC to Mrs K Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. Best Puppy for Ms A Ireson and Mrs D & Mr K Allan's Jazirat Shakilah.

After the judging there was a bring and share lunch (it was quite late so more like tea) organised in the memory of Ken Allan We all lifted our glasses and Marie Bryce Smith spoke a few words about Ken, who will be very much missed by the whole Saluki fraternity. Judging set apart it was most pleasant to just sit and talk with other Salukiphiles and remember Ken, who loved doing the very same thing, talking about his beloved breed

BREED NOTES WEEK-ENDING 24TH AUGUST 2012

For some strange reason the following notes did not appear last week so this week you will be getting a double dose.

Brendan Austin has sent the following: "As you will all be aware we are holding a Fun Day at John and Lisa Hudson's on 26th August, to raise funds for next years' 90th Celebrations. There are still a few tickets available and would very much appreciate your passing on the word. It promises to be a good day and will be a welcome break between the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Tickets are available from Diana on 01234 708658".

Diana Allan has contacted me with the news that the (gift aid) donations given in Ken's name, to the research into liver cancer, at Addenbrooks Hospital, is £1644.75. Diana thanks everyone for their donations.

The following prose was sent to me by Sue Oakley and I thought it very appropriate. Unfortunately I do not know who wrote it so cannot give them credit'

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them

Sad to read that Ann Macdonald has lost her Jason, (Ch Mabrooka Jayid) at the age of 12 ½ years. Unfortunately it never seems to get easier to say good bye. Ann stated that she was proud to have bred him and to have him as her loyal companion for the past twelve and half years. He was the last of her line, her soul-mate and best friend and his loss to her is immense. There is no doubt that he was a special dog and his records of top level winning speak for itself. Our condolences to Ann.

Last Saturday the Hound Show was held. Judging Salukis was Mrs Mary Parker. BCC, BOB was Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM with RBCC to Miss D Layton's Anasha Al Noushafarin (imp). DCC and Best Veteran went to Debra Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW with RDCC to Kim and Lawrence Scowen's Fernlark Drambuie. Best Puppy for Peter Copperthwaite's Khalils Araceli (imp). Best Breeders Group went to Tomkins. Well done all!!!

It is now the height of the busy dog show season with Wednesday it was the turn of Paignton Championship Show. Judging was Denise Rogers. DCC, BOB was Ann & Paul Shimmin's Ch Hisilome's I Am Iceman Med Cranstal (imp) with RDCC to Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW. BCC was awarded to Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM. RBCC to Clair Chryssolor's Gemini Jeu D'esprit for Anasazi (imp). Best Puppy was Peter Copperthwaite's Khalils Araceli (imp). Well done all!!! Clair has contacted to say how thrilled she was with her win but unfortunately she lost an American Indian round silver brooch with a small turquoise probably around the Saluki benches. If anyone finds it please let Clair know as she would be most relieved to get it back.

Our dogs would like me to inform that there is a brand new service for clubs and shows. OUR DOGS can help you get the message across and help your club boost flagging entries! FREE SERVICE TO ALL SHOW ADVERTISERS IN OUR DOGS. WHEN YOU BOOK A SPACE IN THE OUR DOGS SHOW CLASSIFIED PAGES YOUR CLUB'S ADVERTISEMENT WILL APPEAR IN THIS SPECIAL AND EXCLUSIVE

EMAIL NEWSLETTER WHICH WILL BE SENT TO NEARLY 25,000 BREEDERS AND EXHIBITORS THROUGHOUT THE UK, IRELAND AND EUROPE!

The following is a partial list of judges for 2013, thanks to Jimmi Jackson-White. Manchester, Mr P. Iversen, Crufts, Mrs Jeanna Jaques, Birmingham National AF Spencer-Bolland, Windsor, Mr N Stanmore, Hound Association Mrs D Copperthwaite, Bournemouth Mrs Brit Schone Broadwell, So Wales Mrs G Knight Messenger, Driffield, Mrs E. Stanmore, Darlington Mr Ro Doe Dijns

Continuing with the busy season, it was the turn of Bournemouth Championship Show, which was held last Sunday. I was concerned to read that a Chihuahua went missing from the show. In my Breed Notes after Windsor I wrote about my concerns regarding dogs not being allowed near the rings and under our watchful eye. By leaving dogs on benches with no one to look after them, as their guardians are in the ring, is a recipe for disaster. The rings with the inside/outside feature with benching adjacent is so much safer. I hope the show secretaries take note and endeavour to make their shows safer. Our judge was Frank Kane, awarding Challenge Certificates in Salukis for the first time. BCC, BOB was Mrs K. Webb's Ch Al Caliph Nuray with the RBCC to Miss D Layton's Anasha Al Noushafarin (imp). DCC was Mr A & Mrs J Glaister & Mrs M Parker's Classicus Cassander Jw Sh CM for his second CC. RDCC and BV went to Mrs D Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW. Best Puppy was Mr P Copperthwaite's Khalils Araceli (imp Swe). Best Breeders Group was Hudson

Last Friday the Welsh Kennel Club held their championship show and judging us was breed specialist, Reina Clark. For BOB, BCC she chose Clair Chryssolor's recent import from USA, Gemini Jeu D'esprit for Anasazi. She was born on the 10th January 2011 and her breeders are Diener Farrell, Steel & Stomberg. Her sire was UK Ch Tadj Mahal Emrani Izan Sh CM and her dam Am Ch Gemini Paeton Hope Diamond. RBCC went to Steer, Fitzgerald, Cook & Burtenshaw's Kirman Dafnia at Fernlark (imp). DCC was Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark owned by Steer, Fitzgeral & Johnson with RDCC to Fernlark Drambuie owned by Mr L & Mrs K Scowen. Best Puppy was Mrs M Parker and Ms L Aldours' Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp). Best Breeder went to the Tomkins' group. Well done all!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 10TH AUGUST 2012.

Michael and I have not attended many shows this year so we are perhaps a little behind on some of the news. We have just heard that Trevor White is ill. Our thoughts are with him and his wife Judith. If you would like to send a card his address is 20 Green Lane, Bolton, Lancs BL3 2EF

John Hudson the acting Secretary of SGHC has asked me to include that the Club Committee is looking for an Archivist and for someone to run the Club web-site. Anyone interested please contact John on Hudson@glenoak.org.uk or telephone 01954 230016.

Clair Chryssolor has just returned from Sweden where they had sunshine and blue skies. She returned to find a letter from the KC confirming that Anasazi Malt Whiskey

now has his Show Certificate of Merit. He now joins his brother, namely Anasazi Early Dusk.

There will be a bring and Share picnic held after the Saluki judging at Richmond Championship Show to celebrate the life of Ken Allan. The will be held by kind permission of the Richmond Committee. Marie Bryce-Smith will co-ordinate the food. Please contact her asap on 01342 327573. Marie asks that everyone bring their own wine or soft drinks.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 3RD AUGUST 2012.

I am pleased to announce that John Hudson has agreed to take on the role of Hon Secretary of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club until the next AGM.

Kathy Webb has rung me with a reminder that South Eastern Hound Club's 45th Open Show will be held on Sunday 2nd September at the Hickstead Showground, West Sussex. Judging Salukis will be Mrs Toni King (Adhari) plus many other classes to enter to make a full day of showing. This is a Supported Entry by the SGHC so please try and come. There is to be the tradition bring and share lunch, which is always exceptionally good, which will be held around the Saluki ringside after judging. The picnic is being organized by Marie Bryce-Smith (01342 327573) and Kathy (01737353279) if you want to ring for further information or just find out more about the event. For a schedule please go through the www.fossedata.co.uk who will be taking on line entries or telephone the Show Secretary Val Meer on 01435868408.

Kennel Club is holding an international Agility Festival and Companion Dog Show on 10-12 August at Kelmarsh Hall, Kelmarsh, Northants NN6 9LY. The KC International Agility Festival is one of the world's largest and most popular dog agility event attracting thousands of competitors from throughout the UK and across the world. As part of the festival there is also a companion dog show organised by the Heart of England Dog Show Club. This being held on 11th August.

The show will incorporate 7 pedigree classes at £1.50 per class and 15 novelty classes at £1.00 per class including a Companion Dog Club class. Both pedigree and novelty rings will also feature an additional Best in Show class.

Saluki Breed Notes Weekending 20th July 2012.

Last Monday a memorial service for Ken Allan took place at the Dean Church, Upper Dean, in the village where he lived for many years. Dean Church was lovely and the guests were blessed with pleasant weather. The church was full of Ken's friends and family. Nick Bryce Smith spoke about Ken's love of Salukis. He mentioned Ken and Di still having to pinch themselves about winning the group at Crufts. Brian Duggan had flown in from California and he reflected about the important place Ken held in the world of Salukis as a publisher of a prize winning magazine and author of "The Complete Saluki" along with Di. One of only a few books published specifically about Salukis. However, Dean, the son of Ken and Di, spoke about what his dad meant to him and how he had influenced his life. It was simply mesmerising, with Dean

managing to be so eloquent, uplifting and sad at that same time. It was remarkable in these heart rending circumstances. A reception was held in the Dalton Hall afterwards and it was so well attended they were concerned they might run out food. There were many anecdotes and fond memories of Ken exchanged producing both laughter and tears.

Tickets are now available for the Fun Day to be held at John and Lisa Hudson's home in Cambridgeshire on Sunday 26th August from 10.30. This day is to help raise funds for the Clubs 90th Celebrations next year. All members and friends are welcome. Tickets (in advance - as space is limited) are £5.00 to include a lunchtime platter, donations of cakes and desserts, gratefully accepted. Dogs are FREE. Fun classes for the dogs, £1.00 per class, including a Lure Course. Bring and Buy White Elephant Stall, super RAFFLE Prizes, and other Olde Fashioned Fete Activities. Please bring your own chairs.

For more information please contact; Brendan Austin, 01932 788040 email brendangaustin@aol.com or for tickets please contact Diana Allan, tel; 01234 708658 email; jazirat@btinternet.com

- Last week East of England held their Championship show. From all reports it was extremely wet and muddy. There seemed to be no place to hide from the elements. One person said they could hardly lift their dog bedding as it was so saturated with water. And so goes our summer. Judging Salukis was Mrs Ann Birrell. DCC, BOB was Lisa & John Hudson's Glenoak Kiyan JW. He was born on the 11th April 2010 and his owners are his breeders. His sire is Ch Fernlark Alsace and his dam Ch Kasra Tahira. RCCD went to Barbara Biggs and Nicola Quadling's Kasra Tareef with Malenkhai. BCC was Ch Sufeina Zarita Sh CM owned by Buzz Faber. RBCC was Mary Parker's Classicus Corncorrdia JW. Best Puppy was Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp Swe) owned by Mary Parker and Linda Aldous.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 6TH JULY 2012.

It has shocked the Saluki world to hear that Ken Allan passed away on Monday 25th June. He was such a formidable character that only an in- depth obituary will give an insight into who he was. We knew him in his role as a Salukiphile. His graphic designs were second to none as he did the layout and design of Jeanna Jaques's Saluki Heritage for about ten years. When Jeanna decided to stop producing the magazine he started his own, called Saluki International, where he was one of the editors and art director/design. Both magazines were beautifully compiled with superb photograph and illustrations. During the Festival of the Saluki, Ken photographed and designed a beautiful booklet to go along with the Saluki art exhibition held at the Kennel club. Ken and Diana also wrote the book "The Complete Saluki"

Ken, along with his wife Diana, were the principles of the Jazirat prefix. They bred five Champions. Ch Jazirat Bahiyya, who also won Group 1 at Crufts, Ch Jazirat Iskandraya, Ch Jazirat Ilaya at Tasia, Ch Jazirat Sima and Ch Jazirat Zakayyah. Ken was also a championship show judge, his last appointment was at Southern Counties this year.

In November 2010 Ken and Diana organized a Saluki Seminar which was to be held on the very same day he was to go into hospital for a serious operation. They presented a power point presentation then had to leave to check into the hospital. Such was his dedication to the breed he loved. When he came out of the hospital, after several weeks of being very ill, he took over the reigns of being secretary to the SGHC. He will be missed by all. We all had no just idea how ill he was.

The funeral will take place on Monday 9th July in the Church at Upper Dean (postcode PE28 0ND) at 2 pm, afterwards the celebration of Ken's life will be at the Dalton Hall, in Upper Dean. Salukis are welcome in the Church, and at the venue, but they will not be allowed inside the village hall. There is secure parking. Please do not send or bring flowers in Ken's memory, any donations should be arranged to go to LIVER CANCER RESEARCH, to be sent to the funeral Director: Mr Andrew Hickson, "Kingfisher" Funeral Services, Gate Lodge, Cemetery Road, St Neots, Cambridgeshire PE19 2BX. The service and reception is open to all of Ken and Diana's friends.

In regards to my last Breed notes regarding the problem registering Saluki colours at the Kennel Club, Debbie Copperthwaite has sent the following " Further to your Breed Notes last week you will be pleased to know the KC has updated their website with a new list of colours which may be applied for.

<http://www.the-kennel-club.org.uk/services/public/breed/colours.aspx?id=1027>

I simply refused to accept a different colour to that given on my imported puppy's Export Certificate and hence it remained unregistered here. The puppy was registered last week and this morning I have the Registration Certificate in my hand showing the correct colour.

As far as I was concerned applying for the wrong colour or "non-recognised" colour, simply was not acceptable as after all, the KC has a reciprocal agreement to recognize the registration system of the AKC and FCI Countries. I note there are no "non-recognised", blue or brindle on the current list, so I wonder what brindles etc will now be registered as? I hope the people who have had to accept incorrect colours for their recently registered Salukis will now be able to have them changed to the correct ones."

Yesterday Windsor Championship Show was held. Interestingly there were chalk lines at different areas around the rings. If you wanted to sit near the ringside with your dogs you could not as the chairs were for exhibitors/spectators without dogs.

You had to go behind the blue line with dogs but in the case of the Salukis, all this area was filled up with CKCS cages as an overflow from their ring. That meant you had to go back even further to sit with your dogs where there was little chance you could see or hear what was going on in the ring. Of course there was the option of the benches which were through another set of rings and some distance beyond the trade stands. Also announcements over the loud speaker system 'not to leave any personal items unattended', must also include one's dogs, which then necessitates having a second person with you, to look after the dogs on the bench, during the period one was inside the show ring exhibiting.

Judging was Mrs Kathy Webb. BCC, BOB for her third CC was Lisa and John Hudson's Glenoak Kamala JW. She was born on the 11th April 2010 and her owners are her breeders. Her sire is Ch Fernlark Alsace and her dam Ch Kasra Tahira. RBCC went to Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM. DCC went to Kasaque Obidiah owned by Connie De-Souza and Heidi Woodgate for his first CC. He was born on 31st October 2009 and his breeders are Michael and myself. His sire is Ch Nefisa Jeevun Sh CM and his dam is Ch Caspians L'aliq avec Kasaque. RDCC went to the Mr & Mrs D Steels' Dawnchase Zamir. Best Puppy was Jazirat Shakilah owned by Andrea Ireson and Diana & Ken Allan. Best Breeders Group was Hudson. Well done all.

Results for the 2014 SGHC Championship ballet are as follows. Dogs will be judged by Kathy Webb, Bitches Espen Engh and Best in Show by Janette Cotterill.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 29TH JUNE 2012

It is with great sadness that I must report the death of Ann Jones on Monday 18th June 2012. She was determined to judge the Northern Saluki Club Championship Show and bravely accomplished it last April. Her partner, Kevin Carter, said she deteriorated quite quickly after, finally succumbing to liver cancer. Ann was a founder member of the Northern Saluki Circle and the Northern Saluki Club. She attended her first Saluki show in 1971 and bought her first Saluki Sedeki Joda in 1975. Together with Kevin Carter she bred two 'Clearwing' litters making up Clearwing Beraq (Panda). Presently Kevin and Ann were showing a smooth import from Belgium Hanaa Harkaka Rachi of Clearwing. Ann had judged Salukis since 1979 and gave tickets from 1997. She died with her family around her. Our condolences to Kevin and their four children, Paul, Jen, Andy and Anna. The funeral was held on Friday the 22nd of June with their friend from Salukis, David Hartley conducting the service. Donations can be made to Weston Park Hospital and the Saluki Welfare.

Last Sunday the SGHC held their Open Show at the Dobermann Club Training & Showground in Digswell, Hertfordshire. Judging dogs was Miss Clare Boggia and Bitches was Mrs Vicki-ann Tompkins with the Referee Mrs Jill Cross. Best Dog was Lisa & John Hudson's Glenoak Kiyan JW. Best Bitch and Best in Show went to Glenoak Kamala JW, sister of the Best Dog. Best Veteran went to Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushra of Saruk JW with Best Puppy to Mary Parker & Linda Aldous' Khalils Alegra-Classicus. The Best Puppy was chosen by the referee. Unfortunately there were no Junior Handlers this year.

Schedules are now available for the South Eastern Hound Club's 45th Open Show. It will be held on Sunday 2nd September at the Hickstead Showground, West Sussex. Judging Salukis will be Mrs Toni King (Adhari) though there are many other classes to enter to make a full day of showing. This is a Supported Entry by the SGHC so please try and come. There will be the tradition bring and share lunch around the Saluki ringside. For a schedule please go through the www.fossedata.co.uk who will be taking on line entries or telephone the Show Secretary Val Meer on 01435868408.

In last week's "Our Dogs" there was a full page advertisement by the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club and the Northern Saluki Club. The advert was entitled "When is a Saluki not a Saluki? When it is brindled". It is signed by 43 breeder/judges of Salukis. If you have not seen a copy of this very important document and would like to see it, please contact the secretary of the Saluki Club, Ken Allen on telephone number. 01234 708658 or email: jazirat@btinternet.com

Breed Notes Week ending 22nd June 2012

For some unknown reason my Breed Notes from last week were omitted, therefore I am integrating two weeks notes.

Last Saturday was the turn of Southern Counties Championship Show. Judging Salukis was Ken Allan. His DCC, BOB was Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlare JW owned by the Johnson, Steer and Fitzgerald partnership with the RDCC to Lisa and John Hudson's Glenoak Kiyan JW. BCC, for her third and qualifying CC was Cranstal Quintessence owned by Ann and Paul Shimmin. Quintessence was born on 17th July 2003 and her breeders are her owners. Her sire is Ch Kasaque Jimna Sh CM and her dam Ch Cranstal Incandescence. RBCC went to our own Ch Kasaque Miracle. Best Puppy was Mary Parker and Linda Aldous's Khalils Allegra-Classicus (imp Swe). Well done all!

During the judging I had a quick chat with Mary Parker regarding her imported grizzle parti-coloured puppy. Sue Bounds has a puppy from her litter of the same colour which she recently tried to register with the KC as a parti-grizzle. No problem there, as we all know that colour is recognised as one of our many acceptable colours. Well it seems there is no box for the Kennel Club staff to tick that says parti-grizzle. He can be a back/white parti or a red parti but not a grizzle. Mary had this same problem when registering her puppy. She left Sweden as a grizzle parti and had to end up here as a silver grizzle, so now Sue's parti is also a silver grizzle. It seems to me that the KC wants a generic dog so the right boxes are there for placing their "X's" The SGHC Committee has said they are working on this problem as the colours the KC list for our breed, on their registration form, need to be more in sink with the colours our breed actually comes in.

John and Lisa Hudson are holding a Fun Day on Sunday 26th August from 10.30 at their home in Cambridgeshire. All members and friends are welcome. Tickets (in advance - as space is limited) are £5.00 to include a lunchtime platter, donations of cakes and desserts welcome. Dogs are FREE. Fun classes for the dogs, £1.00 per class. Also a Lure Course. Bring and Buy White Elephant Stall, super RAFFLE Prizes, and other Olde Fashioned Fete Activities. Please bring your own chairs.

For more information please contact; Diana Allan Dean Croft, Brook Lane, Upper Dean, Huntingdon, PE28 0NG. tel; 01234 708658 email; jazirat@btinternet.com

The Saluki Magazine has some back issues still for sale for those who wish to build up their back library, we still have Crufts 2002, Crufts and Championship Show 2004, Championship Show 2006, Championship Show 2008, Crufts and Championship Show 2010 and 2011 as well as Crufts 2012. They all include a wealth of knowledge as well

some wonderful photographs and art work of the breed, a must for anyone wanting to learn to learn more. Copies are available from the Treasurer Jimmi Johnston-White who can be contacted my e-mailsales@salukimagazine.co.uk or by telephone on 020 8853 3197. The Championship Show Edition of the magazine is being printed with special regard for the late Earnie Tebbs, his Almanza line and his time on the coursing field, with this in mind adverts that make mention of the Almanza's and will cost £75 with a further discount on double page spreads. for more information on this and book an advert please contact Kathy Webb advertising@salukimagazine.co.uk or on 01737 353279."

David Hartley has sent a reminder for a Walk in aid of Saluki Welfare . Come and meet other Saluki owners in a friendly social atmosphere. On Saturday 7th JULY 2012 Starting from St. Peter's Methodist Church, Riley Street, and Earby. (Between Colne, Lancs. and Skipton, Yorks) OPEN TO ALL BREEDS. NON SHOWING and RESCUE SALUKI OWNERS ESPECIALLY WELCOME 10am-11am Meet at the Church Tea/Coffee provided. 11. 15 am Walk in surrounding countryside led by members of the local walking group. Long version about 5 miles. Turn back version about 2 miles 1.15 ish Time to eat your packed lunch, chill, or visit the pub. Tea and biscuits provided at Church. 2 .30 pm ish Simple Saluki quiz, .fun classes sponsored by Cobbydog Dog photo competition, raffle etc. Presentation of Trophy for Best in Walk. New for 2012 Introduce your dog and tell his/her story (in 250 words or less) to the audience. 4.30 pm The famous Fish and Chip Tea. For further information please contact o David James Hartley, Riverside, 3 Greenbank, Schoolfields, Earby, Lancs. BB18 6QQ as soon as possible. Tel 01282 842617. Email davidjhartley @ hotmail.com

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 1ST JUNE 2012

I have received the following from David Crane, secretary of Saluki Welfare, regarding the recent Saluki Welfare Fun Day. "Lots of fun was had by all who attended the Saluki Welfare Fun Day last Saturday (May 19th). The weather was kind, with no rain and some sunshine, the going was good for lure coursing and the fun dog show. People who came and supported the event were exceptionally generous. A total of over £1100 was raised for Welfare Funds. Thanks and congratulations must go to Nicola Quadling for her organising of the event, and to all who helped and contributed on the day. Please keep your eyes peeled for future Welfare Fund social events.

Last Saturday the Scottish Kennel Club held their Championship Show judging us was Gina Simpson. DCC, BOB and Group 4, continuing his winning way was the Johnson, Steer, Fitzgerald partnership's Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW with the RDD to Mr A, Mrs J and Mrs M Parker's Classicus Cassander JW, Sh CM, BCC went to Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM owned by the Garratt, Oakey, & Smith partnership with RBCC to Classicus Concorrdia JW owned by Mrs M Parker. Best Puppy was Kahlils Allegra-Classicus (imp Swe) owned by Mrs M Parker & Ms L Aldous. Best Breeders Group and Group a was Vikki-annTompkins

We have head that Denys Simpson has been unwell and is in hospital. We hope by the time you read these notes he will be back home and on the road to recovery,

At the World Show 2012 which was held at Salzburg, Austria, Best in Show was Shiraz California Dreamin owned by Nicklas Eriksson from Sweden. Congratulations to him and his dog. I am not sure but I do not think this is the first time Nicklas has won this honour.

Brendan Austin has said that photos for the calendar competition are slow coming in this year so he has request that I reprint the following: "In readiness for our 90th anniversary, The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club is holding its annual photographic competition for the Saluki Calendar on Sunday 17th June 2012, at the Dobermann Club, Didswell in conjunction with the Open Show. Judging for the competition will be by Members and their friends by ballot on the day.

Entries are FREE and you may enter as many photographs as you wish. Photographs should be no larger than A5 (6x8"). They may be in black and white or colour and should be of a reproducible quality. Entries should have a SAE for their safe return.

Please send your entries to arrive not later than 11th June to;Brendan G Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex. TW16 7QB. Entries may be submitted online to brendangaustin@aol.com (jpeg image preferred), and they will be printed for you. Please include any information about the photograph, names of dogs when and where it was taken - anything that might be of interest, bearing in mind space availability. If you have entered photographs in previous years and they have not been chosen, it does not mean that they cannot be entered again. You may have better luck this time. This year's competition will be a celebration of our breed and hopefully will include the very best photographs of salukis for the calendar. The entrant (i.e. person who submits the photographs) must have permission if chosen, to have the photograph(s) printed in the calendar, (that is if you are not the owner of the photograph or dog(s). If a chosen photograph is not of a good enough quality, then the next winning photograph will be submitted. The organisers' decision is final. If you have any questions you can telephone Brendan on 01932 788 040. Good Luck"

In last week's Our Dogs there was an article by my co-writer, Helen Graham about the Saluki Conservation Club. As I had never heard of them, prior to Helen's including that article, I have tried to find out something about them. I have now received a copy of their bulletin which states that the Club was founded "to preserve, protect and perpetuate the Saluki as a hunting hound by all lawful means" Chairman is Adrian Phillips, Treasurer is Pip Buswell, Nikki Hill, Tanja Stevens and Rosie Lewis (Secretary). Rosie Lewis has sent a statement regarding this Club "The SCC was formed in Nov. 2005 as a result of the 2004 hunting ban - as our letter head states, it's aim is to preserve, protect and perpetuate the saluki as a hunting hound. Obviously we have rules, constitution and membership is by invitation only. "

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 25th MAY 2012

Breed Record Supplement is now available for "spring". Included in this issue are records for January to March 2012. There were 22 puppies registered from four litters. Two of the litters were from known breeders. Importations, there were three, Khalils

Allegra-Classicus (imp Swe) was imported by Mary Parker and Linda Aldous. Kirman Egeria (imp Fin), imported by Lawrence and Kim Scowen and Kirman Eumenes at Fernlark (imp Fin) by Sheryl Streer. One export Pedigree was issued to Bamjoeh Alicia, who went to Bermuda. Two Champion Certificates were issued, one to Baghdad Karim (imp Aus) owned by Ham, Ross Elliot and Bockman-Chato partnership and the second to Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark owned by the Johnson, Steer and Fitzgerald partnership. One Junior Warrant was awarded to Kirman Dafnia at Fernlark (imp Fin) owned by Steer, Fitzgerald, Burtenshaw and Cook partnership. One Show Certificate of merit to Buzz Faber's Ch Sufeina Zarita.

Buzz has informed me that she had a lovely time recently in Ireland on a mini-circuit. She said she rather enjoyed the twisty Irish roads rather than always being on the motorway. Her trip was successful as she said she won the CACIB with her Ch Sufeina Zarita.

At the Hound Association of Scotland I omitted to include that Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk won a round of the Hounds for Hero competition. Nick said there were five rounds at the show, the winner of each round competed at the end for best Hound for Hero. It was all done at the one show and Persian Punch won "3rd" overall.

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned watching out for Red Kites if you had young stock. I have just completed some research on this and I find that The Red Kite's diet consists mainly of small mammals such as mice, voles, shrews, young hares and rabbits. It also feeds on a wide variety of carrion including sheep carcasses and dead game birds. So I would still be very watchful if you have young puppies and there are Red Kites around.

Last Saturday Birmingham National held their Championship show. Judging Salukis was Mrs Denise Garratt. DCC, BOB and Hound Group 3 was Ch Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW, owned by the Johnson, Steer and Fitzgerald partnership with the RDCC to John and Lisa Hudson's Glenoak Kiyam JW. BCC for her first CC was Glenoak Kamala JW owned by John & Lisa Hudson. She was born on the 1st April 2010 and her breeders are her owners. Her sire is Ch Fernlark Alsace JW and her dam Ch Kasra Tahira Glenoak JW. RBCC went to Kathy Webbs Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. Best Puppy was Khalils Allegra-classicus (imp) It was also a good day for Ch Baghdad Karim Sh CM owned by Ham, Brockman Chato and Ross-Elliot as Karim was the winner of the Champion Stakes. The Judge was Stuart Mallard.

SGHC Open Show is not far off so please remember that the photo competition. Please send your photographic entries to Brendan Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex. TW16 7QB or email brendangaustin@aol.com. Entries close 11th June.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH MAY 2012

Over the early May bank holiday weekend there were a few Open Shows. Lorraine Fitzgerald has emailed that Flynn (Tasia Moonshine over Dawnchase JW) won Best in

Show at the Marlborough & District Canine Society under judges Sue Ergis and Brigitte Bodle. He now has his final points for his Sh CM. He is owned by Sheryl Steer, Lorraine and John Fitzgerald.

Clair Chryssolor was also out show last weekend at Witney Open in Oxfordshire where Kite (Anasazi Malt Whiskey) won BIS last yea. This Year his brother, Dusk, Anasazi Early Dusk, won Group 1 under Nina Fleming and BOB. At South of England Open Show Dusk won under Simon Parsons earning his ShCM this weekend. Kite won his PG class and is waiting for the last ShCM point.

Schedules are out for the SGHC Open Show and if you want to enter you need to enter On-line as postal entries will be closed by the time you read these notes. The show will be held on Sunday 17th June 2012 at the Dobermann Club Training & Showground, Herford Road, Digswell, Herts AL6 0BU. Miss Clare Boggia will be judging dogs and Bitches will be judged by Mrs Vicki-Ann Topkins. Referee is Mrs Mary Pascoe. Show opens at 9.00am and the judging will commence at 10.00 followed by the bitches.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 4TH MAY 2012.

Congratulations to Karen & Glen Fisher on the arrival of their granddaughter Grace Elizabeth Hounslow. She was born on the 23rd April 2012 weighing in at 9 lbs 12 oz. The proud parents are Oliver and Natalie Hounslow .

Andrea Ireson owner of Jazirat Raven (Tazi) and co-owner of Jazirat Shakilah with Di and Ken Allen, and labrador named Bidy have sent in this horrific story of what happened to her on an recent outing:

“On Saturday 14th April 2012, we were all on our way back from our morning walk. We entered our road when on the same side as us was a youth with two girls and a large English Bull Terrier type dog, as soon as the youth's dog saw my three, he started to pull on his lead, which I remember thinking didn't look very strong, so I crossed the road to give us all some space, but this made no difference to the Bull Terrier. The youth started shouting at his dog not to " start" but this dog was paying no attention and had decided he was coming over to my dogs. The Bull Terrier managed to break free and ran towards us, first attacking Tazi. At this time Bidy managed to slip her collar and made a dash for safety but the salukis had hound collars on which were more difficult to escape from. I remember shouting and screaming at the lad to get his dog off my dogs but his dog was too strong for him and to be honest, I think he was scared to put his hands down and grab the dog, as at this point it had no collar on. After having a go at Tazi he started on Kelah, the puppy. This is not nice reading and its very emotional to re-think it and type it.

My sweet, funny baby girl was defenceless, there was nothing she could do to defend herself, she just sat on the road side and shrieked with pain as this massive brute took hold of her leg and sunk his teeth into her, this was when I, without any reward, started kicking frantically at the dog while screaming at the lad to get the dog off her. The two girls he was with just stood there watching, I also screamed at them to phone the police but again they did nothing. The young man made another attempt to grab the dog by the scruff of the neck managing to clasp some flesh. As soon as Kelah was free, I ran my dogs to safety calling Bidy

back, putting her lead back on as I ran to the nearest house as I just wanted my dogs off the road as I knew this guy was struggling to keep hold of the Bull Terrier. Luckily I knew the chap who lived in the house where I knocked and he answered, with a very brief description of what just happened, he let us all in. Immediately I phoned the police and explained what happened, they said a patrol car had been despatched. Tazi and Bidy seemed shook up but ok at this point but Kelah had gone very quiet which began to worry more. The lady who's house I took refuge in, phoned my vet for me whilst I spoke to the police. The police told me that Kelah was probably in shock and I needed to get her to the vets ASAP. I was afraid to leave as the Bull Terrier was still outside, and was now attacking a 14 year old Golden Retriever.

Our vets advised us to keep Kelah quiet and warm, at this point I did not know what injuries she had received. I then phoned Dave, my partner and told him briefly what had happened and asked him to bring the car down to collect us. When he arrived the youth and Bull Terrier were gone. Shannon, one of my daughters came with Dave and walked Bidy home then Dave and I took Kelah and Tazi to the vets.

On arrival we saw the Golden Retriever, he had bite injuries on his legs and the vet was assessing him along with a little terrier that the English Bull Terrier had also attacked, before the police caught the dog. She then looked at Tazi then Kelah. Our vet found Kelah to be in shock so she was first to be treated. We were whisked to the back of the surgery where Kelah was placed on a heat pad and put on a drip for fluids, she was then given a pain relief injection and briefly checked over. Her main injuries were a bite at the top right leg and a puncture wound to her elbow. Tazis injuries were a puncture wound and a vertical bite of 3 cms. They both were anaesthetised and x-rayed to make sure nothing was broken. Kelah has stitches and Tazi has staples. On arriving home they were both very hungry and ate a good dinner, then slept. Kelah made even more noise than usual yesterday but it was wonderful and she could make as much noise as she wanted.

To date, I have identified the dog that attacked us at the local police station, along with the other two owners. The owner of the Bull Terrier was also there, he apologised and offered to pay all vet costs. After identifying the dog the owner was free to take the dog home! Hopefully we will be able to press charges against the owner - but this remains to be seen. Both dogs are recovering well and they are due to have their stitches/staples out next week. Please feel free to contact me, if you require any more information. 07932961738 or 01235 201981”

We wish all the dogs involved in the incident a speedy recovery.

Saluki Welfare fund is hosting a fun day and welcomes all Saluki owners to come and join in all the fun. It will be held on Saturday 19th May 2012 from 10.30 am at the Practice Polo Field, Park House Stables, Kingsclere, Newbury RG20 5PY. All funds raised will go to the Saluki Welfare Fund. Gate entrance fee is £5.00 which includes

one free run on the lure for the dog. Activities include Lure Coursing which starts at 11.00. The field is totally enclosed and safe for running hounds. Cost is £2.00 per run per dog. At 2pm there will be a fun dog show. Entry fee is £1.00 per dog. Lunch break is at approximately 1.00. There are not catering facilities so please bring a picnic along though there will be a cake stall and cold drinks for sale. As extras there will be a homemade cake stall (please bring cakes to donate) Auction of special items. Raffle, Welfare stand and Saluki memorabilia. For further information please contact Nicola Quadling on 0208 5908457, 07831 876143 or email nq.saluki@btinternet.com

Last Sunday the Northern Saluki Club held their Championship show. Judging was Ms Ann Jones. We were delighted to see her there as we know she had not been well and the assignment would be quite challenging for her. She appeared to have all, well under control. DCC, BOB, carrying on from his wins from Crufts was Ch Jorjenfo Mirzam of Fernlark JW owned by the Steer, Fitzgerald & Johnson partnership with RDCC to Classicus Cassander, JW, Sh CM owned by Mr A & Mrs J Glaister and Mrs M Parker. BCC, for her first CC went to Mary Parker's Classicus Concorrdia JW. She was born on the 7th Aril 2010 and her breeder is her owner. Her sire is Ch Baghdad Karim (imp) Sh CM and her dam Ch Khalils Phaedra of Classicus (imp) Sh CM with RBCC to Dr Ja & Mrs EJ Hudson's Glenoak Kamala JW. Best Puppy went to Mrs M Parker & Ms L Aldous's Kahlils Allegra-classicus (imp).

A note from Daphne Parnham states that she thanks all those that supported the welfare stand at the NSC show. They made £130.00

Unfortunately I have been informed that a 4 year old Saluki bitch is in need of a home. She has done nothing wrong but her owner decided because of neighbour problems that for her safety it would be best rehoming her. If you are interested and would like more details please contact the Secretary of SGHC, Ken Allan on 01234 708658.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 28TH APRIL 2012

Last Saturday the Hound Association of Scotland held their Championship Show. Judging us for the first time with Challenge Certificates was Mrs Jan Pain. DCC, BOB and Hound Group 3 was Ch Jorjenfo Mirzam of Fernlark JW owned by the Johnston, Steer, Fitzgerald partnership. RCDD went to Mr & Mrs Glaister and Mrs M Parker's Classicus Cassander. BCC went to Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM woned by Garrat, Oakey & Smith parthership with the RBCC to Kathy Webb's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. Best puppy was Steer & Fitzgerald's Kirman Eumenes at Fernlark (imp Fin). Well done all!!.

David Hartley, chairman of NSC has sent the following regarding the recent death of Margaret Worrell: "The Saluki world was shocked to hear of the unexpected death of Miss Margaret Worrell shortly after Crufts. Margaret died suddenly at home and neighbours were alerted to the tragedy by the barking of her two Deerhounds.

A member of the Committee of both the Northern Saluki Club and of Saluki Welfare Margaret was a committed dog person who really wanted to give something back to breeds she loved.

Margaret's affix was Kuffeh and she had both rescue and show Salukis over the years. Her Saluki ownership began with a black and silver rescue from Battersea Dogs Home. He was followed by a fawn grizzle Rashid Kuffeh who took a CC at Three Counties under Vicky Gwynn and then another Black and Silver, Kenue Black Sword, who was Best Veteran Dog at a NSC Open Show. Her last Saluki was Storm, Starflight Desert Storm, bred by Janet Bullock who went to live with Margaret as a puppy but eventually returned to Janet when, in adulthood, the males began to clash. Margaret bred a litter of Deerhounds and had at least one lurcher whom she showed in lurcher classes around the agricultural and county shows. At the time of her death Margaret no longer had a Saluki and her two remaining Deerhounds were rehomed by their breed rescue.

Saluki people from all over the country have paid tribute to Margaret's kind and pleasant personality. She was indeed a lovely lady and the first person to greet folks as they came into the NSC Championship and Open shows. She will be sadly missed "on the door." I have to tell you that she was the brains and administrative genius behind the welcome table and I'm sure I will not be able to live up to her high standards on my own. We all knew that Margaret's health was not of the best but that did not prevent her travelling North from Worcestershire to our NSC Committee meetings and South to the Welfare meetings which were held at the other end of England. For some time Margaret had had a "runner" when showing her dogs as her mobility was no longer good but no one suspected that her death would be so soon nor so sudden. Sadly she did not have any close family left but all her many friends mourn her passing and will have a Margaret shaped hole in their hearts and lives. The Saluki world is indeed diminished by her passing and so we say "We all loved you Margaret - Rest in Peace."

In readiness for our 90th anniversary, The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club is holding its annual photographic competition for the Saluki Calendar on Sunday 17th June 2012, at the Dobermann Club, Didswell in conjunction with the Open Show. Judging for the competition will be by Members and their friends by ballot on the day.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 20TH APRIL 2012.

The lapse of notes coming from me has not been because of my lack of dedication, which I am sure has proven itself to the readership over the many years, but rather to the lack of information available to relate. With the show season starting, I am hoping that will encourage people to pass on relevant messages for me to write in this column.

Karen Fisher, Editor of "The Saluki" has sent the following: "The next issue of The Saluki will be a tribute to the life of Ernest Tebbs who was one of the Great Characters of our breed. As Almanza Kafiat is behind many of today's Salukis, The Saluki will be offering a discount of £15 on advertisements in tribute to Ernest's life and acknowledging their descendant of Kafiat. If you would like to take up this offer please contact Kathy Webb by telephone: 01737 353279 or email: advertising@salukimagazine.co.uk

There will also be a page for personal tributes, if you would like to contribute please email your text to editor@salukimagazine.co.uk This page will be in addition to the main Obituary for Ernest which is already underway."

The secretary of Windsor Championship Show, Irene Terry has informed us that do to health issues, Denise Courtney will be unable to judge at their upcoming show. Replacing her will now be Kathy Webb.

In this area of Berkshire, we did not have the pleasures of seeing Red Kites flying overhead. We have always had Buzzards. Now the Red Kites have arrived and are happily breeding and raising their young. With their emergence have come new problems one of which is that they are very bold and fly quite low to the ground, seeming to hover over head. With that, it has been reported a couple of time, locally, food has been snatched off the barbeques by these birds. While that may not seem so terrible, as there are probably more sausages available, the concern is they may grab young puppies. It has been told to me that in Florida they send Salukis out in the garden with their little toy dogs to protect them from the birds. Any way it is just a "heads-up", if you have puppies.

SALUKI BREED NOTES 6TH APRIL 2012.

David Hartley Chairman of the Northern Saluki Club has sent me the following "It is my sad duty to inform you that Margaret Worrell died at home sometime after Crufts. As Margaret lived alone and as far as is known had no immediate relatives the details are

not clear nor is the date of the funeral yet available.

Margaret was a valued member of the Committee of the NSC and of Saluki Welfare where she was much appreciated for her caring nature and hard working personality. Despite living a long distance away and having health difficulties Margaret was always "on the door" at NSC Club shows welcoming everyone and was a regular presence at our committee meetings where her common sense and considered comment was greatly valued. Although Margaret had previously had Lurchers, Salukis and Deerhounds, which she greatly enjoyed showing, at the time of her death she no longer had a Saluki or a lurcher and her two remaining Deerhounds have been rehomed through the breed. Her sudden death has come as shock to all her many friends in the Saluki world and we can only say "Rest in Peace Margaret" you will not be forgotten in our ranks." I would like to put my own personal condolences in as she was a very warm and gracious lady. Margaret was the first person we saw when attending the NSC Champ show and she always was welcoming wishing everyone a wonderful day.

The Saluki Crufts Edition 2012 was launched at Crufts, not surprisingly. The front cover is beautifully presented with a postage stamp from the Benin Republic placed on a lemon coloured background. The stamp is part of a collection which is featured in the magazine's new section "Collector's Corner. The Editorial states that there is a change in The Saluki and Val Prior has retired as Treasurer and Jimmi Johnson-White will be taking over that position. She asks us to be gentle with him. Further on in the magazine there is an introduction by Jimmi, for those of you who do not know him. If you need to contact him about subscriptions or payments of any kind his email address issales@salukimagazine.co.uk or telephone 0208 8533197. Maya Monk-Schenk our Breed Health Co-ordinator has presented with an interesting article on Congenital and Inherited Diseases. A subject that always encourages heated discussions.

There are many other interesting article but as usual the back-bone of the magazine are us, the contributors of the adverts. We all look at them first, then read the articles so if you would like to be part of the magazine with an advert or equally as important with an article please contact Karen Fisher the editor on email editor@salukimagazine.co.uk or telephone 01279 833855.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 30TH MARCH 2012.

It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of Ernest Tebbs on Friday 16th March 2012. Ernie and his famous Almanza Salukis were known worldwide for their beauty and excellence on the Coursing field. His story started with the bitch, Ch Asphodel Almanza whom he obtained from Mr Burns in 1961. She was the foundation of his very influential line. Asphodel Amanza was bred to Ch Bedouin Caliph which produced Ch Almanza Kafiat and his sister Ch Almanza Kuhaila. Kafiat, besides winning the group at Crufts, was an excellent coursing dog, winning the Sandpiper Trophy for top show/coursing dog many times as well as being a prepotent stud dog. There are few pedigrees in this country that do not have the Almanza line somewhere in their background. Besides the dog, Ernie was a beekeeper. His honey was very well received at the Saluki Club shows. Not a man to suffer fools gladly, Ernie was a strong character in the development of our breed and he will be missed greatly.

Our thoughts and our condolences go to his wife Elsie and his children. There will be a more detailed tributes and obituary in the Saluki Magazine.

David Crane, secretary for the Saluki Welfare has sent the following:- "The AGM of the Saluki Welfare Fund will take place on Sunday April 15th at 11.30am at Weston on the Green Village Hall (OX25 3RE). This is situated just off the A34 near it's junction with the M40. There is good walking nearby and an excellent pub up the road for lunch. Why not make a day of it in the Oxfordshire countryside with Saluki Friends. Any items for the agenda to davidcrane@salukiwelfare.or.uk asap please"

Last Sunday the SGHC held their AGM at the Exeter Hall, Kidlington Oxfordshire. There was quite a good representation of members in spite of it being "Mothering Sunday". This was one of the first things on the agenda, the secretary will endeavour to find a date that does not coincide with Mother's day in the future. Don Everton, hon. treasurer, read through the accounts which were accepted and then received thanks from the floor as he has now retired from that position. Taking over will be Peter Jackson-Main. Don Everton will now be Vice-President of the Club, so at the appropriate time he took over as chairman of the meeting. There were only a few people that put their names forward to be on the Committee so it was decided that the Club would set up sub committees from the general membership where ever possible. Results of the Club Ballots were read out with the Limited Show 2013 to be judged by Caroline Mc Cormick Smith. Open Show 2013 will be Maggie Holder, Liz McKnight and the referee Brian Henry. Going for a second ballot for the Championship Show 2014 will be Espen Engh, Tony King, Peter Yardley, Janette Cotterill and Kathy Webb. Show Secretary for 2012 will be Nicola Quadling with the Show Manager, Brendan Austin.

The AGM participants discussed the pending events in 2013 as we look forward to the 90th Anniversary of SGHC. A plan was approved for a sub committee to devise and implement the Clubs plans to celebrate. In the Newsletter there will be more information. Diana Allan is heading up the Committee. If anyone would like to help please contact her on 01234 708658. After many years of looking after the SGHC web site, Karen Fisher has stepped down from that job. The AGM thanked her for her hard work but now the Club is looking for a new Web Master. If anyone would like to take the challenge on please contact the Secretary Kan Allan.

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SALUKI Breed Notes Weekending 23rd March 2012

The Kennel Club have listed on their web site the following colours of Salukis which are acceptable for registration: black & cream, black & Silver, black & tan, black & white particolour, black fringed fawn, black fringed red, cream, fawn, fawn & white, gold, grizzle, red, red & white particolour, red grizzle, silver grizzle, tricolour. There is also a separate tick box and section for colours not recognised by the KC.

On the 9th March Ch Jazirat Sima passed away in her sleep aged 15 years 1 month. Last time we saw her was at the Club Championship Show where the judge, David Perkins commented on how well she was looking. Our condolence to her owner, Ruth Dann and her breeders Ken & Diana Allan.

Nick Bryce-Smith has rung to let me know that the judge for Salukis at Richmond Championship Show 2012 will be Jenny Dove

Well another Crufts has come and gone. Thankfully we Salukis owners did not have to go through the trial of having our dogs health tested. I have read in this publication about the procedures the BOB winners of some of these breeds, had to endure. Imagine winning BOB then having a KC representative standing by to accompany your dog and yourself to see a veterinary surgeon. Then to be told there is something wrong with your dog without a chance of an alternative opinion. I would feel just like those competitors and consider giving up the game.

Our day was not without excitement. Three weeks before the show Miracle decided to jump from the garden at one of the windows in our dog room to see who was there. I should say she flung herself at that window and it gave way. There was glass everywhere plus the jagged edges, left in what remained of the window. We had a friend staying with us so my first attention went to boarding up the window so no one would cut themselves. My friend informed me there was blood on the floor. After the window was carded both inside and outside I set my attention to the culprit who was now holding up a paw. I convinced her it would be a good idea to come in the house and then tried to stem the flow of blood, which I could not. So a Sunday evening call to our vets who said bring her in.....we did and she was operated on as she had severed an artery and partially severed two ligaments. That meant a stay over night at the vets as she had lost a lot of blood. Then we had the recovery period. No exercise but short walks to give the wound time to heal. After ten days the stitches were removed and we started hydrotherapy to get her moving again. Thankfully the injury was not on the paw but on the pastern so she never limped on it. We are now a week after Crufts and Miracle is still only being walked on a lead as tendons heal very slowly.

Back to Crufts, it was a touch and go situation weather Miracle would make it to the big day but we were trying very hard to do everything, within reason to see she made it. On the morning of Crufts we loaded four people and four dogs plus lunches, bedding, grooming equipment into our people carrier and made the journey in good time to the NEC. At the Show we took all our equipment out of the car and each person was given a dog as the dogs do get excited when arriving at a show. Walking into the venue from the car park I sprained my ankle and went down with a thud making holes in my other leg. The pain was so excruciating that I just stood there feeling desolate while my Saluki tried to look as if she did not belong to me. My ankle was in terrible state and the first aid patched me up and said come back if I need more pain killers. I was determined after spending three weeks nursing Miracle that I would get in that ring. Thankfully I did not have to run a marathon, just around the ring and did manage hopefully not limping too much.

Judging Crufts was Mrs Marie Bryce-Smith and the results are DCC, BOB Hound Group 3 went to Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW for his third and qualifying CC. He was born on the 26th June 2009 and his breeder is Mr T Quick. His sire is Ch Fernlark Alsace JW and his dam Daxlore Calisha at Jorjenjo RDCC went Annette and Brian Buckley's Ch Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM. BCC for her first CC went to John & Lisa Hudson's Glenoak Jazmyn JW. She was born on 24th May 2008 and her breeders are her exhibitors. Her sire is Kasra Najib and her dam Ch Glenoak Ishaara. RBCC went to our own Ch Kasaque Miracle. Unfortunately there were no puppies entered.

The following note has been sent for inclusion in the breed notes: "Fernlark and Dawnchase Salukis would like to thank everyone who has sent kind messages to congratulate us. Never in our wildest dreams did we ever imagine winning Best of Breed at Crufts and especially Group 3. Special thanks go to Marie Bryce Smith and Keith Thornton for thinking so highly of Rafi, his breeders Tony and Liz Quick and last but not least our fantastic handler and co owner Luke Johnston. We had such an amazing day. Sheryl, Lorraine and John FERNLARK AND DAWNCHASE SALUKIS"

We have heard that Ann Jones has been unwell and at this time she is under treatment. Our most positive thoughts are with Ann, her partner Kevin Carter and their family. Having advised of the above, Kevin has told us that Ann is very much looking forward to her judging appointment at the NSC Championship Show.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 2ND MARCH 2012

David Hartley has sent a notice through about a walk in aid of Saluki Welfare Funds. It will be held on Saturday 7th July 2012 starting from St Peter's Methodist Church, Riley Street, Earby. (between Colne, Lancs and Skipton, Yorks) Open to all Breeds, non showing and rescue Saluki owners especially welcome. Meeting will take place between 10am-11.00am at the church with tea/coffee. 11.15am, there will be a walk in surrounding countryside led by members of the local walking group. Long version is about 5 miles, turn back version is 2 miles. At about 1.15pm packed lunches, chilling time or visit to the local pub. Tea and Biscuits will be provided at the Church. 2.30pm will be a simple Saluki quiz, fun classes sponsored by Cobbydog Dog also there will be a photo competition, raffle etc. After there will be a presentation of trophy for Best in Walk. Later there will be a "introduce your dog and tell his/her story (in 250 words or less) to the audience." 4.30pm The famous Fish and Chip Tea. The cost is £7 per dog in aid of Welfare Funds. The Fish and chips (at cost) are £3.80 extra. Please send a cheque if at all possible made out to Saluki Welfare. Please return slip/telephone/email to David James Hartley, Riverside, 3 Greenbank, Schoolfields, Earby, Lancs. BB18 6QQ as soon as possible. Tel 01282 842617. Email davidjhartley @ hotmail.com

The SGHC Yearbooks have been now sent out and hopefully all paid up members have received their copies. I would like to thank all those who have sent email and called giving me a positive reaction to the publication. This year we have included emails and

telephone numbers of members. If our records are incorrect or just need updating please contact Ken Allan and we will make sure the information is corrected for next years publication.

“KC Breed Supplement” is now out for the fourth quarter of 2011. I always find it full of very important and interesting information. There were 7 litters registered and none of the breeders were members of any clubs as far as I know. One of the most interesting Breeders was a Mrs Dark who had two litters with a total of 18 puppies. Ten of those puppies were registered as smooths from two feathered parents. This is genetically impossible as except in a very few, well documented cases you need a smooth Saluki to have smooth off springs. In all those reported cases of smooths in feathered litters, there was only one puppy born smooth and the rest of the litter was feathered. There were three importation in the Supplement; Gemini Jeu D’Esprit for Anasiazi (import USA) owner Mrs C Chryssolor, Marcjacobs Del Borghino (import Italy) owned by Mrs K & Mr NM Nott, Yalameh Lala Ambra Shah (import Germany) owned by Mrs J Nicholas. Three new champions, Caryna Calisto owned by Mrs Da Garratt & Miss S Oakey, Hislome’s I Am Iceman Med Cranstal owned by Mr P & Mrs EA Shimmin, Mumtaz Sirocco owned by Mrs AK & Mr BW Buckley, Sufeina Zarita owned by Mrs A Faber and Sunswift Azbak Labakan owned by Mr IL & Mrs DA Rogers. Junior Warrant winners is Glenoakd Kallie Kalishyer owned by Mrs K & Mr MP Nott. There were two Show Certificate of Merit winner. Dackolke Rasid owned by Mr & Mrs CW & ML Martin and Mumtaz Zephyr owned by Mr MJ McCormick Smith. In 2009 we had 189 new Salukis registrations with the KC in 2010 there were 238 and in 2011, 140.

Saluki Breed Notes Weekending 25th February 2012.

It is with great sadness that I must relay that Ted Thornton has passed away. Daphne Parnham has sent some information on this very interesting man“Ted Thornton who died earlier this month owned the litter brothers Zyne Alkim and Zyne Alev Bred by Miss Fayerman on 7th April 1969 Sire Ch. Jason of Daxlore ex Freefield Sultana Kamala. Zyne Alev won the Moray cup in the 1973-1974 season, in 1972 he bought Arabesque Darius, born 31st December 1971 bred by Mr. & Mrs. Burton sire Ch. Amena Baron ex Sarita of Arabesque with whom he showed and coursed. He was runner-up to the Cleve Plate and runner-up in the Henderson Memorial Trophy in the 1973-1974 season. His last two Salukis were Lusaki Farah Fahrina bred by Mr. & Mrs. O. Davies sire Ch. Lusaki Yodi ex Lusaki Muluki Echo born 16th January 1992 and Amirah Sefsaf bred by Mr & Mrs Parnham. The sire was Am. Ch. Sedeki Mazuri Azefer Bazu ex Amirah Sabi Badi born 12th January 1994. Most people will remember Ted for his stall at all the Champ Shows and the leather collars, leads, dog coats and show leads that he made.

The SGHC held their Limited Show today at Steventon Village Hall Near Abingdon. It was a very friendly and congenial show though I am sorry to say not very well supported. The Judge was Ms Ruth Dann. Her final line up was very much a family affair with Best in Show to Lorraine and John Fitzgerald and Sheryl Steer’s Tasia Moonshine over Dawnchase JW with Reserve Best dog to Christine Jowitt’s Tasia Mystique. RBIS and Best Bitch went to Liz Metcalf & Martin Green’s Tasia Maleisha with Reserve Best Bitch to the same owner’s Tasia Zemar My Maria. Best Puppy went

to the newly imported from Germany Yalameh Lala Ambra Shah (imp Deu) owned by Jane Nicholas. Best Veteran went to Maya Monk-Schenk's Fargaze Eyebright and Best Smooth to Kasaque Odetta owned by ourselves. The Welfare wish to thank all those at the SGHC limited show who supported the Stall we made £66.70p which is much appreciated. As I said earlier it was a lovely day with great food provided by the Committee with Kathy Webb and Tree Smith working hard. Our thanks to them.

Daphne has also sent thanks to everyone who sponsored Christina Campling for the Beachy Head Marathon she raised £661.00 for Saluki Welfare, walking with her her dogs. A photo of her doing the Marathon will appear on the Welfare website. www.salukiwelfare.org.uk

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 17TH February 2012.

It was Westminster Dog Show time in New York City earlier in the week and as part of the festivities, The Alliance of Purebred Dog Writers, has had their annual dinner/awards, last Sunday night. We were pleased to hear that Brian Duggan has won "Best Art" for his photograph of a Saluki eye. I hope we get a chance to see this.

Dr Jean Dodds is visiting the UK in June 2012. She will be talking about Thyroid issues, vaccination and nutrition on June 10 at Roade Village Hall, Northamptonshire. If you would like more information or to book tickets please contact 01944 738714 or email c_stansfield@btinternet.com.

SGHC Committee meeting was held last weekend and they have given me the following: information: "With the SGHC Annual General Meeting coming up on the 18th March 2012 at the Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxford OX5 1AB, it focuses our minds on current issues and the future of our Club and our Salukis. There are three or four topics that are taking precedence within the Club and being discussed in Committee. How colours are to be described within the Saluki Standard and how DNA testing might help us ensure the continued purity of our breed, continues to be an important issue. Some new initiatives in this regard will be on the agenda in March.

The 90th Anniversary of the SGHC will be celebrated in 2013 and some commemorative events are being planned. These will be discussed at the AGM to include the membership in the festivities and remind everyone of the importance of retaining our club and our heritage. In this light the need for members to offer assistance in running the Club is a priority. In particular there is currently a vacancy for the Club Show manager's position. This could extend to a show management group or sub-committee and one interested should contact Ken Allan, Hon Secretary on tel 01234 708658 or attend the AGM and offer assistance on the day.

Finally, although we have a healthy breed in Salukis, our health representative is endeavouring to help keep us that way and will be releasing information about new programmes and the re-introduction of others"

Annette Buckley Show manager for SGHC has sent the following: "The SGHC Limited Show takes place at Steventon Village Hall, Nr Abingdon, Oxon on Sunday 19th February with an entry of Dogs 17(28); Bitches 18(22) + NFC 13 making a total of 50 Salukis expecting to be in attendance. The number of entered dogs is slightly down on last year (only four less) mainly due to two top breeders not being available on that date; however, actual class entries are down by as much as 21 due to the low number of subsequent entries compared to 2010 when 14 puppies were also entered into Junior and Special Yearling classes. Judging of dogs starts at 10.30am followed by bitches and it is hoped to stop for lunch close to 1.00pm for a 45 minute break.

Refreshments at this show will be covered by club and committee members; the kitchen will open at 9.30am offering tasty breakfast bacon butties from 9.30am – 11.30am. Jacket potatoes filled with chilli, baked beans topped with grated cheese, tuna & mayo or just butter & cheese will be served at lunch time 12.30pm – 2.00pm (while stocks last); cheese and tomato, ham and chutney rolls, delicious cakes and hot drinks will be available throughout the day, very similar to last year's catering which was a great success with exhibitors. Promises of food donations and help from members with the catering are very much appreciated, so please make the most of the day and enjoy the fruits of the kitchen at very reasonable prices.

The Club raffle and Saluki Welfare are always thankful to receive donations, so why not look out those unwanted Christmas gifts from your cupboards and bring them along on the day. The committee look forward to welcoming you to the show and we wish everybody a safe journey and an enjoyable dog showing experience at Steventon Village Hall. "

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 27TH JANUARY 2012

Ann Shimmin has sent the following "I was very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Brian Hill. One of the older generation of present day saluki owners Brian and his wife Rosemary were not particularly show ring orientated on their own account but a lot of the Hekla stock was shown with success in the late 1970's. In the mid 1970's they bought in Ch. Wildspray of Daxlore of Hekla (their first saluki) and Sedeki Idi to be the foundation stock of Hekla salukis. From these salukis they bred only two litters that I am aware of - Hekla Royal A and Hekla Royal B litters. Ch. Hekla Royal Brigadier of Fargaze was the most successful of puppies bred - winning an early title in the show ring for Norman and Jenny Ziman and also siring quality litters in the 1980's. Several of the long established present day saluki kennels owe a lot to the influence of Hekla Royal Brigadier. Although salukis remained a life long love of Brian's - over the years he and Rosemary were also interested in and owned GSD, cairn terriers, whippets and I think a borzoi. Our condolences go to Rosemary and family on their very sad loss. "

David Crane is the new secretary for Saluki Welfare. He has sent the following: "The Saluki Welfare Fund has two outdoor kennels which it needs to relocate. The preference would be for someone in the Saluki community who could use them by

acting as a holding kennels for Welfare. Failing this option for someone to purchase them thereby releasing their value to use for rescuing dogs. If you are able to help and for more details please contact David Crane (davidcrane@salukiwelfare.org.uk)”

Ken Allan, Hon. Secretary for SGHC has sent the following through: The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club are holding their Annual General meeting at the Exeter Hall, Kidlington, Oxfordshire OX5 1AB on Sunday March 18.2012 at 14.00 hrs. Kidlington is located just north of Oxford on the A4260 Oxford to Banbury Road. This can be accessed from the M40 (junction 9), then onto the A34 from the north and east, or the A34 or A40 from the south and west.

Last Thursday Manchester Championship Show was held. Judging us for the first time with CCs was Mr Colin Ashmore. BCC,BOB was our own Ch Kasaque Miracle with the RBCC to Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM. DCC went to Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk with RDCC to Ray & Caroline Pickering's Kasaque Newark. Best Puppy was Mrs JT Nicholas' Yalameh Lala Ambra Shah (Imp) and Best Breeders Group Hudsons. Best Veteran on the day was Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 13TH JANUARY 2012

With the holidays now over, the deadlines for Breed Notes is back to normal. During the holidays even though we are given deadlines, I seem to be always chasing my tail. This Christmas we received some interesting notes from past people who have been involved with Salukis. The first one came from Avril Davies. Most people in the breed today may not remember Avril, while she actively exhibited and coursed under the Aliped affix. Now we only see her name occasionally, when she judges our breed. Avril has sent the following note: . I have been keeping up to date with the Saluki world via “Our Dogs” and have been meaning to write for yonks I am back in the show ring with two Papillons and two Chinese Cresties - Hairless. I will have a Pap at Crufts. Wish I had had the Cresties years ago, they are obviously in the wrong group as they are like little miniature sight hounds, and so Saluki like. I have linked up again with Jim Hall, Donsal Salukis, who left Salukis for Cresties and made up several champions, including some that are breed record holders. He has been unwell for a while having suffered a small stroke, and recently moved himself into sheltered accomodation. He is without a dog at present although has a hankering for a Chihuahua. I am not able to have large dogs again, as my illness a few years ago knocked all the stuffing out of me, so the littlies are all I can manage. Unfortunately it is not often Hounds and Toys get together on the same day so I rarely get to catch up with everyone, but at least the Aliped prefix is back in the ring. Spoke to Janet Bullock over Christmas and she is Saluki-less now.”

On a sad note we heard from Sue Allan that she had lost her husband Tony on the 27th December. Right now she is without a Saluki and feels that when she has sorted her life out again, she may have another one.

Charles and Patricia Alexander have also written from Bellingham Washington USA. Many of the older exhibitors will remember them from their trips over here in the

70s and 80s, though lesser of late. They were very much involved in coursing in the States and had stock that descended from Ch Yazid Burydown Yehudi. While they no longer have Salukis, they are not taking it easy. They said in their card that they have been retired for three year so have been travelling by car to the far north. This includes, Canada, Alaska and the Artic Circle. They have written a book about their experiences which is entitled "Northern Sights"

I would like to think everyone has read about the plight of the missing Tibetan Spaniels from near Didcot in Oxfordshire. At the same time I read that the government is giving planning permission for new sites for travellers. We live in constant fear that we may just turn out back for five minutes and these travellers from local sites will take our dogs as they have in the past. One feels they may strike again at any time. The owners of the 'Tibetans' made the mistake of putting their dogs out in their own garden. They were exercising their right to relax and feel secure, they were not imposing on anyone and these thieves went in to their garden and stole their dogs. When the government makes laws to help improve the civil liberties of travellers, these poor hard done to people, maybe they should think about the rights of the dog owner also. We do not suggest that all travellers are the same but there is certainly an element within that community who feel that our property is available for them to take. All the dogs that have currently been found were located on static traveller sites. Is that simply a coincidence? Maybe next time our dogs go "missing" we should either go to Whitehall or the home of our local MP and ask about our rights.

SALUKI BREED NOTES 7th January 2012

Annette Buckley has requested on behalf of the Committee that help is needed for refreshments at the Limited Show on 19th February, 2012, as part of a team, giving about an hour behind the kitchen counter serving hot drinks and cold snacks. They also need someone to make up bacon butties in breakfast baps for sale between 9.30am and 11.00am as these are always very popular.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 7TH JANUARY, 2012.

Happy New Year. We have downloaded our copy of the December Newsletter for The Northern Saluki Club. Their Championship Show will be held on Saturday 21st April at the Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Nr Clay Cross, Derby. Judging will be Ann Jones (Clearwing). On Sunday 22nd April the NSC will be holding a judging seminar. For further information an/or to enrol contact Andrew Sharp at northernsalukiclub@sky.com For the first time in many years the NSC will be accepting nominations for judges for their Championship Shows. Please if you would like to put your name or someone else's name forward and they are on the Club's judging list, send it to Andrew at the address above. Nominations will be for the 2014 show. Adverts for the NSC Yearbook are £10.00 for a full page and £5.00 for half. Cheques in payment should be sent with copy to be included to Beryl Payne no later than 15th January 2012.

Schedules are now available for the SGHC's Members' Limited Show which will be held on 19th February 2012 at Steventon Village Hall, the Green, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxon

OX13 6AA. Entries close on Monday 16th January, 2012. For further information please contact Mrs Annette Buckley on tel. 01424 830361.

We have also received our copy of the SGHC Newsletter. Please remember to fill in the form on the back page regarding receiving Newsletters in the future as the Club would like to go paperless to a greater degree in the future. There are three options, 1, receiving an email which can be downloaded in a similar fashion to the NSC Newsletter. Option 2, to go on a Members only page, using log-in on the SGHC Website or 3, have the Newsletter come through the post. In the last Committee meeting of the SGHC ideas were put forward for interesting activities in which Salukis and their owners could participate. Some of the ideas put forward is involvement in lure trials, country walks and other social events. Please, if anyone has any ideas please contact the secretary of SGHC, Ken Allan on 01234 708658 or email: jazirat@btinternet.com.

Please remember dues are due for both Clubs.

Michael McCormick Smith has contacted us to say " we've just received confirmation from the KC that our Mumtaz Zephyr has been awarded his ShCM. Well don

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 17TH DECEMBER 2011

Yesterday we attended the last Championship Show of 2011. It was a well run show but lacked the magic of the old days with everyone having parties and celebrating the festive season. It is a pity that we cannot bring some of that old spirit back into the day. One of the important items that I heard discussed at ring side, was "Crufts," as Christmas is the time we have to get those entries in, if we plan to attend. The Kennel Club had their stand there but I understand that people wanting Schedules, unless they obtained them very early in the morning, we unable to pick them up. As one person stated the schedules were supposed to be available at LKA, we had been advised by the KC that this would be the case. I know of at least one colleague who is not on the computer and finds purchasing two envelopes and sending them to the KC, in the hope that they will send a schedule, rather trying. Michael has cleverly compared it to Amazon deciding to do business without paying their internet subscription.

With Crufts around the corner, this is a short reminder that advertisements for the Crufts issue of "The Saluki" are soon due. Kathy Webb would like me to remind everyone to start shooting those lovely photos for the next issue. Deadline for ads for the 2012 Crufts issue of the Saluki is 31st December 2011. To reserve a page please ring Kathy on 01737 353279 or email advertising@salukimagazine.co.uk Editorial closing date is the same, Also Karen Fisher, magazine editor, is more than pleased to receive interesting articles so please, if you have an idea and would like to write about it, contact Karen on 01279 833855 or email editor@salukimagazine.co.uk

The SGHC Committee needs more committee members so please if you have time available for our breed and would like to join the Committee contact Ken Allan on 01234

708658. He will let you know what joining the Committee entails. You never know you might just find the experience rewarding!!

Results of LKA, judge Graham Hill, are as follows: BCC, BOB was our own Ch Kasaque Miracle who was pulled out in the Group but not placed. RBCC went to Lisa & John Hudson's Genoak Kamala JW. DCC for his third and qualifying CC went to the partnership of the Hams, Mrs Bockman-Chato and Mrs Elliot-Ross' Baghdad Karim (imp) He was born on the 13th December 2007 and his breeder is Mrs P Bockman-Chato. His sire is Int & Aust Ch Baghdad Creme De La Creme and dam Aust Ch Jaejaan Erin Brokovitch. RDCC went to the Sheryl Steer and John & Lorraine Fitzgerald's Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW. Best Veteran was Allan Berkenshaw and Gloria Cook's Daxlore Daisiemae Sh. CM. No puppies entered. Best Breeders Group and 3rd in Breeders' Hound Group were the Hudson's . Well done all!!

Saluki Breed Notes for week ending 2nd December 2011

For no particular reason we have visited a couple of galleries recently and as you might guess spent some time looking for Saluki's in art. The exhibition at the Sladmore Gallery in Jermyn Street has several works depicting sight hounds and in particular whippets and greyhounds. These were of some interest but we were disappointed that there was nothing exhibited with a Saluki included.

Great Grooms of Hungerford is a antique and fine art gallery that is housed within a Queen Anne town house. The deeds to the property dated 1713 is prominently displayed in the reception area. While browsing we found a painting by John Haywood (1936-1989) depicting an Arab Sheikh with his Saluki carrying a hare. The work is gouache on canvas and measures 46cm x 77cm. The provenance shows Lord Kimberley from Mathaf Gallery London. The painting is notable more for the typical aspect of the Saluki and owner. The Sheikh is attempting to tempt the Saluki to exchange the hare for some form of titbit and the Saluki looks totally unconvinced that it will accept the deal.

The usual procedure for entering Championship Dog Shows has been for the show society to send out a schedule to previous exhibitors and distribute others to dog clubs, ringcraft groups and other dogs shows prior to the event. Upon receiving a schedule one can decide whether to enter on-line or by sending a completed entry form, included in the schedule, by post to the show society. We are advised that Crufts 2012 will not be following this practice, although we only learned of this when speaking to colleagues at a luncheon party. It seems that one must look on the Fosse Data website and look for the Crufts information, find the relevant form and complete it on-line. Alternatively, one must send a Stamped Addressed Envelope to the Kennel Club requesting that they send you a printed schedule. One must then pay postage a second time when sending the completed schedule to Fosse Data or whom ever is receiving entries for the Show. One questions why this has been introduced? Is it financial? How is it going to be publicised so anyone wishing to enter will know how to proceed? Any feedback would be appreciated and we will put any useful information in subsequent breed notes.

We have received a note from Anji Jackson-Main which is actually a thank you note to those who helped make the recent discover dogs Saluki exhibit a success. It seems that the upgraded stand with new graphics and literature is a great improvement, was noticed by those visiting the stand as well as the representatives from the Kennel Club who sent their thanks and appreciation. So we feel we should add our message of thanks to Anji, Ken for his help with the graphics as well as Peter Jackson Main and those that helped on the day for contributing to the success and presenting our breed in a positive light.

Saluki Breed Notes for week –ending 26th November 2011

Last week we reported that John Harmer has died following an extended illness. Sheila has written the following about John, his love of Salukis and his other interests, for which we thank her very much. We also send her our condolences in the knowledge that we are thinking of her at this sad time.

“John Harmer: Dogs have always been part of John’s life – his father, an army major, had Springer Spaniels, and then later on the family had Cairn Terriers.

Age 18 John joined the RAF and for a large part of his time served at RAF Changhi, Singapore, and was stationed on the Malaysian island of Car Nicobar which he loved. He was part of the RAF Fencing Team and continued to teach the sport at night school after leaving the RAF. In 1958 back in the UK he took up a career in Local Government, joining the Education Department of Hampshire County Council where he remained until his retirement. We met in 1967, married in 1969, and in the mid seventies decided we wanted a dog. We were thinking of a Borzoi until one day we saw someone with two beautiful Salukis, and that was then our chosen breed. We had our first Saluki in 1976 and became members of the Saluki Club. Over the years we have been owned by ten Salukis and been lucky enough to make up two champions.

Showing was never important to John, he just loved sharing his life with them. It was never predictable, and often challenging, but his love for the breed and its history never diminished. In the latter years of his illness when he could no longer walk with them, he always insisted on coming along in the car so he could sit and watch them.

He was a very kind and gentle man with many interests and a keen fly fisherman. It must have been hard for him but he never complained about his disabilities and always maintained a sense of humour.

I have lost my soul-mate and best friend but I have been much consoled and warmed by the many cards, telephone calls and email tributes at this very difficult time. Many thanks to you all.”

The SGHC Newsletter will be published in December. This issue will be a watershed in the history of the publication. It will be the first edition that will be made available on the SGHC website. However, it is also intended that it be the last that is generally issued in printed form and sent to the membership by post. To continue receiving the Newsletter members need to complete a form on the second from last page of the coming issue, advising whether one has ‘e’ mail availability and giving Ken Allen, the Hon. Secretary, ones name and ‘e’ mail address. The

second alternative is to have access via the website. One must then request SGHC forum access in the second section of the form. The final section advises of absolutely no access to a computer and requests that the Newsletter be sent, as before, in printed form by the postal service and provides a space for the recipients address to be included. The completed form should be sent to: Ken Allan, Dean Croft, Brook Lane, Upper Dean, Huntingdon, Cambs PE18 0NG. If you require further information or you are unsure about what to do next please call Ken on: 01234 708658.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH NOVEMBER 2011.

Just prior to the SGHC Championship Show we received a note saying that the Sheila and John Harmer would not be able to attend the show as John had had a fall. Subsequently to that fall, he was hospitalized and I am sad to report that he has died. John has not been in the best of health for a number of years but in spite of this he and Sheila have managed to attend a few shows. John's funeral will be on Wednesday, 23rd November 2011 at St Mary's Chapel, Chesil Street, Winchester. Our thoughts go out to Sheila at this difficult time.

At a time when newsletters, books and magazines are now being made available as digitalized items to be read on the computer or similar device, it is ever more pleasing that "The Saluki" is only available in hard copy. For the producers of magazines, it must cut their costs down considerable if they do not have to pay printing charges and for paper. But there is nothing like the feel of the real thing whether it's picking it up at the Champ Show or Crufts or its coming through the mailbox. Needless to say, we do not have a kindle in spite of all the adverts trying to convince us that it would make our lives better. The latest edition of The Saluki was launched at the Championship Show. It is beautifully bound with a plastic front and back cover to make the whole magazine very sturdy. It is the Vogue of the Dog Magazine World. It has also become a reference book that can be referred to when looking for historical information, club details or photographic studies of our breed. The articles are interesting but what stands out for me in the latest edition, is the high quality of adverts. Every photograph, all very different from each other, with many different messages to communicate, has been beautifully laid out by the layout specialist, Diana Duckenfield. For this Diana is truly an artist.

Ruweis Huriyyah owned by Breda Dunne ne Barnett (not related to any other Dunne with Salukis) has qualified for her Irish Championship at age 2.5 years.

Midland Counties Championship Show has yet to be reported. The judge was Mrs Anne Macdonald. DCC,BOB went to Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW with the RDCC to Glaister & Parker partnership for Classicus Cassander JW, Sh CM. BCC went to Garratt, Oakey & Smith parterned on Ch Caryna Meilichia Sh CM with the RBCC To Ann & Paul Shimmin's Cranstal Quintessence. Best Puppy was Pauline & Don Everton's Kasra Zeleka and Best Breeders in Breed and Group was "Hudsons".

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 4th NOV. 2011.

It is with great sadness that we must report the sudden and unexpected death of our dear friend Mike Oakley of Caspians Irish Setters and Salukis. The first time I met or should I say, was introduced to Mike, was at our local ring craft class. I entered the hall with Pearl (K. Jarvah) and was pulled across the floor until she stopped and jumped into the lap of Mike. Mike was sitting there quietly with one of his Irish Setters and was amused with Pearl and besotted by Pearl's actions. That was the first time Mike had really met a Saluki and with that introduction felt that he and Sue would like to be owned by someone like Pearl. It was not long until that wish came to be fulfilled with a little black & white, part-coloured, bitch from Liz Stephens, aka Bedu L'Eghythe of Caspians. Mike and Sue had two Saluki litters from this bitch, the first to the Frenchman. Int Ch. Arab Bahri Shaahin Tali (smooth) who produced our lovely smooth, Ch Caspians L'aliq avec Kasaque and the late Daphne Tovey's Caspians Lancelot who had 2CCs. L'Eghythe's second litter was to Ch Kasaque Jimna ShCM. Unfortunately for one reason or another none of these puppies were shown. Mike and Sue Oakley's greatest honour in the dog world, without doubt, was having bred the winner of Best in Show at Crufts in 1999. He was the famous Irish Setter, Ch Caspians Intrepid.

Personally I will miss Mike as he was a warm, charming and a very witty man. Without doubt there will be further obituaries in the paper about him. A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Mike Oakley will take place at on Monday 7th November at Caversham Crematorium, All Hallows Road, Caversham Reading RG4 5LP at 2 pm then the family hopes you will join them at Caspians Lodge, Rag Hill, for refreshments.

We are advised by Brendan that "The Saluki Calendar 2012" is now ready and copies are available from:- Brendan Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex TW16 7QB, tel: 01932 788 040 or email on brendangaustin@aol.com Calendars cost £8.75 each or 3 copies for £23.25 including package and postage in the UK. Copies will also be available on eBay, search Saluki Calendar. Cheques should be made payable to SGHC. Please note that there was an error in the prices quoted in the Championship Show catalogue. I hate saying this, but Christmas is only a few weeks away and the Saluki Calendar makes an ideal gift for the New Year."

Brendan Austin would also like me to include the following: "Saluki Calendar 2012. On the month of September Gloria Cook has rightly pointed out that the following words were missing from her photograph that appears in September. 'Alan Burtenshaw rewarding his girls for returning, after chasing and overtaking a sand yacht ! on Inch Beach, Dingle. "

Last Sunday the SGHC held their Championship Show at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh. For us it was a very long day as Michael, as part of his executive duties of being on the Committee, was car park attendant for the first shift at 8 a.m. In case anyone is wondering these jobs are taken very seriously and yes he wore his high viz jacket. I had no time to wonder around as we had a trade stand selling a few pieces of pottery I had made with a Saluki theme, naturally and Jenny Macro's diaries. On one side of us was a stand selling full length dog coats that look extremely smart and warm. Next to her

an artist painting, dog collars were further up the line. On our other side was Silver jewellery.

Actually we were quite busy so did not notice if everyone was doing a brisk business. Daphne Parnham has let me know that the Welfare Stall did quite well at the show taking a profit of £247.00

Beside the 2011 Calendar available for sale, the new "The Saluki", magazine of the SGHC, was available, presenting the latest edition. It is looking very smart as usual. I will write more about it in next week's Breed Notes". Copies of the magazine are available from the Treasurer, Mrs Val Prior on telephone no 01304 823546 or email:sales@salukimagazine.co.uk.

Before the judging commenced, Michael Williams and Peter Yardley opened the show with a bouquet of flowers to the show manager Annette Buckley and her husband Brian, congratulating them on their 50th wedding anniversary. Dogs were judged by Mrs Jean Watts' giving DCC went to Denise and Ian Rogers' Sunswift Azbak Labakan his third and qualifying CC. He was born on 30th January 2005 and his breeders were Mrs P Buswell and Mrs E Rushton. His sire is Ch Labakan Ikteer Takha and dam Dakhilak Shenavah. The RDCC was awarded to Alan and Jacqui Bloomfield's Glenoak Jabari JW, Sh CM. BCC, and BVIS for her 3rd CC also went to Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Caryna Calisto. She was bred by Mrs D Garratt and her sire is Ch Mabrooka Jayid and dam Ch Caryna Hera, JW. She was born on 14th July 2004. Best puppy was our own Kasaque Phelene.

Annette Buckley has sent me the following: "Brian and I would like to thank all those people who gave us Golden Wedding Anniversary cards and congratulation cards for Sirocco's title, which we celebrated last Sunday at the SGHC Championship Show. It was a lovely gesture of the Club to present us with a magnificent arrangement of large headed cream roses, lilies and gold spray chrysanthemums hand tied in a chic display which was much appreciated and a complete surprise to later receive a colourful bowl of cyclamen plants as a 'thank you' for my show management work this last couple of years. We enjoyed our get-together in the lunch hour with friends and fellow exhibitors on our Special Day and didn't think fifty years ago that we would be celebrating our 50th with over 150 Salukis and their owners

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 29TH OCTOBER 2011

We are pleased to put in the notes the interesting report by Dr. Ron James of Manchester Championship Show 2011.

This entry of 61 dogs with just 8 absentees proved to be a challenging assignment. Having gone over the entry I can easily appreciate the concerns of the breed clubs that were detailed to me in the letter that I received from the Secretary of The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club in advance of the show, and which I understand is circulated to all judges undertaking their first appointment in the breed. The more one judges the more one comes to appreciate that truly outstanding dogs are a rarity and that the standard of most of the dogs that one is asked to judge falls somewhere between acceptable and very good. A great dog once gone over is never forgotten and lives in

the memory forever. When judging dogs that are perhaps best described as average one has to be prepared to compromise. Judges do vary in the extent to which they choose to penalise specific faults and this can easily result in a multiplicity of opinion with regard to the placing of the same exhibits by different judges or indeed by the same judge on a different day. The standard calls for an impression of grace, symmetry, great speed and endurance, coupled with strength and activity, a dignified and gentle expression with far-seeing eyes and light flowing movement. There were quite a few hounds in this entry with what I would consider untypical movement showing a decided lack of extension and excessive lift in their front action. This is a consequence of incorrect forehand construction and requires serious attention by breeders if it is to be rectified. There were also a number of hounds that presented acceptable silhouettes in terms of outline and proportions but which I felt were somewhat lacking in strength of body and muscle mass and tone. I did find some promising youngsters and the senior classes in both sexes contained exhibits that were clearly deserving of top honours. It was a shame and a disappointment that the BOB winner was unable to stay to compete in the group competition later in the day. MPD (2, 0) 1. DOWNEY'S Moolabeanie Diamond Flash, rising 7 months, a striking exhibit, masculine appearance, pleasing overall outline and proportions, a little more length and return of upper arm would be beneficial, ample ribbing and depth of fore chest, well muscled neck, slightly arched loin of right length, shapely quarters with pleasing hock length and placement, as yet a bit unsettled on the move. 2. NICHOLAS' Kendeci Zumurrud (al3), rising 9 months, not quite the symmetry and flow of outline of the winner, tends to stand steeple-fronted, could have a better cut up and a more typical top line, slightly too short in body length which somewhat restricted the scope of his movement. PD (10, 2) 1. GLAISTER & PARKER'S Classicus Cassander, 9 months, handsome and striking exhibit, stands well over his ground with moderate construction of his forehand and rear assemblies, strong and supple neck, good depth of rib and fore chest, arched loin of good length, decent cut up, top line could be cleaner and would like a little more slope and resilience of pastern, showed a reasonable gait. 2. CHRYSSOLOR'S Anasazi Early Dusk, 10 months, looked very appealing on the stack, refined head, appealing eye and expression, elegant and symmetrical in outline, pleasing bone and feet, not quite as settled on the move as winner, has time on his side and should finish well in full maturity. 3. POSTMA & BROOKS' Glenoak Kalima. JD (8, 0) 1. SMITH & GARRATT'S Safaniyah Fast N Furious Chasing Caryna, 13 months, gives an immediate impression of quality and symmetry of outline, refined head and expression, firm unbroken top line, well arched loin of pleasing length, moderately angled front and rear assemblies, would like a fraction more length of upper arm and a little more fill and depth of fore chest, fairly pleasing on the move. 2. LAUHLAN'S Safaniyah Phalcor, litter brother to winner, has many of the same qualities but not quite the same overall flow and symmetry of outline and not quite as balanced in rear and forehand construction and not quite as light footed on the move. 3. Classicus . Cassande.

PGD (7, 1) 1. PICKERING'S Kasaque Newark, nice overall pattern, pleasing outline and proportions, masculine in appearance and outlook, pleasing head properties, far seeing expression, clean limbed with well shaped bone of good density, well set back sloping shoulder, brisket has good length and depth, well cut up, strong neck, nicely arched loin of good length, a little light in quarters and would prefer more development of second

thigh, accurate on the move but could be lighter footed and perhaps show a little more enthusiasm for the job. 2. LAUHLAN'S Chisobee Cyncariad, pleasing outline and proportions, clean limbed, firm and unbroken top line, balanced construction of front and rear assemblies, slightly steeple fronted, well placed hocks, a little exaggerated in neck line for my taste, not quite as masculine in appearance as winner. 3. McCORMICK SMITH'S Glenoak Juda LD LD(8, 0) 1. SHIMMIN'S Hisilome's I Am Iceman Med Cranstal (Imp), easily the best mover in the class, an upstanding hound that gives the impression of being fit for purpose, shows obvious masculinity and strength, well muscled and supple neck of good length, long brisket of good length and depth, well cut up, very well muscled hindquarters, pushed hard in the challenge for best male but I just preferred the slightly better balance of outline and proportions of those that just beat him at the post on the day. 2. HAM, BOCKMAN-CHATO & ELLIOT-ROSS' Baghdad Karim (Imp), striking and glamorous exhibit, pleasing overall proportions, pleasing top line, strong loin of good length with a moderate arch, firm top line which he held on the move, pleasing tail set and carriage, would prefer a better lay and slope of shoulder and a little less lift in front action. 3. AYRTON & FORTE'S Chisobee Bachen Goch Of Allievo OD (3, 1) 1. COPPERTHWAITES' Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW, CC & BOB, for me this dog stood away, he is masculine, workmanlike, and gives a most definite impression of being able to do the breed's intended job. He has a flowing and symmetrical outline, the balance of his front and rear construction is very evident on the stack and on the move with his light and very efficient ground covering movement allowing him to cover twice as much ground with half the effort displayed by some of the less well constructed exhibits that were present in this entry. Purists may not particularly care for his head and expression but the ability to select and retain correctness of construction and other essential breed characteristics across the generations is my view the hallmark of the truly skilled and dedicated breeder. 2. BUCKLEY'S Mumtaz Sirocco Sh.CM, Res CC, very typical exhibit, excelling in outline and proportions, pleasing overall balance and construction, excellent back line, pleasing coupling and well muscled loin, well set croup, well muscled thighs, strong and supple neck of good length, clean and well boned limbs, pleasing tail set and carriage, light footed and accurate on the go around but just not quite the same impact on the eye as the winner. VD (2, 0) 1. WHITE'S Mumtaz Sirius, best veteran, this 8 year-old male shows many breed typical qualities and characteristics with a symmetrical and well proportioned outline, good length and depth of brisket, moderately angled front and rear assemblies, firm back line, well arched and muscled loin and a correct gait. 2. PAYNE'S Caryna Bacchus Of Ilsham, similar age to winner, pleasing head, eye and expression, pleasing length and depth of brisket, pleasing cut up, good expanse of well muscled thigh, not quite as pleasing in forehead construction and balance of outline as the winner. MPB (2, 0) 1. DOWNEY'S Moolabeanie Delightful Dot, litter sister to winner of minor puppy dog class, very raw as to be expected at this age, her outline is quite well proportioned and she is clean limbed with well shaped bone of good density, needs to grow on and develop in depth and strength of body. 2. DOWNEY'S Moolabeanie Baby, litter sister to winner and similar comments apply, seemed a little lacking in forehead in comparison to the winner will be interesting to see how these two turn out in full maturity. PB (3, 0) 1. PARKER'S Classicus Concorrdia, BP, 9 months, ultra feminine, glamorous and very striking exhibit, refined head, far-seeing expression, supple neck of fair length, well

extended rib cage of pleasing depth and shape, sufficient length of loin, doesn't always co-operate with her handler on the stack but held her outline reasonably well on the move, forehand construction could be improved by a slightly better length and return of upper arm. 2. HUDSON & HUDSON'S Glenoak Kamala, 9months, overall a very workmanlike appearance, pleasing head properties, muscular neck of good length, good depth of brisket but not quite the length of rib cage of the winner, pleasing top line, well arched loin, would prefer a slightly lower set of hock. 3. NOTT'S Glenoak Kallie JB (3, 0) 1. C. Concorrdia 2. G. Kamala 3. G. Kallie PGB (5, 1) 1. HUDSON & HUDSON'S Glenoak Jazmyn JW, very typical in outline, proportions and symmetry, feminine in build and appearance but with a definite impression of strength and stamina, pleasing head properties, far seeing expression, moderately angled front and rear assemblies, ample length and depth of brisket, pleasing fill and depth of fore chest, strong and slightly arched loin, correctly coupled, good cut up, pleasing on the move, a very correct exhibit in most respects. 2. TAYLOR'S Chisobee Gwerthfawr Awel At Sirtanome, somewhat different style to winner but nonetheless displaying many desirable qualities, good height to length ratio, extremely elegant in appearance, pretty head with gentle and far-seeing expression, rib cage extends well back, correct loin and coupling, just a shade upright in forehand construction for my preference and not quite the same length of front reach as winner on the move. 3. BURTENSHAW & COOK'S Fernlark Nardini At Daandazi JW Ir JCh LB (9, 1) 1. WEBB, ASH & ANDERSSON'S Barakisich Qashang Axtar (Imp), really nice smooth, pleasing head, eye and expression, firm and clean unbroken top line, good balance of front and rear quarters, clean limbed with pleasing bone, good cut up and gives a good account of her self on the move with an accurate and light footed action. 2. FABER'S Sufeina Zarita, pushed the winner hard, looked really appealing on the stack, super outline and proportions, cleanest of heads with the most gentle and far seeing expression, pleases in brisket and top line, well set croup, moderately angled front and rear assemblies, disappointed me somewhat on the move today but I feel sure that she is capable of better things if she just ups her game a little. 3. COPPERTHWAITE'S Al Caliphs Zofeyah OB (9, 1) 1. WILLIAMS' Kasaque Miracle, CC, had to work hard to take this strong class of top quality females, a very striking and glamorous exhibit that I found to be very correct in many respects when going over her. Gives the desired impression of strength and stamina with endurance yet retains a look of femininity about her. Well proportioned and clean head with dark oval eyes, clean well muscled neck of fair length, excellent rib cage with good depth and length, ample fore chest, pleasing balance of moderately angled front and rear quarters, clean and well boned limbs with pleasing pasterns and feet, shows the desired gait in profile, pleased to learn that this award completed her title. 2. COPPERTHWAITE'S Caliphs Nephele, Res CC, very much my cup of tea, lovely type and quality, so very typical of the type which this breeder so consistently produces, lovely head, neck and forehand, beautifully feathered, super rib cage, good loin and cut up, just not quite as pleasing in rear hock placement as the winner. 3. WEBB & COPPERTHWAITE's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray VB (2, 1) 1. BURTENSHAW & COOK'S Daxlore Dazijane At Daandazi, 8 years old, pleasing overall proportions and outline, feminine head with gentle expression, well muscled neck, firm back line, well muscled and slightly arched loin, strong rear quarters, a little light in forehand construction and with a tendency o lift her front feet a little too high on the move. Ronald W James (Judge)

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Saluki Breed Notes Weekending 22nd October 2011

With the SGHC Championship Show on Sunday I just wanted to remind everyone that there will be a silent auction. Please donations will be appreciated but do remember to have a look at items available and hopefully make a bid. All proceeds will be going towards the SGHC's 90th Birthday in 2013.

Last Sunday the South Wales Kennel Association held their Championship Show. Judging Salukis was Miss Jenny Startup. DCC, BOB for his third and qualifying CC was Paul & Ann Shimmin's Hisilome's I am Iceman me Cranstal (Imp). He was born on the 10th March 2008 and his breeder is Mrs M-A Axelsson. His sire is Ch Cranstal Quantum and his dam, Swedish Ch Hisilome Dibla. RDCC went to Lisa & John Hudson's Glenoak Kiyon JW. BCC went to Buzz Faber's Ch Sufeina Zarita with the RDCC to the sister of the RDCC, Lisa & John Hudson's Glenoak Kamala. Best Puppy was Ms CA Davis' Bendededigal Al Zarka.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 8TH OCTOBER 2011.

Miya Monk-Schenk, SGHC Health Co-ordinator has informed us that [the](#) Field Spaniel Society Health Committee is holding a **health testing day** open to all breeds at Alcester, Warks on 30th October 2011. For further information about the day or attending please contact Shula Shipton, Field Spaniel Health Representative at mishules@sky.com

Bendan Austin has sent a note through regarding the Saluki Club Calendar He says "Let me say a big thank you for sending photographs for the Saluki Calendar 2012. There was an excellent selection of pictures again this year and members and their friends at the Open Show in June, chose their favorites.

The calendar is now ready and copies will be available at the Championship Show on Sunday 23rd October. This year they will be £7.50 each or 3 copies for £20.00. To order your copies please contact me on brendangaustin@aol.com or telephone me. On 01932 788040. Cheques should be made payable to SGHC or I can take cards over the phone, should you prefer. Please add £1.25 or £3.25 respectfully for package and postage in the UK. Copies will also be available on eBay after 23rd October. I hate saying this, but Christmas is only a few weeks away and the Saluki Calendar makes an ideal gift for the New Year."

Annette Buckley, Show manager for the SGHC has sent this regarding the Club's upcoming Championship show: "The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club Championship Show is fast approaching on 23rd October and exhibitors may like to read the following

reminders and information to help the show day run as smoothly as possible for all concerned.

- 1) Please follow carefully the directions to the 'Kennel Club Building' car park at Stoneleigh, given on the reverse of the schedule – the main point to remember is to take the second left turning at the main entrance before the security control kiosk; directional signs will be in place and kindly co-operate with our car park officials on duty. Drivers who wish to drop off cages etc can use 1st Street which is the first right turn after entering the car park. There will be a barrier across this lane but a marshal will be there to guide you. Drive along this lane, stop at the corner of the grassed exercise area at the south of the building, drop off your possessions, then continue along the left hand roadway to return to the car park via a different route than already used.
- 2) At the moment there are no other events nearby the KC building, so the cattle barn slurry running into the car park should not be a problem this year. Carrie, the KC building manager has promised that if an event is booked between now and our show, she will inform me, in which case the KC has promised that they will designate an alternative car park, at the same distance from the venue as at present.
- 3) In light of problems last year we have arranged to put forward names (up to ten people) of any known elderly or infirm guests visiting the show who may need a drop-off facility but do not have a disabled badge on the car. This list to be received by KC up two weeks before the show so please phone or email Annette Buckley 01424.830361 or annette@saluki.plus.com a.s.a.p. with names to be given to the appropriate personnel for checking on the day.
- 4) Please bring your own chairs along if at all possible to avoid any possible disappointment on the day.
- 5) Catering will be supplied by Churchills' Catering Company as last year. They will provide breakfast baps early in the day and hot meals, such as cottage pie, lasagne and chicken curry, plus salads, rolls, cakes and drinks will be available at reasonable prices.
- 6) The Club Magazine, The Saluki Calendar, Champions Books and many other interesting items will be displayed on several stands for sale on the day.
- 7) Prizes for the raffle and tombola would be much appreciated, plus contributions to the silent auction, which can all be brought along on the day if desired. Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors to the show, trust that you will have a safe journey and all have an enjoyable day out. “

If you are planning on seeing the Third installment of the Transformers movie franchise, Transformers 3: Dark Side of the Moon please be aware that there are two Salukis in the movie. They are from the Aeolus Hounds of Southeastern Wisconsin. Not having seen any of the Transformer movies myself I do not know the story but I do understand that these two beautiful Salukis play the part of Patrick Dempsey's dogs

Yesterday Driffield held their Championship Show. Judging Salukis was Breed Specialist Mr Nick Bryce-Smith. BOB, BCC, was Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilichia Sh, CM with the RBCC to Lisa & John Hudson's Glenoak Jazmyn, DCC for his third and qualifying CC was Annette & Brian Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM. He was born on the 28th August 2005 and his breeder is Mrs Z Rawson. His sire is Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW and dam, Ch Mumtaz Desdemona. RDCC went to Jennette Glaister & Mary Parker's Classicus Cassander Sh. CM. . Best Breeder and winner of the Breeder' Hound Group went to the Hudsons.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK-ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Once again we have been plagued with computer problems, this time attributed to a power-cut and the total demise of our router. We naively thought installing a new router would be connecting the appropriate wires and plugs and we would be back to square one. It seems it is not that simple so with a little help of a very clever computer man, we are back on line, for now.

PRO for the SGHC is Kathy Webb. She has informed me of the following: The SGHC is planning on going paperless. In order to accomplish this, Ken Allan needs to have everyone's email address and names of all those members who do not access the computer. Fourteen people have so far let the Committee know that they will need the correspondences from the Club coming through the post. If you have not informed the Club and will be wanting to continue to receive correspondences through the post please contact Ken, his telephone number is 01234 708658. In line with SGHC utilizing the computer for communications, in the near future, members will be able to go into the Club's web site, use a password, and read information and even download schedules for upcoming shows. The Committee is hoping that this will be sooner rather than later.

The SGHC Championship Show is on the 23rd October, 2011. Entry numbers are now available: Mrs Jean Watts will be judging the dogs and she has an entry of 70 dogs. Judging Bitches is Mr David Perkins and his entry is 65. Best in Show is Mr Paul Shimmin. As a gentle reminder, please remember that raffle prizes are needed for the show.

On Friday 9th September, Richmond Championship Show was held. Our judge was Sade Hohteri (Sfinskin) from Finland. BCC, for the third year running at this show was Ch Al Caliphs Nuray owned by Kathy Webb. She was also BOB this year. RBCC went to Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Shushma. DCC and Best Veteran was Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW owned by Deborah Copperthwaite, with the RDCC to Sue Cronin's Sufina Jebel Ali. Best Puppy was Michael, myself, Rosemary Redfern and Jan Banyard's Kasaque Paloma. Best Breeders Group was won by Lisa and John

Hudson's group. It was wonderful to see Sue Cronin at the show and especially nice for her to see her Jebel Ali do so well as Sue is not in the best of health.

A week to the day later, the show circus moved to Darlington. Judging Salukis was the 'all-rounder' Robin Searle. BOB, and Hound Group 2 was Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM with the RBCC to her kennel mate Caryna Calisto who was also Best Veteran. DCC for his second CC went to Sheryl Steer and Lorraine & John Fitzgerald's Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW with the RDCC to his kennel mate Kirman Bashaar at Fernlark (imp) also owned by the Steer & Fitzgerald partnership. There were no puppies entered and Best Breeder' Group went to the Hudsons

Saluki Breed Notes Weekending 16th September 2011.

Last Friday, City of Birmingham held their Championship Show. Judging us was Mr Keith Thornton. It certainly will be a memorable day for me but for unfortunate reasons. This was the day when for the first time in over 40 years I was bitten by a Saluki and the whole episode left me shocked. Needless to say I have very upset by the incident. A dog that has a disposition problem should never be entered at a show. Sometime the Salukis will lash out when other dogs walk down the gangway in front of the benches, especially if those passing by are not Salukis and this is not acceptable. However, when for no apparent reason a dog and in particular a Saluki, decides to bite ones arm, that is beyond belief. The owners have promised that this particular dog will never go to another show and rightfully so after his rogue behaviour. I would like to thank Buzz Faber for the ice-packs she lent me for my arm and to Judith Aryton for immediately reaching for her arnica and insisting that I keep on taking them.

DCC, BOB and 4th in Hound Group was Steve Ham, Paula Chato-Brockman and Mrs Ross-Elliot's Baghdad Karim (imp) Sh CM with the RDCC to Annette & Brian Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM. BCC went to our own Ch Kasaque Miracle with the RBCC to Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Ch Caryna Meilichia. Best Puppy was Kasaque Paloma owned by Michael and myself, Rosemary Redfern and Jan Banyard. Best Breeders group was Hudson who went Breeders Hound Group 3.

Thanks to Jimmi Johnson-White I have a few of the judges at Championship Shows for 2012: Manchester, Colin Ashmore; Crufts, Marie Bryce-Smith, Northern Saluki Club, Ann Jones; Hound Association of Scotland, Jan Pain; SKC, Gina Simpson; Birmingham National, Denise Garratt; Southern Counties, Ken Allan; 3 Counties, Buzz Faber, Blackpool, John Walton-Haddon; Hound Association, Mary Parker; Welsh Kennel Club, Reina Clark; SGHC Dogs Alain Compagne, Bitches Rosemary Lewis; Midland Counties, Jerry Robinson; Darlington, Jayne Pyatt; LKA Liz Stephen

Last Sunday South Eastern Hound held their Open Show at Hickstead, Sussex. The weather was not obliging but in spite of it we had a very pleasant day. The climax of the bad weather was a period of sustain blustery rain at about mid day. It came just after the Best Bitch class so our judge, Dr Jean-Luc Lemouzy said he would stop judging and resume for Best of Breed after lunch. It was a very wise decision for two

reasons, one, we were all getting hungry and two, we anticipated that the weather would improve, given time. Our lunch, as it happens, was the most wonderful bring and share picnic. There was not a sausage roll or pork pie in site but rather an array of homemade salads and accompaniment. The deserts were equally good. When we finished lunch, the bad weather had abated and we could commence with the judging. BOB was Hilary Cornock's Ch Mumtaz Sea Breeze with the BOS to Annette & Brian Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM (brother and sisters). Best Puppy was our own Kasaque Paloma. In the Best in Show ring (Jean-Luc judging) Sea Breeze won BIS 3 and Paloma was Best Puppy in Show. It will be an unforgettable day for Annette Buckley. She has sent the following: "

I was running in the charity stakes at S.E. Hound Show when it started to spit with rain and I slipped on the wet grass and fell flat on my face. I had forgotten to change into my show ring shoes with rubber ridged soles beforehand. When I set off on the first run, my right foot slipped but I was able to keep my balance as I was not moving fast at that point but on my second run I slipped again and fell hard on my left wrist and blooded my nose; also hurting my right wrist to a lesser degree. I saw stars and was disorientated whilst lying on the floor but remember hearing Clair Chryssolor's voice saying not to get up until I was ready, she tilted my head backwards and told me to take deep breaths to calm down slowly. Clair has several top certificates for first aid so I knew I was in good hands – apparently she had seen me fall whilst she was stewarding in the next ring and came running over to help. I was then assisted to a ringside chair and Vanessa Lucas (Deerhounds) took over the first aid and I was also checked by Dr Helps. Vanessa patched up my face and applied a cold compress to my wrist by which time my fingers were starting to swell up and before they ballooned up too huge she had the foresight to remove my rings to avoid possibly having them cut off in A & E Dept. I have only ever taken my wedding ring off once in nearly fifty years and that was prior to a minor operation. Haywards Heath Hospital asked what first aid I had received at the dog show and the fracture nurse said the ladies were to be congratulated as their actions were completely correct in the circumstances. After 4 ½ hours at the hospital I came away with a heavy plaster cast and sling on my broken wrist – the plaster room nurse said if I had gone to Brighton Hospital I would have been given the choice of a light weight fibre glass cast available in many colours, including a sparkled luminous version which is very popular there!

The first couple of days I was typing with both hands as being a touch typist I do not have any idea where the keys are on the board, but I got my knuckles slapped (right hand only!) at Hastings Hospital as fingers on left hand looked like fat pork sausages – apparently I was not supposed to use left hand at all for a few weeks whilst it mends and one needs to keep arm held fairly high. The break is misaligned and I may have to have it manipulated into place next week – Ouch! I am now down to a one handed and mostly one fingered mode of typing which is very frustrating as I have quite a lot of secretarial work ahead connected to show management. I can hand write the letters and have received kind offers of help from committee and club members to type out reports etc if I dictate them over the phone, for which I am very grateful.

I would like to thank everybody who came to my assistance on the day and also thank the judge, Robin Sadler, and steward Dr Andreas Schemel, plus exhibitors, who showed concern over my fall and patience at the disruption caused in the ring at the time. Kathy Webb quickly organised the first aider and doctor to attend and also later informed my Saluki friends of the up-to-date situation – thanks for your time and trouble. My husband, Brian, and Matthew, our son, have been a great support to me at home and my girlfriends tell me I should milk it for all its worth as the novelty might wear off soon! Many thanks to all those Saluki people and others from various breed clubs who have phoned, sent cards and emailed with their best wishes which I found very comforting. Last, but not least, I would like to thank the gentleman exhibitor who paid the supreme sacrifice of giving up his wine cooler ice pack for use on my swollen wrist – as he walked away I heard him say to Vanessa – ‘Make sure you get it back before she goes to hospital as my wine is getting warm!!’. I think I owe him a drink! Annette”

In this week’s “Our Dogs” letters to the editor there was a letter from Dr John Hudson regarding the Salukis. Just in case it was missed I thought I would include it in the notes and would appreciate any comments anyone has regarding this:

“I am replying to comments by Ronnie Irving about the Judges Development Programme which appeared in his column in Our Dogs on 26th August (hoping that this will not sound like some more “Breed Club Hysterics”). I have served on an assessment panel for the JDP so I know a bit how it goes. I have two concerns. One is that, all of a sudden, the proportion of all-rounders judging our breed (Salukis) has, in the last three years, jumped from roughly 20% to around 50%; This year we have 11 all-rounders, 10 breed specialists and 3 judges from abroad. Five of the all-rounders are judging the breed for the first time. This sudden change has not, as far as I know, been discussed with the Breed Clubs and seems directly attributable to the JDP. One respected breed judge judged this year for the first time for thirteen years while an all-rounder will be judging for the second time only eighteen months after his first appointment in the breed. Of course, this is down to Show Secretaries and the all-rounders will eventually lose their shiny new status, but is having 50% all-rounder judges a good thing for the breed?

Which brings me to my second point. There is a wide range of type in Salukis but this does not mean that any type will do. There is a tendency abroad (and increasingly here) to breed for the “generic Show dog” that Mr Irving mentioned in his Chairman’s column in the Kennel Gazette of November 2010. Anyone can read a Breed Standard, and I would imagine it unlikely that an experienced all-rounder would put up an unsound dog, but the appreciation of breed type takes time and experience. All-rounders are particularly exposed to the top winning dogs abroad and can easily get it wrong. I believe that there is already a tendency for judges to look for Salukis that move like Afghans, and have exaggerated necks and narrow heads like Borzois. How can we counteract this? It is not easy to tell an all-rounder his or her business. It has always been the desire of Saluki breeders in this country to preserve the breed as we found it – as an efficient hunter. Would you describe the average show Afghan in this way?

Peter Yardley, President of the SGHC has asked me to post the following: “. I had a card from David Waters thanking us for his 100th birthday card. He was very touched that we had thought of him and loved all the photographs. Marilyn says he keeps well and still has his sense of humour. His card will be bought along to the Ch Show for all to see.

Ken Allan tells me that only 12 people have written to him to let him know that they do not have access to the internet and will need to have Club items sent to them in the post. He thinks this is not that many but maybe everyone else can access our website. This is great as it will save us time and money but if anyone or you know someone who cannot get on to the internet please let us know.

Peter Yardley has sent the following " I have 2 dog crates with internal dimensions 36" long x 24" wide x 27 1/2" high that were used to import a couple of rescues from Spain. I would like to sell them and anyone interested can contact me at manarah@tywati.eclipse.co.uk. I can bring them to the CH Show."

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 2ND SEPTEMBER 2011

I have just read a very exciting announcement from Sue Ann Pietros . For many years Sue Ann and Marilyn Brown published a wonderful magazine called Classic Saluki. All were disappointed when both ladies decided to retire from its production but understood that they had other project they wanted to involve themselves. Now I see they are planning on reinstating the magazine but this time as a World magazine. Personally I find this quite exciting.

Sue Ann states “Let me just announce that the first issue of the Classic Saluki World magazine is all planned out. What we are waiting for is a production schedule when Vicky Clarke can fit in the new magazine to her busy schedule. I believe that by the first of Oct I will be soliciting ads and the first issue will review 2011. After that the magazine will be biyearly. Each issue will have bloodline discussions of direct sire lines and direct bitch lines. We are starting with Sarona Kelb since he is the most prolific sire line in the world. We also will have It Was A Very Good Year. I will list here the dogs I have chosen to cover and then will take suggestions for those you nominate. I am hoping those nominations will be dogs from outside the US. To qualify a dog born in the Very Good Year must still be in current pedigrees and have been influential in a number of kennels. I am hoping to feature top specialties around the world for 2011 and their winners. So start to think about what other topics you would like covered and suggest them now. I already have a surprise staff of people versed in many aspects of the Saluki. Please participate. Classic Saluki was a success and you all have said how much you missed it....well now is the time to show us we should continue this huge endeavour! Marilyn, Vicky, and I give up a lot of our lives to bring this to you ! “

I have received a copy of The Kennel Club Breed Records Supplement for Summer 2011 which I always find very interesting . There were 14 puppies registered which came from 2 litters. Neither of the breeders of the two litter are Accredited Breeders or

members of a recognized Breed Club. Two dogs were imported, the first being Baghdad Bronzed Aussie which was imported from Ireland and owned by Mr T Gray. The second, Kirman Dafnia was imported from Finland by Ms S Steer. Three dogs were given export pedigrees they are Daxlore Gabriella for France, Daxlore Gaia to USA and finally Daxlore Gucci to Italy. There was one Junior Warrant which was the Hudson's Glenoak Kiyon and one Show Certificate of Merit to Alan Burtenshaw and Gloria Cook's Fernlark Nardini at Daandazi. Registration in 2010 up through the second quarter was 95 dogs registered and so far the registration through a similar period this year is 58.

Helen Williams
kasaque@aol.com

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 26TH AUGUST 2011

The schedule of the 2100 Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club Show is now available. It will be held on Sunday 23rd October at the Kennel Club building. Annette Buckley has kindly sent the following: "Please note that the last date for postal entries into this year's SGHC Championship Show is Monday 12th September 2011 (1st Class postmark) to be sent direct please to Fosse Data Systems Ltd., Tripontium Business Centre, Newton Lane, Newton, Rugby, Warwickshire CV23 OTB. On-line entries can be made up until midnight on Sunday 18th September at www.fossedata.co.uk. The show schedule and entry form can also be downloaded or printed from this website.

As last year, the Show will be held at The Kennel Club Buildings, East Hall, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ and opens at 9.00a.m. Dog judging starts at 10.00a.m. under judge, Mrs Jean Watts, followed by bitches at 10.30a.m. to be judged by Mr David Perkins. Our 'Best in Show' judge on this occasion is Mr Paul Shimmin. The number of chairs available is restricted to one hundred and fifty and as this is a very well attended Show please help by bringing your own chairs wherever possible.

Items for our usual Silent Auction will be gratefully received on the day or previously by Annette Buckley contact telephone number 01424 830361 or email address annette@saluki.plus.com. These can be 'Saluki' related or otherwise, as the case may be; home-made iced Christmas cakes are always very popular at this time of year.

As you drive into Stoneleigh Park, it is imperative that you use the correct entrance as advised to us by the Kennel Club and follow the relevant directional signs to the exhibitors' KC car park at the far end of 1st Avenue. Please refer to the instructions on the back page of the show schedule for details.

If you require to drop off cages etc you can turn first right just after entering the car park area (first marshal on duty here) and stop momentarily at the nearest corner of the grooming/exercise area of grass outside the south end of the K C East Hall Building (second marshal on duty here) drop off, then continue forward to the left and left again on a return route to the car park.

It may be that you wish to bring a friend or family member who are incapacitated as regards ability to negotiate the walk from the car park to the venue building and perhaps do not have a disabled badge available; an arrangement has been made with the manager of the hall that if a list of names is given to the Kennel Club prior to two weeks before the show, the marshals will be authorised to allow drop off as near as possible to the entrance doors of those people who are named on the list. There is an upper limit of ten in number, so please apply to Annette Buckley as early as possible please. We wish you all a safe journey and a happy and successful show day. " Also she states "Club Calendar for 2012 will be on sale at the breed Champ Show in October and will be the first time to view the winners of the photographic competition held at the Open Show last June. These calendars make an ideal Christmas present. Also on sale will be the Champ Show edition of The Saluki magazine and copies of the Books of Champions."

Richmond Championship Show, which will be held at Loseley Park, Guildford on Friday 9th September 2011. Judging Salukis will be Mrs Sade Hohteri from Finland. She has an entry of 78 dogs making 91 entries.

Secretary of Bridgwater and DCS has sent a message saying that the The club is holding an Open Show on Sunday November 20.2011 at Clevedon, North Somerset and have scheduled our breed at the show (for the first time?) The Secretary goes on to say that if they have a good entry they will consider adding additional classes at their next Premier Show. Schedules can be obtained from Alan Dredge telephone: 01934 512355, email bridgwaterdogsoc@aol.com or by mail at 6 Ingleton Drive, Worle, Weston-s-Mare, Somerset BS22 7SU.

Last Friday the Welsh Kennel Club held their Championship Show. Judging us for the first time with CCs was Mrs Pam Marston-Pollock. BCC, BOB was our own Ch Kasaque Miracle with the RBCC to Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Ch Caryna Meilishia Sh CM. DCC for his first CC and also gaining his Junior Warrant was Jeanette Glaister & Mary Parker's Classicus Cassander. He was born on the 7th April 2010 and his breeder is Mary Parker. His sire is Baghdad Karim (imp Aus) and his dam Ch Khalils Phaedra of Classicus ShCM (imp) RDCC went to Ms JS Forte & Mr P Ayrton's Chisobee Cachem Goch of Allievo. Best Puppy was Sheryl Steer and Lorraine & John Fitzgerald's Kirman Dafnia at Fernlak (imp) Best Breeder Group was Hudson. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES 19TH AUGUST 2011

Last week this country was engulfed with "riots" . Jimmi Johnston White has sent us this report of what has happened in his neighbourhood. "has all been rather hairy here, our local shops just 4 mins walk away were all looted, Argos, Staples, PC World, Carphone Warehouse, Sports Direct, WHSmith, JD Sports, Maplin, Next, H &M and Clarks. It really was quite frightening, we had an escape plan in place in case it got any worse. Thankfully we didn't have to put it into place." He went on to say "The Saluki was non plussed by any noise, the IG's and Dachsies were more than happy to give voice to the masses though. All very quiet here now, Ian went into Woolwich yesterday burnt out buildings and most shops with at least one window boarded up, Banks all

closed. Let us hope that is the end of it. Not something the country wants to see at any time.”

Hound Association held their championship show last Saturday. Mostly the weather was grey but the rain held off for the most part and the dogs were all able to be judged outside. Judging us was Nicola Quadling. BOB, DCC for his second CC was Alan & Jacki Bloomfield's Glenoak Jabari with the RDCC to Jeanette Glaister & Mary Parker's Classicus Cassander. BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Rosemary Redfern, Daphne Tovey, Michael and my own Kasaque Neeka. She was born on 8th January 2008 and her sire is Ch Kasaque Jimna Sh CM. Her dam is Ch Caspians L'aliq avec Kasaque. RBCC went to Lis Metcalfe & Martin Green's Tasia Maleisha. Best Puppy and 4th in Puppy Hound Group was Sheryl Steer, John & Lorraine Fitzgerald's Kirman Dafnia at Fernlark (imp). Best Veteran went to Vicki-ann Tompkins' Tasia Emilia at Sivendra and winner of the Breeders Group was Vicki-ann Ch Caryna Mellishia Sh MC owned by Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith won the Champion Stakes. Mary Parker's Classicus Concorrdia had a good day winning three classes giving her enough points to qualify for her Junior Warrant. Well done to all!!

Today, Bournemouth Canine Society held their Championship Show. Judging us was Mrs Joanne Mahon, who now resides in the Netherlands. DCC, BOB, BV for, I believe, his 30th CC was Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW with the RDCC to Ann & Paul Shimmin's Hisilome's I Am Iceman Med Cranstal (imp). BCC went to Denise & Ian Roger's Labakan Chiffonier with the RBCC to Ann & Paul Shimmin's Cranstal Quintessence. Best Puppy was Labakan Chiffonier owned by the Rogers. Best Breeder's Group and second in Hound Group was Clair Chryssolor. Well done all

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 13TH AUGUST 2011.

John Hudson has sent the following note regarding my comments about Saluki entries at Open Shows “In your breed notes of last week, you say how good it was to see such a good entry of Salukis at the Worthing Show at Ardingley. Sadly, our experience in and around East Anglia has been quite different. Among other things, we go to Open Shows to train and socialise our youngsters and so we have sampled rather more Shows than usual recently. Apart from a couple of puppy classes, the number of Salukis in breed classes at all-breed Open Shows has never exceeded three in a sequence of seven Shows. And, most of the time, two of those were ours. Worthing was a welcome change but even at Leeds (without tickets) there were only two in junior and four in postgrad. Last week, at the East of England Ladies (a very pleasant Show at the Rowley Mile racecourse), our two were the only ones there. Even the Hound Club of East Anglia (again a very pleasant venue at Sacrewell Farm) could only muster three 3's and a 2 in the Saluki classes at their Show in May. I understand that entries at Shows further north are pretty good and clearly they are good in the south-east. And I expect the entry for South East Hound will also be up to the usual standard and we look forward to an enjoyable day there. “

David Hartley is holding a Walk in aid of Saluki Welfare Funds
Come and meet other Saluki owners in a friendly social atmosphere.

On Saturday 10th September 2011. Starting from St. Peter's Methodist Church, Riley Street, Earby. (Between Colne, Lancs. and Skipton, Yorks)

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For further information telephone/email to David James Hartley, Riverside, 3 Greenbank, Schoolfields, Earby, Lancs. BB18 6QQ as soon as possible. Tel 01282 842617. Email davidjhartley @ hotmail.com

“Our Dogs” has requested me to include the following in the notes:

Judges' Reports and OUR DOGS

We hope that you find the following thoughts and ideas helpful in composing your judge's reports.

We are proud that Our Dogs does not edit judges' reports more than is absolutely necessary (unless they are clearly libellous!) and we are also very pleased to publish judges' thoughts on the breed as a whole before the actual report.

We greatly appreciate the fact that judges take time and trouble to submit reports. Although it is a Kennel Club requirement, we know that it takes dedication and commitment to write a useful and helpful report from which exhibitors will benefit. In addition we are unique in being prepared to accept reports from first to third place so that more exhibitors can have an assessment of their dogs.

As you will be aware, more judges now submit reports by email and you will also know how easy it is to go to the catalogue printers' websites to just copy and paste the results into your preferred word processor (or direct into an e-mail) so that you can just add your personal comments to the owners and dogs names.

This is excellent as it enables us to process speedily and get them into the paper and on to OUR DOGS web site more quickly. However, you can help us speed up this process by following the style shown below to match what is known as the 'house style'.

Here is a recent report in the style we use:

Bearded Collies: Very enjoyable day. Good entry with a reassuring depth of quality. All exhibits were clean and well presented and on the whole temperaments appeared good. I did find a few with level mouths, whilst not a major concern it does need watching when breeding on. One thing that did disappoint was the very poor conditioning on some exhibits. Beardies are a working breed and as such should be shown in good hard condition. Many were excessively overweight, flabby and devoid of any kind of muscle tone. Several exhibits that had great appeal when stacked were let down by poor conditioning

and were unable to move as their construction suggested they should. I know much emphasis is put on a big glamorous coat these days and letting your dog run freely does put this at risk, but there has to be a sensible balance. Lean and supple the Standard says and that is what I look for. It was great to see my two Veteran winners again, I have given both CC's in the past and it was lovely to see them both again, looking so good and in such fabulous condition. Thank-you

VD (4 1) 1 Christie Ch Brenriga's Give'n'Take For Ruartha JW Have liked him in the past and he remains a favourite. So well made and balanced. Very elegant outline. Super head, good pigment and very appealing expression. In good hard condition and well handled. Moved out well, but just lacked the suppleness of the younger ones to-day. 2 Dumbrell and Lindsay Ch Bethlyntee Bannock Sh Ch Lovely brown boy of great appeal. Good angles, very good in ribs. Liked his head and expression. In excellent condition for his 11 years and moved very soundly and true. 3 Kedzierski Brodarty Midsummer Sunrise. PD (3 1) 1 Bodingtons Braddabrook Voyager For Kitesover Very exciting youngster with much to offer. Good outline, well constructed and free of exaggerations. Lovely head and expression and very much everything as it should be at this age. Quite amazing on the move for his age, powered around the ring with big easy strides. Definitely one to watch. Best Puppy 2 Cornthwaite Braddabrook Firstfooter Litter brother to 1st and very similar in many departments. Balanced angles, correct shape of ribcage, but lacked the length of his brother. Pleasing expression. Moved soundly but lacked the drive and panache of 1st. 3 Harrison Hisnhers Diamond Geezer At Anfranjo

You will see that the class name just uses initial letters in block capitals (P, MP, and J instead of Puppy, Minor Puppy, and Junior etc) which is followed by the number of dogs and the number of absentees entered in brackets i.e. (4 1).

The next number is the placing followed by the owners' name first and then the name of the dog before the actual report. It is helpful if the names of the owners and the dogs are in this style (but not in capitals).

The two main catalogue printers, Higham Press and Fosse Data put the owners' names in capital letters but space constraints means we have to change them to upper and lower case. All dogs' names are in upper and lower case as well.

HELPFUL HINT: If you use Microsoft Word then there is a button on the title bar which enables you to change the type style from CAPITAL to Title Case very easily. It is under the drop-down menu 'Format' and you need the link to 'Change case'.

LATE REPORTS: We do our best to be understanding and accommodating in this area.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Some judges spend a lot of time typing up their reports on their computer, only to print it out and post or fax.

It is very easy just to copy and paste the text into an e-mail which can then be sent direct to

showreports@ourdogs.co.uk

This would assist us greatly and help maintain accuracy.

Thank you for your continued support and co operation.

Last Wednesday Paignton Championship Show was held. Judging us was Mrs Jillian Knight Messenger. It was a bitter sweet day for the Macros as the day before they had to say good-bye to Omar (Ch Nefisa Samr) at 14 years. His presence was felt at the show as his daughter Ch Kasaque Miracle owned by Michael & myself won BOB. RBCC went to Kathy Webb's Ch Alcaliphs Nuray. DCC went to Omar's son, Ch Nefisa Jeevun Sh CM owned by Steve & Jenny Macro with the RDCC to Annette & Brian Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM. Best Puppy was the Macro's Kasaque Palmiro. Best Breeders Group was Mrs C Chryssolor. Best Veteran went to Tony KING's Lusaki Sola Sharif Of Adhari On the day, Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Early Dusk won his final point for his Junior Warrant. I apologise for pre-empting this award a couple of weeks earlier.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 29TH JULY 2011.

Last Sunday, Michael and I attended the Worthing & District Canine Society Open Show at the South of England Showground, Ardingley. It must be at least two years since we have attended an all breed open show so I am pleased to note that as far as Salukis are concerned, there was an excellent entry. I can but assume Saluki exhibitors are supporting the Open Shows, which is good to see. Judging us was Mrs Wendy Cross of the Sallidene affix. After the judging she related that her breed was Deerhounds but I had the impression she is no longer exhibiting. Interestingly many of the exhibitors had travelled a fair distance to attend this show. The furthest that was mentioned was 127 miles, so I hope their trip was worthwhile. Best of Breed went to Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Early Dusk (I believe he now has sufficient points for his Junior Warrant). He went on to win the Hound Group and Reserve Best in Show. Lisa and John Hudson had a rewarding day as their bitch Glenoak Kamala won the final point at an Open Show to qualify for her Junior Warrant. She also was Reserve Best of Breed on the day. Our own, Rosemary Redfern and Jan Banyard's Kasaque Paloma went Best Puppy and 4th in Puppy Group. It was a good day for Salukis.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 22ND JULY 2011

Last weekend I was saddened to hear of the death of Tim Tieller. Although we have never met him, his fame went before him. Mary Parker has kindly sent me the following obituary: "Tim's first saluki was Sherrah, whom Tim had seen many times whilst walking his whippets in the woods surrounding his home in Zeist, Holland. Sherrah, frequently roamed around the woods on his own, quickly captivated Tim, due to his independent spirit and light elegant movement; it was Sherrah's movement which set the standard for the future Samoem salukis. When Sherrah's owners could no longer keep him he was offered to Tim. Sherrah's dam Diana had been imported in whelp from Mosul in Iraq and her litter was registered as an import. Tim enjoyed considerable success with Sherrah whom he showed eight times; he gained The Amsterdam Winners title and was BIS at Utrecht in 1967. Due to FCI rules at that time he was never awarded his titles. Ch. Burydown Vasha came into Tim's possession when her owners in Belgium decided she would be better off in another home, as she was unsuccessful in the show ring. In 1971 Tim bred his first saluki litter and selected an elegant male, who combined Dutch and English bloodlines in his pedigree as well as being related to Sherrah, to be the sire. In 1971 Pascha was mated to Sherrah's daughter and in 1972 to Ch. Burydown Vasha, thus began the legendary Samoem saluki line.

Tim broke many records with his successes in the salukis show ring, and they are far too numerous to list here, but one achievement which must be mentioned are his three BISs at the prestigious World Show; in 1981 he won with Ch. Saliha's Deianira and 1982 and 1983 with Ch. Abrisa von Felsenkeller, who was sired by Ch. Samoem's Sakbar Walad.

Tim believed strongly in line breeding, producing progeny which were both functionally built and successful in the show ring. Studying a Samoem saluki or whippet pedigree is an education in itself, as there is a clear pattern of combining the outstanding qualities of his own line, built up through careful selection, with those of other bloodlines. It was this ability, together with a critical eye of his own stock which set Tim apart from other breeders. The Samoem salukis were of such a consistent type they were immediately identifiable from the ring side, as was their movement. The foundations that Tim laid, through his selective breeding programme, went on to reproduce outstanding salukis for other kennels, and many of the top winning kennels around the world have Samoem salukis behind them, something which Tim was justifiably very proud of.

Tim was a very private man, and those of us who knew him well all benefitted from his prodigious knowledge, advice and expertise. The world has lost a great breeder and is a poorer place for his passing. His will be sadly missed by many.

Ian Stedman Brown has contacted me with information that he has records of all Salukis registered with the Kennel Club from the Start of registrations until the mid 80s. He is happy to try and help out with any problems regarding pedigrees. His address is ianstedmanbrown@yahoo.co.uk

Last Sunday the East of England Show was held. Judging Salukis was Mr Ian Veal DCC, BOB, Hound Group 2, for his first CC was Sheryl Steer, Lorraine & John Fitzgerald's Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark JW He was born on 26th June 2009 and his breeder is Mr T Quick. His sire is Ch Fernlark Alsace and his dam Daxlore Calisha at Jorjenjo, RDCC went to Jacqui & Alan Bloomfield's Glenoak Jabari. BCC for her first CC was Pauline & Don Everton's Kasra Tabina. She was on the 23rd November 2005 and her breeder is her owners. Her sire is Ch Glenoak Inqi JW and her dam, Ch Kasra Nadirah. RBCC went to Lisa & John Hudsons' Glenoak Kamala. Best Puppy was Denise & Ian Rogers & Ms Hough's Labakan Lorique Well done All!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 24TH JUNE 2011.

Congratulation to Phyllida and Marcus Cooke on the safe arrival of their new (first) grandson. Phyllida is so looking forward to spending her evenings babysitting for little Henry. I suppose I should mention the parents, Sebastian and Rachel for their part. We are delighted for the Cooke family.

Three Counties Championship Show was held last Wednesday in blustery weather. Judging Salukis for the first time in the UK was Marion Finney, the Irish Wolfhound specialist, from Ireland. BCC, BOB and Hound Group 4 (judge Mrs Jill Peak) was our own Ch Kasaque Miracle with the RBCC to Lisa & John Hudson's Glenoak Kamala. DCC, for his first CC was Ray and Caroline Pickering's Kasaque Newark. He was born on the 8th January 2008 and his breeders are Michael and myself. His sire is Ch Kasaque Jimna ShCM and his dam, Ch Caspians L'aliq avec Kasaque. RDCC went to Ch Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk owned by Marie Bryce-Smith. Best Puppy was Steve & Ann Ham's Bendedegdig Ya Jameelah . Well done all.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH JUNE 2011.

Tomorrow we will be attending the Three Counties Championship Show. Joining us on our sojourn will be two friends each bringing along one Saluki. So in our big car (known here as the beast) we shall have five dogs and four people. With the price of petrol and diesel skyrocketing and all of us so keen on attending the shows, maybe we will now have to find like minded friends to pool together. As long as we can find a mutually agreeable meeting place (We use to use Motorway Services but now they all charge after a couple of hours) where we can safely leave our car or have friends that are willing to come, as they are this time, to our house or pick up on the way. This does not preclude that the dogs can amicably endure the journey with the other dogs.

I have a friend currently visiting in the States and she has said there are similar problems with the price of fuel there, which is now up the \$4.00/gallon. Also in the States the entries are falling which I would say in Salukis at this time they are not. This may be due to the fact that a couple of years ago we had a few litters of puppies born around the same time. Another thing in the States they have a many small dog show each weekend, often the size of our Open Shows. It has been mentioned that the AKC

is trying to tighten up on this and is not allowing anymore Clubs to be giving points on top of cutting the amount of shows each club has a year.

Annette Buckley has sent the following information regarding the SGHC Open Show: Mr Hamad AlGhanem of The Saluki of Arabia has very kindly donated five lovely canvas prints of Salukis for the principal winners of our forthcoming Open Show on 19th June at the Dobermann Training Ground. These will be given to the winners of the following awards: Best In Show, Reserve Best In Show, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, Best Smooth. The Club is very appreciative of his kind generosity and a letter of thanks has gone out to him. Cobbydog Foods Ltd has also kindly donated dog food prizes for the top prizes and we are very fortunate indeed to have such good sponsorship in these hard financial times and it makes winning at this show even more exciting.

A new 'Silver Spoon' for BIS has been hand made by a silversmith, Phil Marr, from Heathfield in East Sussex, based on the traditional design by Garrards but slightly updated for the 21st century. The weight of the solid silver spoon is 29grms which is heavier than most of the more recent spoons and it has been decided by committee to choose the head of the Saluki to be looking to the left rather than head on. Annette Buckley will bring the spoon around to exhibitors prior to the BIS judging and if interested will show them how the spoon was made, as the silversmith took photographs of the main procedures, which Annette has mounted into a small album to give to the winner of this coveted award. This information is now on file digitally so that future lucky winners of the SGHC Open Show can receive these details of the manufacture of the spoon (at least for the next ten years, as we have commissioned ten spoons in total from the silversmith).

We are still open to more donations of cakes – please contact Annette Buckley, Show Manager, on annette@saluki.plus.com or 01424 830361 if you wish to help out. Final date for photographs for the calendar competition is Monday 13th June – please post to Brendan Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames Middx. TW16 7QB. Tel number 01932 788040 or email: brendangaustin:aol.com. It should prove to be a very enjoyable day for both exhibitors and spectators alike and the committee look forward to welcoming you all to the show.

Good news from the Open Show scene. Karen Smith has contacted to let us know that her boy, Safaniyah Fast N Furious Chasing Cayna won through from the Not Separately Classified Class to take Reserve Best in Show at Kirkcaldy and District Open Show on Saturday 14th May. Alan & Jacki Bloomfields' Glenoak Jabari JW ShCM went Reserve Best in Show at Tyne Wear and Tees Hound Show under Mrs Rusty Grayson, on Saturday 28 May. On Monday 30 May at the Northumberland County Show under Mr M Armstrong he went on to win Group 3.

Last Saturday Southern Counties Championship Show was held at the Showground here in Newbury. Judging us for the first time giving CCs was the All-rounder, Mr Jef Horswell. DCC,BOB was Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW with RDD to Marie Bryce Smith's Ch Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk. BCC went to Kathy

Webb & Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray with RBCC to Sue Bounds' Smooth, Bedu Delphine of Alshara. Best Puppy was Rosemary Redfern, Jan Banyard and our own Kasaque Paloma. Best Breeders Group was "Hudsons" who went on to win Breeders Group 3. Marie Bryce Smith's Ch Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk was second in the Champion Stakes. He has been in the Champion Stakes 4 time and has placed on each occasion. Well done to all!!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 3RD JUNE 2011

Annette Buckley, Show Manager Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club, has asked that we advised you of the following:-

The SGHC Open Show will take place at the Dobermann Club Showground on Sunday 19th June. The show will open at 9.00am and Chris Payne will commence the dog judging at 10.00am with the bitch judging to follow under Anji Jackson-Main. The referee is David Cavill. The entries are as follows: Dogs – 33, Entries - 67; Bitches – 37, Entries – 60; NFC – 7 making a total of 70 dogs giving 127 entries plus 7

NFC. Entries are up over 20% on last year due to an increase in second entries.

This showground has limited wet weather accommodation, although the ring is under a large marquee. Please Bring Your Own Picnic as there are limited catering facilities at this venue; however, teas, coffees, soft drinks and cakes (donations please) will be available throughout most of the day, with the exception of the lunch break, during which time there will be a Rescue Parade and a Junior Handling Competition. There will also be a photographic ballot for the 2012 Saluki Calendar as usual. There are no refuse facilities at this ground so will members please ensure that they take their rubbish home with them. You will find directions to the venue on the back of the schedule. Please direct any queries to the Show Manager, Annette Buckley on annette@saluki.plus.com or phone 01424 830361/ THE SHOW DAY EMERGENCY MOBILE NUMBER IS: 07522 860368. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Tessa Abbott has recently been in hospital for a hip operation. I understand she is now home recuperating. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Ken Allan, Hon Sec for the SGHC has sent me the following: "The Club's current Judges List is now available for Show Society Secretaries to download from the Club website (salukiclub.co.uk) and can be found under the 'Judges' link at the top of the page. If you are a judge of our breed could you please check your contact details to ensure that they are up to date. If any corrections are required can you please contact Ken Allan at sghc@hotmail.co.uk" within two weeks of this appearing in the breed notes, so the necessary alterations can be made'.

News from the Open Shows. At the Sutton Dog Show Society Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Malt Wiskey won the BOB under judge Carolyn Scott and Group 3, judge Catherine Mason. His brother, Anasazi Early Dusk (Dusk) most recent win was BOB AVNSC under Graham Osborne at Chertsey and Dist. Canine Society. To top it all off Malt Wiskey won BOB, AVNSC Hound, Hound Group 1 under Val Jackson and them Best in Show, judge Debbie Stansbury at the Whitney and District Canine Society.

Gloria Cook and Alan Burtenshaw 's Fernlark Nardini at Daandazi has gained her Show Certificate of Merit to complete a trilogy of awards. She has her Junior Warrant and an Irish Junior Championship. Well done to all!!

Last week Michael, Miracle. Paloma and myself spent a few days in the little Scottish town of Crathie by Ballater, visiting with Alicia and Brian Thompson who have an Art Gallery called "Knock" there, as well as one lovely Saluki. Crathie is best known for its proximity to Balmoral Castle, the estate and the little church where the Queen is often filmed attending a service. We had an excellent time walking the river valleys and some of the more gentle hills. Every place we went the dogs were welcomed and at some places going out of their way as they had not seen Salukis for years. Our trip reminded me of the good old days and our journeys to "Dava" for the annual get together of the Salukis and Deerhounds. As much as I enjoyed that time I think I am not in condition to participate in that sort of coursing at the present time. The weather was not kind. Very windy which I was told was most unusual. After three days walking and fighting the elements we drove south to the Scottish Kennel Club show in Ingliston. For some unknown reason I thought the weather might have been nicer as we were further south. Well it did not improve, it rained and it was bitter cold at the show.

Judging Saluki for the first time with CCs was Mr Mark Cocozza. BCC, BOB was our own Ch kasaque Miracle with the RBCC to Mary Parker's Classicus Concorrdia. DCC for his second CC went to Brian and Annette Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM. With the RDCC to Mrs J I Mr A Glaister & M Parker's Classicus Cassander. Best Puppy went to Kasaque Paloma owned by ourselves, Rosemary Redfern and Jan Banyard. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 20TH MAY 2011

We were delighted to receive a call from Vivian Davies today. She sounded very well considering the difficult time she is having with her broken hip. Viv said she was receiving a lot of help from her housekeeper and is now managing to move around using crutches and a wheelchair for longer journeys. Also quite remarkably Viv is managing, with the aid of her helper, to get her out of their flat and she is very much enjoying sitting in the garden. Viv would like to thank everyone for the good wishes and send special thanks to Diana and Ken Allan, Liz Metcalfe and Rosemary Lewis, who have all visited her on a regular basis.

An SOS from Annette Buckley regarding cakes for the Open Show, they are desperately needed. Any questions about what cake you should take to the show either contact Annette (email: annette@saluki.plus.com) or myself (tel 01635 268269, email:kasaque@aol.com). These will be served all day at the Open Show along with coffee and tea.

The following has been sent from Brendan Austin regarding the Calendar competition which is held at the Open Show: " A brief note to remind you that the closing date for photographs to be entered for the 2012 Calendar Competition is Monday 11th

June. Judging will take place at the clubs' Open Show on Sunday 19th June at The Dobermann Club, Didswell.

In previous years we have had some wonderful photos, some coming from around the world, showing our breed in a variety of poses and locations, some are fun shots and some more serious but all contribute to a wonderful display in June. Members and their friends choose by ballot, their favourites for the 2012 calendar.

Entries are FREE and you may enter as many photographs as you wish. Photographs should be no larger than A5 (6x8"). They may be in black and white or colour and should be of a reproducible quality. Entries should have a SAE for their safe return. Please send your entries to me, to arrive not later than 11th June. Entries may be submitted by email to brendangaustin@aol.com (jpeg image preferred), and they will be printed for you. Please include on a sheet of paper any information about the photograph, names of dogs when and where it was taken - anything that might be of interest. The entrant, i.e. person who submits the photographs, must have permission if chosen, to have the photograph(s) printed in the calendar, (that is if you are not the owner of the photograph or dog(s)). If a chosen photograph is not of a good enough quality, then the next winning photograph will be submitted. The organisers' decision is final. Photos can be sent to Brendan G Auston, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, TW16 7QB Tel. 01932 788040"

Last Saturday was the first day in months that we had the much needed rain but it was also Birmingham National Championship Show. Fortunately we had an excellent marquee with inside/outside facilities. When the sun shone the exhibitors could be outside and when it rained inside. Judging Salukis was Mrs Jenny Macro (Nefisa) DCC, BOB for his second CC was Ann & Paul Shimmin's import Hislome's I Am Iceman Med Cranstal (imp Swe). RDCC went to Heidi Woodgate and Connie De Souza's Sufeina Al Ain. This young dog suffered a ruptured his cruciate ligament just over a year ago so seeing him back on top of his game is wonderful for his owners who have worked so hard in his recovery. BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Hilary Cornock's Mumtaz Sea Breeze. She was born on 27th August 2005 and her breeder us Zola Rawson. Her sire is Ch Bushrah of Saruk JW and her dam, Ch Mumtaz Desdemona. RBCC went to Ch Al Caliphs Nuray owned by Kathy Webb and Deborah Copperthwaite. Best Puppy was Labakan Chiffonier owned by Ian and Denise Rogers. Best Breeder and 4th in the Breeder's group was the Hudson's team. Well done all!!!

We have received notice of some very good wins by Salukis on the Open Show circuit. Glenoak Kiyen, owned by Lisa and John Hudson, at the tender age of 12 months, went Reserve Best in Show at the Chelmsford Show. Breed judge was Tony Quick, Group judge Ken Allan and Best In Show judge Liz Dunhill.

Annette and Brian Buckley had a good day at South of England Agricultural Society Two Day Open show. Mumtaz Sirocco won Saluki BOB and Hound Group 1 under Mrs. E.L. Watson (Carresmar Basset Hounds) and they joined the winners of the previous day in the final held late on Monday afternoon judged by Mr. Ken Bartlet

(Dwilencia). Rocco was honoured by winning the top accolade of Best in Show and the Society had set up an area inside for the committee to join in the presentation of the cup and several newspaper reporters had been invited to cover this event, so Rocco was a star for the day. Annette goes on to say that this particular dog show, held in conjunction with The Spring Garden and Leisure Show, is always a very enjoyable day out and especially exciting this year for us with Rocco's lovely win and the favourable comments and support received from other exhibitors and judges. For those who live in the South East, the Garden Show is fantastic and very early in the day we were already tempted with the purchase of a bronzed life-sized Buck and Doe which Brian (alias Buck) and I ordered for our gift to each other for our Golden Wedding Anniversary in October (Champ show day!) and now we have happy recollections of the day associated with the deer pair, or should that be 'dear' pair!
Well done all

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 6TH MAY 2011

It is pleasing to hear that Baghdad Bronzed Aussie is now being looked after by one of the Club members. The two chaps that had purchased him from Ireland were willing to sell him to a third party on behalf of the breeders. They even delivered him to his new home. We understand that he was quite thin and the men said they had already put 12 pounds on him so when they first acquired him, he must have been in a state.

The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club will be holding their 2011 Open Show on Sunday 19th June at The Dobermann Club Training & Showground, Herford Road, Digswell, Herts AL6 0BU. Judging dogs will be Mr Chris Payne, Bitches Mrs Anji Jackson-Main with the Best in Show to Mr David Cavill. Postal entries close on Monday 9th May with online entries can be made up until midnight on Saturday 14th May at fossedata.co.uk There will be a Parade of Rescued Salukis and Junior Handling during the lunch break. Tea and coffee will be available from 9.00a.m., but there will be no catering facilities at this venue so please provide your own picnic for your group/self. Further information can be obtained from the Show Manager, Mrs Annette Buckley on tel. 01424 830361 or e-mail Annette@saluki.plus.com . Also regarding the Open Show, Pauline Everton has asked us to remind exhibitors that at the Open Show they must take all their rubbish home as the site does not have a facility for it.

Last Sunday the Northern Saluki Club held their Championship. Judging was Mrs Carole Tipler. DCC,BIS was Sunswift Azbak Labakan owned by Denise and Ian Rogers for his second CC. RDCC and RBIS went to Ch Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk owned by Marie Bryce-Smith. BCC for her first CC was Sue Taylor's Chisobee Gwerthfawr Awel at Siranome. She was born on 9th June 2005 and her breeder is Mrs M Smithson. Her sire is Ch Ukhaydir Aris Hafid Ariba (imp) and dam Cairdean Cazzab at Chisobee. RBCC went to Lynda & Merriam Shaw's Anisah's Desert Stalker. Best Puppy in Show was the daughter of the Best in Show winner Labakan Chiffonier owned by Denise and Ian Rogers. Best Veteran was Ch Jazirat Zakiyyah owned by Ken & Di Allan and Joanne & Paul Mahon. A "get well" card was circulated at the show for Viv Davies . Diana Allan has kindly sent me the following regarding Viv'.

“Viv and Betty were on the way to their holiday home in Wales 2 weeks ago, they were being driven there by a friend. They stopped at a garden centre near Stafford, and this is where Viv’s leg gave out and she took a bad tumble, resulting in a broken hip. She was taken by ambulance to Stafford General Hospital where she underwent surgery last Monday. The operation consisted of putting in a partial hip replacement which entailed cutting into the muscle, which has caused Viv a lot of pain. As I write this she is still in the Hospital in Stafford, but we are trying to get her moved, as it is a two and a half hour journey to visit her. We are hoping that she will be able to be moved to either Addenbrookes or Hinchinbrooke within the next week. We are just about coping with looking after Betty, who is completely blind and fiercely independent, but they have some very good friends who are doing most of the caring, like staying with her overnight and caring for her during the day, so far Ken and I have only been able to help out with Hospital visits and daytime care. I know that Viv would appreciate any correspondence from Saluki friends, but as we do not now where she will be from one day to another, it would be best to send cards etc to her home address. It is going to be a long healing process, and also a long time before she will be able to look after Betty, so we are looking into carers for them both. Neither of them have any blood relatives in this Country.”

On a brighter front, we send Congratulation to Maya Monk-Schenk’s Kasaque Niagra on obtaining his “Gold” Good Citizen award.

As an update on the brindle situation, Simply Fizzy’s DNA has been re-tested again by Dr Sheila M Schmutz in Canada and the result was positive for the brindle gene. This is what we have all expected. In future the Salukis Clubs are looking to have a method of monitoring the situation, with the help of the Kennel Club, by positively indentifying the DNA of puppies and parents. In this way we will be doing everything physically possible, at the time of writing, to ensure our Salukis remain purebred. The Saluki Club of America have set up a committee to report on brindles. A report has now been published and can be found at: [http://www.salukiclub.org/ColorRegistration/SCOA Brindle Report 3-5-2011.pdf](http://www.salukiclub.org/ColorRegistration/SCOA_Brindle_Report_3-5-2011.pdf)

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 22ND APRIL 2011

Last Saturday the Hound Show of Scotland was held at glorious Kelso. It’s a show we very much enjoy attending but this year, unfortunately we could not make it. Judging us for the first time with Challenge Certificates was Miss Diana Spavin.

BCC, BOB for her third CC was Caryna Meilishia Sh CM owned by Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Linda Smith. She was born on the 14th November 2008 and her breeder is Mrs DL Garratt. Her sire is Ch Glenoak Inqi JW and dam, Ch Caryna Nashira. RBCC went to Kathy Webb and Deborah Copperthwaite’s Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. DCC was awarded to Marie Bryce-Smith’s perpetual Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW with RDCC to Jackie & Alan Bloomfield’s Gloak Jabari SW, Sh CM. Best Puppy was Glenoak Kiyam owned by Lisa and John Hudson. The icing on the cake was Caryna Meilishia went on the win Hound Group 3 and Glenoak Kiyam won Best Puppy in Show. Well done to all!!!

David Hartley has kindly sent me a notice of an upcoming walk in aid of Saluki Welfare Funds. It is to be held on Saturday 10th September starting from St Peter's Methodist Church, Riley Street, Earby. Earby is located between Colne, Lancs and Skipton yorks. This is open to all breeds, non-showing and rescue Saluki owners especially welcomed. . 10am to 11am meet at church for tea/coffee then leave at 11.15am for a walk in surrounding countryside led by members of the local walking fgroup. Long version is about 5 miles, short version 2 miles. 1.15 packed lunches or a visit to the White Lion Pub for good grub and tea/ biscuits provided at the church. 2.30 simple Saluki quiz and fun classes sponsored by Cobbydog photo competition. 4.30 famous fish & chip tea. The cost is £7.00 with all proceeds to Saluki Welfare. For further information contact David on tel. 01282 842617 or email davidjhartley@hotmail.com

On the web site Pets4Homes there is the following advert: Saluki at Stud £500.00. Champion Baghdad Bronzed Aussie. This dog has a world class pedigree, he has just been imported into England and we are please to offer him at stud. He is red grizzle and stands 27 inches to the shoulder with a brilliant temperament. On the couple of occasions we have run him, he is extremely fast with fantastic staying power. Available to Saluki bitches. Greyhounds and quality lurcher bitches. For further information contact..... We understand that this dog was sold originally to Lynda Dunn who regularly exhibits her dogs mainly in Ireland .

SALUKI BREED NOTES 15 APRIL 2011.

Maya Monk-Schenk on behalf of the SGHC Health Committee has sent us some interesting dates for seminars at the Animal Health Trust. The first one is on Canine Genetics on Saturday 14th May.

On Thursday 2nd June there will be another Seminar on Genetics, Neurology and Diagnostic Imaging. This is an overview of canine genetics plus lectures on neurological diseases, diagnosing conditions such as hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia and syringomyelia.

On 23rd September there will be a talk on Ophthalmology, Oncology and Genetics. This is an overview of canine genetics plus lecture on eye diseases and cancer in dogs. Cost for each day is £15.00 which includes lunch, Coffee in the morning, tea in the afternoon. There will also be tours of the small animal clinics for anyone that wants to see them.

On Sunday 27th March the SGHC held their AGM and there was a small but enthusiastic group attending. Sitting in the Chair was Michael Williams on behalf of the Vice President who was unable to attend. The meeting was opened with a minute of silence for club members who had died during the previous year. They are June Applebee-Burt, Vera Hargreaves, Daphne Tovey, Jean Wissler, Norman Ziman and Alan Lucas. The new Committee was elected and they consist of Annette Buckley, Clair Chryssolor, Karen Fisher, Peter Jackson-Main, Maya Monk-Schenk, Tree Smith, Kathy Webb and Michael Williams (Chairman of Committee) As there were only 8 nominations and nine place are available, it was decided to invite Anna Cornock to be a co-opted committee member. Ken Allan was appointed Hon Secretary unopposed.

The winner of the ballot for the Limited Show 2012 was Ruth Dann; Open Show 2012 winner was Vicky-Ann Tompkins with Jan Pain and Best in Show will be judged Mac Macmillan. Second ballot for Championship Show 2013 will be Paul Shimmin, John Hudson, Nicola Quadling, Carol Seymour and Leslie Brabyn.

Annette Buckley, Show Manager submitted a survey form to see what the membership wanted with regard to catering, rosette awards, printing and venues. It was decided to include these forms in the upcoming newsletter in order that the entire membership would have a chance to comment.

Pauline Kendall read out a letter explaining why she wanted to form a Health Charity then ended by saying she had decided to go ahead with the charity off her own back and she was withdrawing her proposal as previously presented, to work in conjunction with the Saluki clubs.

Karen Fisher, on behalf of the Magazine has requested interesting articles for inclusion in upcoming magazines.

We understand that Nicola Quadling has had to go into hospital for another operation on her knee. Hopefully this op will be successful and we will see her running around without her stick.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 25TH MARCH 2011

Maria Niedzwiedz has a new track for Afghan/Saluki racing near Bicester, Oxon. So she states that SEAR will be haring off again, at long last, on Sunday 20th March 2011. The address is Clues Hill Farm, Bicester, HP18 9UZ. For further information please ring Maria on 0181 422 7756

It has been very concerning with what is going on in Japan with the earthquake, tsunami and now the threat of a meltdown at the nuclear energy plants. I have contacted Shuichi Suda of Vogue Salukis to see how he and his family (both human and dogs) are faring. We first met Shuichi when he was over here for the week of the Festival. He says they and their dogs are pretty fine as they do not live near the ocean. Their house is 2 hours from Tokyo and the same distance from Sendai. He is concerned about the nuclear power plant in Fukushima. Personally I have never been a proponent of the use of nuclear energy and this just reinforces my opinion.

Daphne Parnham thanks everyone for their support of Saluki Welfare. At the Limited Show they made £127.00 and Christina Campling on her Beach Head Marathon raised a whopping £875.00 for Welfare.

We have a lovely, very active grizzle bitch aged about 9 years young that is looking for a home. Information on her can be obtained through Ann Blake on telephone no01727 826944 or Denise Rogers 01302 771143

Crufts with its circus like affect is now gone for another year. It is always wonderful to attend, visiting with old friends and meeting new ones from all over the World. This year was not exception. Our judge was Mrs Diana Allan looking like she was enjoying every

moment of her judging. BOB, BCC for her second CC was Paul & Ann Shimmin's Cranstal Quintessence. She was born on the 17th July 2003 and bred by her exhibitors. Her sire is Ch Kasaque Jimn ShCM and her dam, Ch Cranstal Incandescence. RBCC went to Ann McIntosh's Cottonore Sahara. DCC for his first CC went to Mrs A Ternest & Mr D Borghijs's Furat Ter Dolen (Bel) Born 6th October 2006. His sire is Ch Camahr Djaal Lhilal, dam, Anaister Dolen. RDCC went the Steve & Jenny Macro's Ch Nefisa Jeevun ShCM. Best Puppy was Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Early Dusk. Well done all!!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH MARCH 2011

It has now been confirmed that Adele Walton Haddon will be judging at Windsor Championship Show, 2011. Members of the SGHC should now have received copies of their Yearbook, if you have not received it and are a paid up member, please contact Peter Yardley.

Annette Buckley, Show Manager for the SGHC has sent the following: "The SGHC Limited Show was held at Steventon, Oxfordshire, on Sunday, 27th February, and our judge was Mrs. Jackie Reader, ably assisted by our stewards, Kathy Webb and Pip Buswell. Best in Show was a Special Yearling Dog, Tasia Moonshine Over Dawnchase owned by Mr & Mrs. J Fitzgerald and Ms S. Steer and RBIS and BOS awards were given to Tasia Maleisha, another Special Yearling Saluki, owned by Mrs. E.A. Metcalfe and Mr. M.J. Green. Best Puppy in Show went to Mrs. Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Early Dusk, who also took Reserve Best Dog. Best Opposite Sex Puppy was awarded to Classicus Concorrdia owned by Mrs. Mary Parker and Best Veteran in Show was Fitzgeralds' Al Caliphs Ajmal. Members enjoyed a very friendly atmosphere at the Show and particular mention should be made of the 'Work Experience Chefs', Andy Chryssolor and Jimmi White, who did a sterling job in the kitchen, producing delicious food and kept smiling all through the long day, which was much appreciated by club members and their guests. Thanks also to those people who donated generously to the Rosette Fund, Welfare and Club Raffle, and to those who contributed table flowers and homemade savouries & cakes for the lunch menu for guests and the judge's lunch table – more in depth thanks and information will appear in the forthcoming members' newsletter.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 11TH MARCH 2011

SGHC held it's Limit Show last Sunday at Steventon Village Hall, Nr Abingdon, Oxford. It was a well run show thanks to the hard work of Annette Buckley and Clair Chryssolor. All trophies were beautifully displayed by John and Caroline Owen, the Welfare table was heaving and Pauline Everton was looking the Cub's raffle. Flowers were beautifully presented by Phyllida Cooke giving the show a "spring feeling" which lightened the mood as it was so cold and wet outside. The kitchen was manned by Andy Chryssolor and Jimmi Johnston-White serving delicious home cooked food and cakes all day. So it was a good day all around. Judging was Mrs Jackie Reader. Best in Show was Lorraine & John Fitzgerald & Sheryl Steer's Tasia Moonshine over Dawnchase JW with the Reserve Best Dog and Best Puppy in Show to Clair Chryssolor's Anasazi Early Dusk. Best Bitch went to the sister of the BIS winner, Liz Metcalfe & Martin Green's Tasia Maleisha with the Reserve Best Bitch to Clair Chryssolor's Abu Baqr's Gazal Galiya for Anasazi (imp). Best Veteran was Mr & Mrs JJ Smith's Al Caliphs Zabibi and Best Smooth went to Karen Fisher's Ruweis Farid. Well done all!!!

Well soon after reading these notes all will be off to Crufts so we wish everyone good luck

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 4TH MARCH 2011

The Humberside Hound Assoc has contacted me regarding their Open Show to be held at Costello Stadium HU4 6XQ on Saturday 16th April. Entries Close 16th March. Schedules can be obtained from Secretary Trish Wells phone 01964 542744 or email Kortebin@tiscali.co.uk After entries have closed, the Secretary will notify exhibitors of the 'not before' judging time if S.A.E. or email address is included with the entry. Saluki Judge is Judith Robin-Smith (Willowbrae) and BIS judge Mrs Diane Cook (Tedandi).

The following has been sent regarding the Welfare:

The Annual General Meeting of the Saluki Welfare Fund is to be held on April 3rd 2011 at 2.00pm. To be held at The Village Hall, Weston on the Green, Bicester, Oxon, just off the A34.

Agenda for the A. G. M.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held at Weston on the Green on 28th March 2010
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurers report
6. Welfare report
7. Correspondence
8. Election of Officers and committee member
9. Appointments of Auditors
10. To change rule 5.1 as below. Please note that this rule change was instigated by the NSC and agreed by the SGHC. For it to be passed there must be a quorum of at least 15 people attending, so it is important that enough people attend the meeting so that both warden's honorariums can be paid by Saluki Welfare Fund and not by the respective clubs as at present.
 - 5.1. Subject as mentioned below the policy and general management of the affairs of the Association shall be directed by an executive committee ("the committee"). The committee shall comprise the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer ("the officers"). The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club warden and the Northern Saluki Club warden as appointed from time to time by the Saluki Welfare Committee from lists supplied by the respective clubs and 4 members (at least 2 of which will be members of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club or the Northern Saluki Club)
11. Forthcoming events/activities
12. Any other business

One committee member's position is to be filled, should any member of the NSC or SGHC or rescue owner of two years or more wish to be nominated, please contact Mr. A Parnham at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

I have heard that Dr Ivor Moss is now in a care home. He and his wife Gloria were very involved with Salukis until Gloria's untimely death in about 1985. They made up one Saluki Champion, Tahawi Xanthippe of Negma which I believe was the last Tahawi to be titled in this Country. They were also active in the Coursing Section of the Club. Since then Ivor has been more involved with the Kennel Club and his duties as Medical Officer for Crufts and Windsor Championship Show. . His address is Dr Ivor Moss. "Sunrise Of Elstree", Edgewarebury Lane, Elstree, Hertfordshire , WD6 3RG

Reading other contributors Breed Notes can be quite informing and useful so I would like to thank Bill Bunce (American Cocker Spaniels) for the following information regarding exhibitors whose entries were not in the catalogue. These exhibitors turn up at shows and produce a proof of posting. This, according to Mr Bunce, appears to have been more widespread than originally thought, so much so in fact that it has prompted a press release for the Kennel Club informing exhibitors of a database which records all proof of posting information supplied by Championship shows which have in the past had to accept entries on the day.

As a result of information gleaned from this database, 34 exhibitors were contacted last year and advised that the only proof of entry now accepted from them will be Registered Post documentation, a show society's own confirmation of receipt or an online receipt. Failure by these individuals to provide such proof will result in disqualification of awards and possibly a fine.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 11TH FEBURARY 2011

Liz Stephens has kindly sent the following: "It is with great sadness I write that Chris Cargill of Hadiyyah Salukis was tragically killed in an accident near Southwold on the 19th January, four days after the death of her mother. She was a vivacious, generous and caring person. She was artistic and practical and there were never enough hours in the day for Chris to do all that she wanted, but if she thought that you needed her time she would give it gladly. She loved her dogs, who like herself were always beautifully turned out. The family have been deeply touched by the cards, letters and phone calls they have received and would like to convey their thanks. The funeral will take place at the Seven Hills Crematorium Nacton on Friday the 18th February at 11:15 a:m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Dogs Trust c/o Rosedale Funeral Home, 19 Market Place, Halesworth. IP19 8BB."

The SGHC Members Limited Show this year has attracted 74 entries (44 dogs and 30 bitches) plus 19 NFC Salukis – The same entry as 2010 show. Judging of dogs starts at 10.00a.m. followed by bitches, so exhibitors with bitches please arrive early.

The kitchen will be open at 9.00a.m. so why not start the morning with a cup of hot soup or a bacon buttie, often an old favourite with dog exhibitors. After the judging we would

love to see members stay for lunch to enjoy the snacks available from Andy's Pantry kitchen; tomato soup, jacket potatoes filled with chilli, baked beans topped with grated cheese, or just butter and cheese – the choice is yours. Filled baps, tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be on offer throughout the show, all at reasonable prices, so leave those sandwich boxes and flasks at home and have a relaxing day!

Please bring along donations of unwanted gifts for the Club Raffle or Saluki Welfare stall as they will be much appreciated. Several members have already given us promises of cakes but if anybody would like to add to these offerings, kindly phone Annette Buckley on 01424.830361 or email annette@saluki.plus.com; we would welcome a few more desserts please – we already have promises of almond and apple tart, lemon meringue pie, and trifle, plus various flavours of sponge cakes – anybody a whizz hand at apple pies, apple crumble or chocolate cake? Come on, get those mixing bowls out again!

We look forward to welcoming you to the show and we wish everybody a very happy day in Abingdon.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 29TH JAN 2011

We are sorry to report that Saluki Welfare Fund Secretary Alan Lucas has died. He was in hospital following an operation, but sadly his condition deteriorated and he passed away during the early hours of Tuesday 18th January. Alan had been Secretary of the SWF since 2005 and will be sorely missed by all his friends in the saluki community. Our thoughts are with his widow, Barbara. We do not have details for his arrangements at this time.

Annette Buckley has sent the following on behalf on the SGHC “I should like to remind members that entries will be closing very soon for the Saluki or GH Club Limited Show to be held on 27th February 2011 – the postal entry deadline has now passed, however, on-line entries, which were offered unexpectedly by Fossedata, have been extended to 31st January 2011 (www.fossedata.co.uk). The show opens at 9.00a.m. and judging under Mrs. Jackie Reader starts at 10.00a.m. Please support the Club by entering your dogs and hopefully making a donation towards the rosette fund, for which appreciation will be acknowledged in the catalogue. The Club Raffle and Welfare Tombola stands will be present at this show as usual, so please give generously on the day.

We have been fortunate in acquiring sponsorship from Cobbydog Foods this year with their kind offer of 15kg bags of Lamb and Rice for the three major winners and 1kg bags for the first prize winners of each class. There will be in-house catering offering hot soup and roll, jacket potatoes with various fillings, plus desserts. Filled-rolls, cakes, plus hot and cold drinks will be available throughout the day. We would welcome donations of desserts and cakes so if you are able to help in this direction, please email Annette Buckley on annette@saluki.plus.com or ring 01424 830361 with your preferred choice of food donation so we can monitor catering requirements. Thank you. We look forward to a good day at Abingdon and will endeavour to create a happy atmosphere for all to enjoy”.

On the doglost site on the internet there is a male Saluki that was found on the 14th January 2011. He is fawn fawn coloured and without a tattoo or microchip. He was found in the Northampton area wearing a red/silver webbed collar. For further information please contact telephone number 07515884675 or check the doglost site on the web

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 21ST JANUARY 2011

Very pleased to report that Ken Allen is now home from the hospital. He still have some tubes attached and is having to liaison with the hospital but things are looking very promising.

The last piece of the puzzle regarding Saluki judges for 2011 is now in place. Judging us at LKA will be Graham Hill which is rather bewildering as he only judged our breed last year at Blackpool. I believe this is the first time anyone has judged our breed on consecutive years for a long time. I should think little has changed in the breed between 2010 and 2011 as it is customary to leave a gap of three or certainly no less than two years between judging appointments. It will be interesting to see if the entry reflects this.

Mary Parker has sent an email informing us that she is doing well with her Classicus Concorrdia She was Best Puppy in breed at the South Yorkshire Hound Club going on to win Puppy Group 4. At Luton DCS, a 3 day show, under breed judge Elaine Rushton she was Best Puppy in Breed and Puppy Group 1 under judge Dr Ron James.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 14TH JANUARY 2011.

We have received an unusual SOS from Welfare - is there anyone out there, with both the space and the inclination, who would be prepared to take on a couple of rescue kennels? If you think you might be able to help and live in the south/south east, we would be very pleased to hear from you. The kennels in question are a double unit, only a few months old, which were purchased by SWF to provide temporary accommodation to salukis awaiting re-homing. They will have to be moved to their new site from their present location in Essex. Anyone interested, please call Ann Blake on 01727 823360 - she will be pleased to furnish you with full details of what is involved.

Yesterday I spoke to Diana Allan to find out how Ken was doing in the hospital. It's been a long and difficult journey for Ken, Diana, their family and friends but Di was very optimised that Ken would be home soon. Di said that Ken has had the best of treatment in the hospital from the doctors and all the staff but he is now getting anxious to be released. So hopefully in the next Breed Notes I can confirm that after about 12 weeks he is out and starting his recovery at home. Diana and family would like me to thank everyone for the concerns during this very difficult time.

Alan Lucas, Hon Sec of the Saluki Welfare is still in the hospital. He would most likely appreciate receiving cards to cheer him up at this dreary time of the year. He is in the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Ward 17.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 7TH JANUARY 2011

“On her retirement from the post of Northern Saluki Welfare Warden I would like to pay tribute to Denise Rogers writes David James Hartley Chairman of NSC. Denise has been the Northern face of Saluki Welfare for the last twenty years but finally stands down at the end of 2010. No one who hasn't been involved can possibly appreciate the time and effort required to re-home a single saluki let alone the greatly increasing numbers which have needed rescue in the past few years. Denise knows almost every Saluki and every saluki owner in the UK –including the dodgy elements -and this has made her invaluable. Working closely with her Southern colleague Ann Blake nothing has been too much trouble for Denise. She has not only co-ordinated the work but herself driven countless miles home checking, collecting and delivering hounds, taken them into her own home and spent much of her life on the phone. Always straight talking Denise Rogers has a deeply enviable record for placing the right Saluki in the right home for life and having no hesitation in refusing unsuitable applicants. She has always been available to give tips, support and common sense advice to new owners. So Northern Saluki is really going to miss her Welfare Reports, approachability, expertise, and depth of knowledge. However we do appreciate that all good things must come to an end and we send Denise, Ian and their Labakan hounds our heartfelt thanks and every good wish for a less hectic 2011.”

Jeannette Glaister has sent information that she had a good day at Sunderland Canine Society Open Show on 19th December with Dexter (Classicus Cassander) winning the Graduate Class and BOB. He was also Best Puppy in Breed and shortlisted for Best in Group. He went on to win Puppy Group 1 and Best Puppy in Show. Jeannette said it was Dexter's second Best Puppy in Show in a month and thanks the Best in Show judge Deryck Player.

Lorraine Fitzgerald has written to say that her Tasia Moonshine over Dawnchase at 15 months of age has qualified for his Junior Warrant. He is owned by Lorraine and John Fitzgerald and Sheryl Steer. He was bred by Liz Metcalf and Martin Green. His sire is Kirman Bashaar at Fernlark (imp) and dam, Ch Zemar Tasia Elouise.

On a sadder note, Marie & Nick Bryce Smith have had to say good-bye to their beloved Clancy aka Ch Kasaque Hyperion of Saruk at the grand age of 15. He was a trouper to the end. Clancy would perhaps have chosen to be on the coursing field than in the show ring but he did exceedingly well, accruing 15 CCs.

Crufts, Saturday 12th March judge Mrs Diana Allan; Hound Association of Scotland, Saturday 9th April judge Ms Diana Spavin; Northern Saluki Club Championship Show Scotland Saturday 9th April judge Ms Diana Spavin; Northern Saluki Championship Show: Sunday 17th April at Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Market Street, Clay Cross Nr Chesterfield, Derby S45 9LX Judge: Mrs Carole Tipler; National Dog Show, Birmingham Saturday 7th May, judge Mrs Jenny Macro; Scottish Kennel Club Friday 20th May judge, Mark Cocozza Southern Counties C.A. Saturday 4th June judge TBA; Three Counties A.S. Wednesday 8th June, judge Mrs Marion Finney (Ire), SGHC Open Show: Sunday

19th June, Dobermann Club, Hertford Road, Digswell, Herts. AI6 0BU Judges: Chris Payne, Dogs: Anji Jackson-Main, Bitches. Referee: Mr Dave Cavill; Blackpool Saturday 25th June, judge Mr Nev Newton; Windsor Sunday 3rd July judge Mrs Adele Walton Haddon; East of England A.S. Sunday 10th July judge Mr Ian Veal, Paignton Wednesday 3rd August, judge Mrs Jill Knight Messenger, Hound Show Saturday 6th August, judge, Miss Nicola Quadling; Bournemouth Saturday 13th August judge Mrs Joanne Mahon; Welsh Kennel Club Friday 19th August, judge Mrs Pam Marston Pollock; City of Birmingham Friday 2nd September judge Mr Keith Thornton; Richmond Friday 9th September judge TBA Open Show: Sunday 25th September at Shirland Village Hall, Judge TBA; Darlington D.S.S. Friday 16th September judge TBA; Driffield Saturday 1st October Mr Nick Bryce-Smith; South Wales K.A. Sunday 9th October judge Ms Jenny Startup, Championship Show: Sunday 23rd October at Kennel Club Centre, Royal Agricultural Showground Stoneleigh, Warwicks. CV8 2LZ Judges: Mrs Jean Watts Dogs: Mr David Perkins Bitches Referee: Mr Paul Shimmin; Midland Counties Saturday 29th October judge Mrs Anne MacDonald Ladies Kennel Association Saturday 10th December judge TBA.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 24TH DECEMBER 2010

Very sad to say the Saluki Club has lost their longest serving member. Peter Yardley has sent the following: June Applebee Burt (1925-2010)" I sadly have to report that June died on 9th December in Bridport hospital. A couple of months ago she had had a fall at home, was taken into hospital, recovered and went home but alas was no longer able to look after her hound Al Caliph Shaadi, I am sure that was a great loss to her. June had her first saluki in 1947 whose name was Esther bred by Gwen Angel. June joined the SGHC in 1954 and started judging in 1962. At our Championship Show in 2004 we celebrated her 50 years as a member of the Club with a small party and a cake.

June worked for the Inland Revenue and at the age of 40 married Malcolm Burt, at the time they lived in Thame. Sadly Malcolm died and after his death June moved to Bothenhampton near Bridport where she joined a group of saluki friends including Vera Watkins, Hester Jesson and June Williams. During these last few years she has been helped by Lesley Pearce a friend of June Williams.

June's contribution to the breed and SGHC was twofold. She started our Magazine producing the first edition in September 1969, it was simple start with the technology available at the time. The Magazine had its ups and downs but is now on a sound footing and is an excellent magazine, I am sure June was justifiably proud of her contribution to the magazine that she

started all those years ago. June was also the breed correspondent for Dog World for many years and the main link for those in the breed who do not always frequent the show ring.

June was a private person who was quite happy to work diligently in the background for her beloved breed. She did not seek the modern desire for instant success in the show ring, but she knew and understood her salukis. She produced excellent details on the conformation of the saluki for the magazine, people of her ilk are rare and she will be sorely missed and will be honoured for being June.

Her funeral will be held at the Yeovil Crematorium, Bunford Lane, Yeovil at 2.00pm on Wednesday 22nd December. June leaves no living relatives and has asked for no flowers at the funeral. She has requested that donations in her memory should be made to the Saluki Welfare Fund and the RLNI, these should be sent to the undertaker AJ Wakely and Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport. DT6 3LB

LKA, the last Championship Show of the year was held last Sunday. Judging Salukis was Mrs Clair Chrissolor. Her BOB, DCC, Hound Group 2 was Deborah Copperthwaith's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni with the RDCC to Annette & Brian Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM. BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Phyllida Cooke's Kasaque Lydia. She was born on 1st March 2004 and her breeders and Helen & Michael Williams. Her sire is Fin, Nor UK Ch El Hamrah Mehrab Khalifa (imp) and her dam Kasaque Jarva. RBCC went to Sue Rabey-Wilkinson's Al Caliphs Noushafarin of Greatplains. Best Puppy was John and Lisa Hudson's Gleanoak Kamala

Michael and I would like to wish everyone a Happy and safe Holiday.

Saluki Breed Notes weekending 17th December 2010

Barbara Lucas has written to us that her husband Alan (Secretary of the Saluki Welfare) is very ill and in the hospital at the moment. He has cancer of the oesophagus and has had a couple of set backs, a chest infection and a leak from the join of the stomach to the remaining oesophagus. Poor Barbara was unable to visit him last week because she was house bound because of the snow. Alan is the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Ward 17.

The Judging List for the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club will be reviewed at the Committee's next meeting in early January, so anyone wanting to be included or have an update on information, please contact the Secretary, Trevor Prior on email: secretary@salukiclub.co.uk or telephone no. 01304 823546.

Adverts and articles for the "Saluki's" next edition which will come out at Crufts need to be in by the end of December.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 10TH DECEMBER 2010.

Adele Walton Haddon has written to us regarding comments made by myself in these Breed Notes regarding someone wanting to join a Club and no one wanting to propose or second them: "Aren't we supposed to assume everyone is innocent until proven guilty? Just because they bought a Saluki from someone who may not be as desirable as we would like doesn't mean they are bad owners. Perhaps it is easier to monitor someone who is a member of a club and therefore in contact with other members and aware, through newsletters etc., of the sort of standards expected rather than condemn them for no proven reason." Any other comments on this?

Kim & Laurence Scowen have sent the following message "We are unexpectedly having to fly out to NZ on Sunday until after Christmas as my brother has had a heart attack and wondered if you would be kind enough to put a few words in your breed notes to wish everyone a Merry Christmas from us. I just haven't got time to do individual cards." I think everyone will understand

The first posting of information from the SGHC has arrived but you will be getting a second posting with Newsletter and Limit Show Schedule (two is cheaper than one). If you do not receive this please contact Peter Yardley on email manarah@tywati.eclipse.co.uk. In the first posting there was a "Proposal to form a Saluki Charitable Health Fund". This was sent out by the approval of the Committee on behalf of Mr & Mrs Kendall. Please send any comment and opinions to Mrs Kendall not to Ann Shimmin as stated in the letter. Her address is 2 Lark Rise, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 9QU or email gulzar.salukis@btinternet.com

Saluki Breed Notes Weekending 3rd December 2010

Tony Qick and Anji Jackson-Main represented the Saluki Club at the Kennel Club's Discover Dogs which was held on 13/14 November at Earls' Court, London. Anji has sent me the following report: "There was a lot of interest from the public, they asked intelligent questions regarding behaviour. Any inquiries we received regarding the breed was directed to the two Club's secretaries. It is a hard day's work for the salukis, and only physically strong dogs with excellent temperament and behaviour should be taken, with frequent breaks. Attending the event there was a large number of children and they tended to poke their fingers through the bars and want to touch the dogs."

Maya Monk-Schenk was referred by a non Saluki dog friend to an article on the World Wide Web written by Brian Duggan. It seems that a filming company wanted to film Salukis in action in the Middle East but unfortunately they were not able to get the necessary funding. Plan "B" was to film coursing in California which has similar stumbling blocks to the Middle East effort. They ended up filming Salukis chasing plastic bags and filming it from the back of a motorcycle. The article is interesting and

the photos lovely. The web site is <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/ac5fd62e#/ac5fd62e/33>

The saga of who won Best Veteran In Show at the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club has not been concluded. As the ribbon for BVIS had originally been given out incorrectly, not to the BIS winner, who was in fact a veteran but to the RBIS who was also a veteran, it is only the Kennel Club that can change the original decision so we must wait to hear the last word from the KC. I will put it in these notes when I hear the final decision.

Our Club magazine has really become a first class publication. I wonder how many other breeds have a magazine so beautifully presented. The latest edition, Championship Show Edition 2010 was launched at the Championship Show. In this issue there are results from the SGHC Limit Show and Open Show with photos of the major winners plus some of the class winners. It is vital for the magazine to have support and by putting in a photos of your dog winning a class at these show, you are supporting the magazine. If you have not received a copy and would like one please contact Val Prior on email;sales@salukimagazine.co.uk or tel 01304 823546.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 26TH NOVEMBER 2010.

Jeannette Glaister, along with her two Classicus Salukis, attended Border Counties Hound Show on Sunday 15th November 2010 and took first place in all three classes. Classicus Zahir won Open and Classicus Cassander (Dexter), owned in partnership with his breeder, Mary Parker, won the Junior and Graduate classes, he went on to win BPIB, and BOB. Dexter then was shortlisted for BIS. We then went back into the ring and won BPIS. Jeannette sends her thanks to Breed judge and Best in Show judge Serena Parker.

Last Sunday the SGHC held a seminar at Bradfield Village Hall. There were about 30 attending the teaching and assessment day. Running the seminar, along with Clair Chyssolor was Ken Allan. It was always going to be short day for Ken because that afternoon he had to go into the hospital for an operation which would be early on Monday morning. Ken and Diana set off from home early as they had to pick up the key and open up the hall. At about 7.45 a.m. we received a telephone call that Diana was at the motorway services about 30 minutes from the venue and Ken had to return home as he had forgotten the film projector. When I say home, I do not mean all the way home as their daughter was instructed to go in their house, take the projector and meet Ken at a pre-decided place somewhere enroute. This left Di standing at the Pear Tree Services in Oxford. One of the attendees of the seminar who lives not too far from Oxford picked Di up and took her to the venue. With the earlier teething problems out of the way the talk by Diana on the standard went well with excellent photos to illustrate her comments. Clair spoke on form and function in the Saluki and her love and admiration of them as a fine tuned running machine. She was most concerned about what will happen to our breed now that we can no longer course our dogs. Both talks were interesting and well received.

With the stress of the operation hanging over Ken and Di's head it is no wonder that there were a few problems early on. Lunch was served and with it came wet and windy weather conditions. About that time I saw a few people looking out the window, which I thought, deciding whether we would go out for the next session or stay in the hall. It seems trouble had not passed Ken and Di but there, in full sight, was a totally flat tyre on their car. And who was to the rescue, no other than Peter Yardley with his big yellow reflective jacket. I am not sure if that job is in the small print for being President of the said Club. I am sure Ken and Di were so relieved when he did change that tyre. All in all it was a good day and I am sure the SGHC would like me to thank all the people that brought dogs along to be examined.

Jimmi Johnston-White worked very hard in the kitchen along with the assistance of Sue Oakley and the SGHC Committee would like to thank them both for their very hard work. Unfortunately because of pressures at home I did not stay to the end but I believe everyone had a final cup of tea/coffee and cake at the end.

I have heard from Diana Allan that Ken has now had his operation and with the help of two nurses as constant companions and a lot of tubes, he is on the mend. He still has a long way to go. We all wish him the best.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 19th NOVEMBER 2010

Ken Allan had to go into the hospital for an operation on the 14th November, the same day as the Saluki Seminar which he and Clair Chyssolor have organized. Unfortunately he will not be able to see the results of his hard work. I am sure he would love to receive cards so please do send them to Dean Croft, Brook Lane, Upper Dean, Huntingdon, Cambs PE18 0NG Ken will be out of commission for about 6 weeks.

At the SGHC there was a wonderful collection of photographs which I mentioned in the Breed Notes a couple of weeks ago. They were compiled by Annette Buckley. I asked her how the show came to be: "Story behind display of 'Burydown Albums' at Championship Show:

Having nearly finished my family ancestral tree this year, I decided to turn my historical interest to tracing back the pedigrees of our three Salukis on websites such as that of www.pawpeds.com where you can email details of your dog's five generation pedigree for inclusion on their database and hopefully receive a posting on their site of a twelve generation pedigree. In fact by using a name in the 12th generation, one can go back even further; in the case of my initial entry of Mumtaz Sirocco, I was able to get back to the first English Champion Saluki dog, Eng Ch Sarona Kelb born 1919, and his parentage, a line which is behind most of the UK Salukis today.

The print-out told me that there are thirty-one Burydown Salukis behind Rocco, most of whom I had never seen photographed previously. I wrote to Tessa Abbott, daughter of well known breeder Hope Waters, who was founder of the Burydown kennels, and asked if she was in a position to supply photographs of any of the Salukis listed, as I wanted to make a

start on compiling scrap books for each of our boys. Tessa kindly loaned me a CD of the treasured Burydown Albums, featuring Salukis from the 1920s to the early 1980s, of which Tessa kindly allowed prints to be taken. I spent hours looking through these fascinating albums, sometimes recognising people featured in past shows and still in Salukis today, and of course seeing well known Salukis that I had only ever heard about but not seen before. I found myself printing out nearly 100 photographs of the Burydowns and other lines, such as Daxlore, Al Caliphs, Knightellington and Classicus.

Over the next few months I took great pleasure in digesting the 'feast of nostalgia' evoked by these black and white photographs and kept returning to them regularly to admire the conformation and beauty of many of the top Salukis in this country spanning seven decades. Whilst organising the Club Championship Show this autumn, it came to me that I was very privileged to be a witness to these albums and felt that others would like to share that same privilege, not only those who have been in the breed for many years, but also exhibitors new to the breed. What better time than a display at the busiest Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club Show of the year which was coming up in October! I approached Tessa Abbott for her permission and she was very generous in her immediate positive response. I understand that Tessa's family encouraged her mother, Hope, to collate the photographs into albums before emigrating to Canada in 1989, so that this wonderful photographic memorial to past Salukis would not be lost to the sands of time. How lucky is that for those guardians of Salukis in the UK today to be able to see photographic evidence of fascinating Saluki heritage. Exhibitors and visitors to the Championship Show voiced their appreciation of this unique opportunity and on behalf of the Club I convey thanks to Tessa and her family for their kind generosity. Annette Buckley"

I understand that Best Veteran in Show at the SGHC was Denise & Ian Rogers's Labakan Lenci JW, not as I reported. At the last Committee meeting of the SGHC it was decided that to win Best Puppy in Show you do not have to be entered in the Puppy Class but must not have be beaten by another puppy. This will be the same for Best Veteran, not be beaten by another Veteran and also this applies to Smooths. Hopefully this is a technical clarification on any questions regarding this point.

On the KC Web site I noticed a new item called "Find a Dog Club". This service will be launched to the public at Discover Dogs. It is linked to the home page on www.thekennelclub.org.uk and ties in well with other features like find a KC Registered Puppy and Breed Specific Information. This is the bare basics of the site and in the future it will expand to encompass all the activities of breed clubs and also other information relating to breed and breeders. The above reminds me of a call I received a couple of weeks ago regarding someone who had recently purchased a puppy from someone that did not belong to either the Northern Saluki Club or The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club. The purchaser loves her puppy and thinks it's wonderful and wants to try her hand and showing him. She also would like to be a member of one of our Breed Clubs and join in the Club's activities. She attended our most recent championship show to see the Salukis and make enquiries about joining the club. She felt the Club was not very friendly and no one was willing to sign her application for membership, quite rightly too as they do not know her. Most of us have purchased our puppies from recognised breeders and they

are more than happy to sign the application for membership. This person maybe fine but no one is prepared to stick out their neck and maybe have it bitten off. While the Kennel Club may state that the Breed Clubs do exist, we in our breed are very careful, because there are people that have Salukis for the wrong purpose. Any ideas what this woman could do or how does she prove herself so one of us will sign the dotted line?

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 12TH NOVEMBER 2010

I have received the following regarding purchasing next year's SGHC Calendar from Brendan Austin "The Saluki 2011 Calendar is now available. The price this year, (same as last year), £7.00 or £8.25 by post within the UK. Orders outside the UK or for more than one copy please contact brendangaustin@aol.com or telephone on 01932 788 040. Cheque's should be made payable to SGHC and sent to Brendan G Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7QB. Or we can take a credit/debit card over the phone, should you prefer. You can also get your copy on eBay, search - Saluki calendar. Brendan will also be at LKA (not showing) Christmas is only a few weeks away and the Saluki Calendar makes an ideal gift."

Alan Lucas, Hon Sec for the Welfare has sent the following news: "The Northern Open Show produced £179. 00 for the Welfare Stall, while the recent SGHC Championship Show, brought in a magnificent £600. Apparently Ann Blake, Paula Stacey, Daphne and Tony Parnham were rushed off their feet all day to keep pace with demand. Thanks to you all for digging deep into your pockets.

On the 23rd October, Christina Campling yet again completed the Beachy Head Marathon. She started at 8.00 am, during rain, thunder and lightning, but fortunately the weather improved as the day went on. Sponsorship for her efforts would still be welcome by Treasurer Daphne Parnham.

'Saluki Snippets', October issue is now out and has various features, including information about rescue hounds looking for their 'forever homes'! Daphne would welcome any new subscriptions at £6 (£5 for senior citizens) for two issues per year"

Last Sunday Midland Counties Championship Show was held. Judging us was Breed Specialist Jenny Ziman. BOB, DCC for his third and qualifying CC was Labakan Lamerie owned by Denise & Ian Rogers and Jean Watts. He was born on 20th January 2003 and his breeders are Ian & Denise Rogers. His sire is Ch Labakan Ikteer Takha and dam, Classicus Zemilyanne. The Rogers must be delighted as his sister was crowned with her title at the SGHC Show, two weeks earlier. RDCC went to Ms JS Ayrton & Mr P Forte's Chisobee Bachen Goch of Allievo. BCC for her first CC went to Ken & Diana Allan's Timaru Mazzika of Jazirat (imp USA). She was born on 2nd July 2006 and her breeders are Mr & Mrs JI Brabyn. Her sire is Ch Timaru Zephyrus CD SC and her dam, Ch Timaru Nocturne SC. RBCC went to John & Lisa Hudson's Glenoak Jazmyn JW. Best Puppy was John & Lisa Hudson's Glenoak Kamala. Best Breeders Group was awarded to the Hudsons. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 5TH NOVEMBER 2010

Sorry to read that my co-writer of these Breed Notes, Helen Graham, as has had to have an operation and then the expected recovery has not gone according to plan. Hope all is behind her now and she is in the process of making a full recovery.

The SGHC held their Championship Show a week ago at the Kennel Club Building at Stoneleigh Park. Having not been there the previous year and having heard all the horror stories, I was not sure what to expect. Maybe some of the problems of last year had to do with the weather, well this year the weather was beautiful. A bright crisp autumn day. The building itself was light and airy with good amenities. Caterers were on hand for lunch, coffees etc. A couple of people sitting with us had lunch and were very pleased with what they purchased and noted that it was good value for money. One person having the judges lunch said it was dire.

The whole show was run in an efficiently by the two show managers, Marie Bryce-Smith and Annette Buckley. Well done to them and we actually vacated the place at a descent time. Best in Show, was awarded by the Best in Show Judge, Buzz Faber to Denise & Ian Rogers's Labakan Lenci JW making her a Champion on the day. She was born on 20th January 2003 and her breeder is her owners. Her sire is Ch Labakan Ikteer Takha and dam, Classicus Zemily Yanne. RBB went to Phyllida Cooke's Kasaque Lydia. Reserve Best In Show & Best Veteran in Show went to Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW. Best Puppy was Mary Parker's Classicus Concorrdia. Best Smooth, was Sue Bounds BeduDelphine of Alsahra.

Had a phone call from Nick Bryce-Smith regarding the Contest of Champions, now organized by Eukanuba. Winner is eligible to compete in California for the International Challenge. Nick said they made the cut and were in the last ten with Marie's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 22ND OCTOBER 2010

Annette Buckley has sent the following "Rocco (Mumtaz Sirocco) is still on a roll at the moment and at the Horsham Open Show last Thursday, 7th October 2010, won BOB under Monica Fairburn 'Cushida' (Afghans), followed by Hound Group 1 under Kim Ellis 'Tenfield' (Beagles and Basenji) and finally 'Best in Show' under Dr. Andreas Schemel MRCVS 'Bentwood'. Annette & Brian would like to thank all the judges that gave Rocco the awards.

- Last Friday South Wales Kennel Assoc held their Championship Show. Judging us was Mrs Avril M Lancashire, awarding CCs in Salukis for the first time. BCC,BOB was Mary Parkers' Ch Khalils Ran of Classicus (Swe imp) with the RBCC to our own Kasaque Miracle. DCC, for his 1st CC was Ann Barrett, P Winrow

and Mary Parker's Khalil's Usaym (imp Swe.) for his first CC. He was born on 5th Feb 2008 and his breeders are Mr & Mrs Forsberg. His sire is Sw Ch Al-Shen Sihr Abjab and his dam is Algazaras Bathsheba. RDCC was Nicola Quadling's Ch Kasra Nasuuh at Malenkhai ShCM. And Best Puppy was Mary Parker's Classicus Concorrdia.

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- The Secretary of SGHC, Trevor Prior has a new email address: secretary@salukiclub.co.uk. Michael Williams, Chairman of SGHC new address will be chairman@salukiclub.co.uk.
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- SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 15TH OCTOBER 2010.

On 17th October the SGHC will be holding their Championship Show at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ. The show will open at 9AM with judging for dogs to commence at 10.00am and bitches at 10.30 am. Judges are for dogs, Mrs A Birell and bitches, Mrs O Preece. Best in Show will be judged by Mrs A Faber. There will be food available for purchase. The total entries are 222 with 82 dog making 108 entries. In bitches there are 92 making 114 entries. In addition there are 24 not for competition. Annette Buckley states "It promises to be an interesting and busy show"

Please remember to return trophies that are due at this show. The Welfare Stall will be in attendance so all donations will be gratefully received. The Club will be holding their raffle so please bring along a donation for them.

Last Saturday, Driffild Championship Show was held at Wetherby Racecourse in Yorkshire. The weather had been dire on Friday but the predictions for Saturday were for good weather conditions. I am pleased to say they were correct though wellie boots were a definite must for the day. Judging us was Mr Paul Singleton awarding CC in Salukis for his first time. BOB, BCC for her second CC was our own Kasaque Miracle with the RBCC to Lisa and John Hudson's Gleanoak Jazmyn. DCC for his first CC was Kim & Laurence Scowen's Fernlark Drambuie with the RDCC to Nicola Quadling's Ch Kasra Nasuuh at Malenkhai, ShCM. Best Puppy was Lindy Shaw's Anisah's Say what You See. We were delighted when Miracle was pulled out in the last 8 in the Hound Group.

SALUKI BREED NOTES 8TH OCTOBER 2010

I am re-including information regarding the upcoming Saluki Seminar with contact information, which I did not include the first time. The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club will be holding a Breed Seminar on 14th November at Bradfield Village Hall in Southend, Bradfield, Nr Reading. Topics to be discussed will include the Breed Standard, Form versus Function and a Hands-On Session with Championship Show mentors. Participants can obtain one of the requirements for inclusion on the Club's B/C judging list. Provisions will also be made for those wishing to take the breed

assessment examination which is a requirement to be placed on the Club's A judging list.

The seminar will open at 9.30 with Coffee, tea and biscuits. At 10 am there will be a true or false questionnaire on the Breed Standard. 10.30 An interactive discussion on the Breed Standard. 11.15 talk on Form and Function. 12.00 Joint question time on am session. 12.30 Lunch. 1.15 Splitting into two groups, A & B. Group A (those individuals that want their names on the SGHC B judging list) will go over a group of dogs with a mentor. Group B (those applying to go on the SGHC A list) will go over 5 dogs and be assessed. After, there will be feedback and/or question time. Home at 4.30p.m. For further information and tickets are obtainable from Ken Allan at telephone 01234 708658 or by email at jazirat@btinternet.com. There are still a few tickets available, which will be allocated on a first come basis.

Alan Lucas, Hon Sec for the Welfare has sent the following: "Once again Christina Campling, with her dogs, will be doing the Beachy Head Marathon on Saturday, 23rd October 2010. This extremely difficult and gruelling walk is over the usual 26.2 miles taking in at least 10 miles of hills, including the famous 'Seven Sisters', which for the last couple of years have had the 'bonus' of wind, rain and mud. Christina usually starts at about 8.30 am (having already taken the dogs out for a walk!!) and completes in about 9 or so hours, hopefully before it gets dark!. The motivation for this is again for Saluki Welfare and all contributions to her fund rising from the Saluki world, would be most grateful and welcome. Please send to Daphne Parnham, our Welfare Treasurer.

Last Friday we attended the Service of Celebration for the life of Norman Ziman. It was held at Chiltern Woodland Burial Park which is not a traditional graveyard but a wood. As we sat in the building listening to the eulogies and music I looked out the window and saw the birds flying over head. The setting was peaceful. There was an excellent turnout of about 250 people, some Saluki friends, some work colleagues and some members of the Kennel Club. Contributions in Norman's memory can be made to Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, who give palliative care in the home of terminally ill patients. Cheques can be made payable to them. Please sent them to Jenny Ziman at Fargaze, Lee Road, Saunderton Lee, Princes Risborough, Bucks HP27 9NX

I have received a telephone call from Jimmi Johnston-White. Sadly he has reported that his mother has died on the Isle of Wright and he is off to her funeral next week. Part of the funeral possession will be a miniature wire-haired Dachshund owned by Jimmi as his mother was involved in dogs, mainly Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Great Danes. Jimmi has asked me to mention how helpful Clair Chryssolor has been at this difficult time.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 24TH SEPTEMBER 2010

With great sadness I must report the death of Norman Ziman after a long battle with cancer. Norman started out as a Saluki person and remained one for life but his involvement in purebred dogs went much deeper with his position in The Kennel Club. I am sure Kennel Club representative will write about that. For as long as I can remember Norman and Jenny have been benched next to us at Championship Shows

and so through the years we became friends. I remember Norman with a mischievous smile and a dry wit and would ask if I had brought along any homemade cookies or brownies for the shows. In 1998 when Michael was ill, Norman, even though he was in the midst of one of his battles with cancer, had time and advice for him. Each battle was fought with great strength both by Jenny and Norman. When Daphne Tovey became ill, Norman was at the head of the queue in giving her his thoughts on how to survive.

Showing was not the bee-all for Norman, though he was a well respected Championship Show judge, not only in Salukis, but in quite a few breeds. Importantly Fargaze was the campaigner and owner of one of Saluki's great Stud dog, that being Ch Hekla Royal Brigadier of Fargaze. The Fargaze line descends from a lovely daughter of Hekla Royal Bridagier from a litter bred by Zola Rawson, she was Mumtaz Fantasia of Fargaze, who quickly became a Champion. Our own line, Kasaque, was fortunate to use Ch Hekla Royal Brigadier and our subsequent line all descends from him. Other lines that descend from this dog are the Cranstals, Mumtaz and the Nefisas. He was one of those special dogs who put a stamp of quality on all his progeny. This year, the Ziman were thrilled when Marie Bryce-Smith made up her Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk who descends once again from Hekla Royal Brigadier .

The last time we saw Norman was at the SGHC AGM. He had lost weight but I thought he looked quite well considering. He still had his feisty spirit and offered to edit the Club's Yearbook for 2010/2011. He will be very much missed. Our thoughts at this time are with Jenny, Mathew and Simon. The funeral will be held on the 24th September at 13.00, Chiltern Woodland Burial Park, Potkiln Lane, Jordans, Beaconsfield HP 9 2XB

The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club will be holding a Breed Seminar on 14th November at Bradfield Village Hall in Southend, Bradfield , Nr Reading. Topics to be discussed will include the Breed Standard, Form versus Function and a Hands-On Session with Championship Show mentors. Participants can obtain one of the requirements for inclusion on the Club's B/C judging list. Provisions will also be made for those wishing to take the breed assessment examination which is a requirement to be placed on the Club's A judging list.

The seminar will open at 9.30 with Coffee, tea and biscuits. At 10 am there will be a true or false questionnaire on the Breed Standard. 10.30 An interactive discussion on the Breed Standard. 11.15 talk on Form and Function. 12.00 Joint question time on am session. 12.30 Lunch. 1.15 Splitting into two groups, A & B. Group A (those individuals that want their names on the SGHC B judging list) will go over a group of dogs with a mentor. Group B (those applying to go on the SGHC A list) will go over 5 dogs and be assessed. After their will be feedback and/or question time. Home at 4.30p.m.

Annette Buckley has kindly sent the following; "The Saluki or GH Hound Championship Show is fast approaching on 17th October and exhibitors may like to read the following reminders and information to help the show day run as smoothly as possible for all concerned.

1. Please follow carefully the directions to the 'Kennel Club Building' car park at Stoneleigh, given on the reverse of the schedule – the main point to remember is to take the second left turning at the main entrance before the security control kiosk; directional signs will be in place and kindly cooperate with our car park officials on duty. 2. The allocation of chairs is very limited, so please bring along your own chairs to avoid disappointment and confusion on the day. 3. The Club has appointed professional caterers who will provide breakfast baps early in the day and hot meals, such as cottage pie, lasagne and chicken curry, plus salads, rolls, cakes and drinks will be available at reasonable prices. 4. Prizes for the raffle and tombola would be much appreciated, plus contributions to the silent auction, which can all be brought along on the day if desired. Thank you. We look forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors to the show and trust that you will all have an enjoyable day out. “

Last Friday Richmond Championship Show was held. Judging us, from the USA was breed specialist Brian Duggan. BOB, Hound Group 4 was Dr P Postma & Mr R Brooks' Glenoak Jada for his first CC..He was born on 24th May 2008 and his breeders are Lisa & John Hudson. His sire is Kasra Najib and dam, Ch Glenoak Ishaara. RDCC went to Brian & Annette Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco Sh.CM. BCC was Kathy Webb & Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray with the RBCC to Sufeina Zarita owned by Buzz Faber. Best Puppy went to Clair Chrissy's Anasazi Early Dusk and Best Veteran was Dibby Derfield's Lusaki Viva Valihan of Zardek. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 17TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Last Friday City of Birmingham held their Championship Show. Judging Salukis was Mrs Denise Courtney. BOB for her second CC, was Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Nephele with the RBCC to Ann & Steve Ham's Baghdad Bamjoeh Diva (imp). DCC for his first CC was Annette & Brian Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco ShCM. He was born on 27th August 2005 and his breeder is Mrs Z Rawson. His sire is Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW and dam, Ch Mumtaz Desdemona. RDCC went to Sue Cronin's Sufeina Jebel Ali. Best Puppy was Sheryl Streer, Gloria Cook and Anthony Burtenshaw's Charrioak Sargas at Daandazi. Well done all.

Annette and Brian Buckley have had a very special weekend. On Friday their Mumtaz Sirocco won his first challenge certificate and their first challenge certificate as exhibitors. On Sunday, at South Eastern Hound Premier Open Show they won Best of Breed and then Best in Show. They would like to thank everyone for the kind words congratulating their happy experiences and to let everyone know they are over the moon.

A note on the upcoming SGHC Championship Show regarding caterers. The Show managers have arranged for excellent caterer for the show. First thing in the morning they will have hot bacon baps, coffee and teas. Later there will be a choice of hot and cold food for lunch and snacks. I have seen the cakes they make and

they look quite delicious. So for once you can leave your sandwiches at home.

We have received the following press release from the Stockbridge Gallery: “ First For Equestrian And Canine Art Lovers of animal art are in for a rare treat as a specialist art gallery in Hampshire, ‘Stockbridge Gallery – Dogs in Art’, is bringing together three of the UK’s top animal painters and sculptors for a superb exhibition of works. Over 75 pieces – many of them specially commissioned – will be available for viewing and purchase during the exhibition, which commences with an invitation-only preview on Sunday 3rd October 2010 and will run until Sunday 31st October. Entitled ‘Modern Day Animaliers’, the exhibition will be a veritable feast of captivating works by renowned painter Sam Sopwith and sculptors Kate Denton and Georgie Welch. The pieces will make perfect gifts, be treasured as one-off purchases or sit beautifully as part of a larger collection, and will appeal to animal lovers and art lovers alike. The catalogue of mostly canine and equestrian pieces – with a few additional surprises – will include something for every pocket and taste.

For more information or to request a catalogue for the Modern Day Animaliers exhibition, phone the gallery on 01264 810142, email enquiries@dogsinart.com or visit www.dogsinart.com. The gallery is situated in the picturesque village of Stockbridge, Hampshire and is open to the public every week from Tuesday to Saturday.”

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 3RD SEPTEMBER 2010.

We have received information that June Burt has had a fall and is in the hospital. One of her neighbours became concerned when they had not seen June and telephoned the police. When they came, they went into the house and found she had fallen down and immediately phoned for an ambulance. Many of the new members will not know June but she has been involved with Salukis for over fifty years. She is the longest living member of the Saluki Club and an equally long contributor of Saluki Breed Notes to Dog World. For many years she produced and edited “The Saluki” the publication of the SGHC. We wish her a speedy recovery .

A big thanks to John Hudson for responding to my plea for a list of next year’s judges. They are Manchester, Dr Ron James; Crufts, Di Allan; Limited Show, Jackie Reader; Northern Saluki Club, Carol Tipler (NZ), Birmingham National, Jenny Macro; Scottish Kennel Club, Mark Cocozza, Three Counties, Marion Finney (Ire), SGHC Open Show, Chris Payne (dogs), Anji Jackson-Main (bitches), David Cavill (BIS), Blackpool Nev Newton; Houndshow, Nicola Quadling, SGHC Championship Show Jean Watts (dogs) David Perkins (bitches) Referee TBA.

One cannot fail to notice in the Dog Papers that the topic of the moment is on the use of soft crates. The soft crates are so light and easily transportable that they have become a must have item. Truth is that on a couple of occasions I have seen Salukis bust their

way out. We have the crates and tend to use them when we stay in hotels while travelling. The dogs are quite content to be in them and the hoteliers are happy that our dogs are not running around the room. One of our Salukis, not mentioning any names, figured how to open the zipper in the top and sticks her head out. For her, the cages have little use. If you are planning to use them at a show please be vigilant and keep an eye on them making sure the dog is secure.

South Eastern Hound Show will be holding their Open Show on Sunday 5th September at Hickstead All England Show Ground. The judge for Salukis is Jill Cross. After judging there will be the traditional bring and share. Please let Kathy Webb on tel 01737353279, know what you will be taking along as a contribution for the lunch. For further information and directions to the show please visit the club's web site on <http://southeasternhound.co.uk/the-club.html>.

We have just received information that there will be a Canine Health talk on Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September at City of Birmingham Canine Association. The Association is inviting all exhibitors to attend the health talks which will be held in the Kennel Club building on site for the duration of the show. There will be two sessions daily, 10.30 am and 2.00 pm. Maximum duration 1 hour to include questions and answers. There will be speakers from the Animal Health Trust. Sue Murphy, Friday 3rd September will discuss clinical oncology as she is a cancer specialist. Saturday 4th September Claudia Hartley will speak on small Animal ophthalmology and on Sunday will be Dr Cathryn Mellersh, who is an expert on genetics. Admission is free to all exhibitors on a first come basis, with capacity for 60 attendees per session. You may also attend on a different day from your exhibiting day, as car park and entrance to the show is free. Enquiries to: fckbirminghamhealthtalks@hotmail.co.uk

Bournemouth Championship show was held on a Monday. Not the easiest day to attend a show when one is still working. Fortunately the weather was ideal with warm temperature with a cooling breeze. BCC, BOB for her second CC was Phyllida Cooke's Kasaque Lydia. DCC was Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW. The RBCC went to own Kasaque Miracle with the RDCC to Terry Farris and Mike Cosentini's Jazirat Zidane. Best Puppy was our smooth. Kasaque Odetta.

If is not bad enough having one Championship show mid week, there was a second show on Friday. Our judge was Alec MacKenzie. DCC, BOB for his third and qualifying CC was Sheryl Steer & Lorraine and John Fitzgerald's Fernlark Alsace JW. He was born on 17th February 2007 and his breeder is his owner. His sire is Daxlore Eron at Fernlark and dam Aziz Odeion at Fernlark. RDCC went to Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark owned by the Steer & Fitzgerald partnership. BCC was Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliph Zofeyah for her second CC with RBCC to Kathy Webb & Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. Best Puppy was Sheryl Steer, Lorraine & John Fitzgerald's Charri oak Bright Star at Dawnchase. Well done!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 20TH AUGUST 2010.

Annette Buckley has kindly sent the following information: "Schedules for our breed Championship Show have been posted to paid-up members of the SGHC; those members who have not received a schedule or non members who require a copy, please call Marie Bryce-Smith 01342 327573. Alternatively, schedules can be downloaded at www.fossedata.co.uk and entries can also be submitted on this web site.

A plea from Marie and Annette – please send entries as early as possible and do not leave until the last minute. No late entries can be accepted. If you are not intending to exhibit at this Show, but want to support the Club, perhaps you would consider rosette sponsorship at £8 a class, which can be sent to Marie Bryce-Smith at Mill House, Mill Lane, Felbridge, East Grinstead, W.Sussex RH19 2PQ."

Last Saturday The Hound Association held their Championship Show. Up until Limit Bitch, the rain gods were quite kind and then they let go with all their fury. Everyone picked up all their chattel and dashed quickly to find the allocated wet weather accommodations, which I might state were very good. Judging us was breed specialist Denise Rogers. BCC, BOB for her second CC was Daphne Tovey, Rosemary Redfern, Michael & Helen Williams' Kasaque Neeka. RCC went to Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Caryna Meilishia. Dog CC went to Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW with the RDCC to Ann Barrett, P Winrow & Mary Parker's Khalils Usaym (imp). Best Puppy was Lindy Shaw & M Shaw's Anisah Say What U See NAF. Best Veteran went to Mr A Rawson's Ch Mumtaz Stellanova JW, Sh CM.

I received our copy of the Kennel Club Breed Records Supplement for April to June 2010. First breed in the Hound Group is always the Afghans and I was surprised to see that their New Registration for the above period was 14 puppies from 2 litters. If this had been the Salukis I would have been disappointed but not surprised. Further on it states that our own breed has a healthy new registration of 51 puppies from 6 litters. Of these 6 litters 5 are members of a Breed Club. Our registration for the first two quarters of 2009 was 75 puppies and this year for that same period we are up to 95. It will be interesting to see if by the 4th quarter we are still up on last year.

A request from myself, if anyone has a list of approved Saluki judges for 2011, I would appreciate if they would let me have a copy.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 13TH AUGUST 2010

A reader of these notes asked me about the declaration we sign when entering a dog show and if the dog's ownership is in multiply names how do we arrange for everyone to sign? I referred this question to the Kennel Club as all the shows we go to are under their jurisdiction. Kathryn Marsh has written back, on behalf of the Kennel Club sending the following regulation. She refer us to Regulation F(1)9.f which states – "*...where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club Rules & Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required.*"

Yesterday, Wednesday, Paignton Canine Society held their Championship Show near Exeter, Devon. Rain was on the forecast and it did rain but fortunately the rings were mainly under cover. Judging us was Mrs Mary Parker. BOB, DCC for his 1st CC was Mrs S Ham, Mesdames Ham, Brockman-Chato and Elliot-Ross' Baghdad Karim (imp). He was born on the 13th January 2007 and his breeder is Mrs P Brockman-Chato. His sire is Aust Ch Baghdad Creme De La Creme and dam Aust Ch Taejaan Erin Brokovitch. RDCC went to Denise and Ian Rogers and Jean Watts' Labakan Lamerie. BCC, for her second CC was Denise & Ian Rogers' Labakan Lenci JW with the RBCC to Phyllida Cooke's Kasaque Lydia. Best Puppy was our own Kasaque Odetta. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 30TH JULY 2010.

Jimmi Johnston-White, writer of the Italian Greyhound Breed Notes and co-owner of a Saluki puppy with Andy Chryssolor, has kindly sent me a copy of the Evening Standard from 30th June 2010. Featured in this edition, along with a story of Wimbledon being gripped by Murraymania, was a special feature on Homes & Property. On the front page there is the title "Artists in Residence" and featured is a silver grizzle smooth Saluki. The article is about painter John Monks and his wife, the botanical artist Sue Herbert, who decided to move to a derelict building in Clapham Old Town 14 years ago. They transformed the accommodation in about 18 months and the article says that "two of the most decorative objects spend much of the day draped across their armchairs: Breughel and his nephew Rousseau, are a pair of Salukis that make the most perfect pets for this elegant home." In the world of pedigree dogs these two Salukis were bred by Karen Fisher and the official names are Ruweis Ghazi and Ruweis Husayn, though I doubt we will ever see them in the show ring as their owners are busy exhibiting their art work. John Monks' show is just finishing but Sue Herbert's botanical paintings are on show throughout the summer, at Kew Gardens, in an exhibition comparing 18th Century South American and contemporary botanical art.

Saluki Breed Notes Weekending 23rd July 2010.

Congratulations to Rosemary and Elis Redfern on their 50th wedding anniversary.

On a local internet site which we subscribe to there was a warning on "Dog Re-homing". A man is running a website ostensibly for re-homing dogs, called homedogz. He charges people to re-home their dogs and then just dumps them. Two of the dogs that he had obtained were left tied to a post outside a rescue centre. The police and other agencies are involved. The man behind this has been prosecuted in Scotland for the same thing. It is believed that he has now moved to near Bridgend, South Wales.

Chris Ormsby has contacted us to let us know that Jean Wisler has passed away. In her later years she was involved with Whippets rather than Salukis so we did not see her around the Saluki ring. She made up one Salukis Champion namely, Yazid Faliqa of Khalawi and bred one litter in 1988 from Faliqa to Ch Classicus Belisarius. She was

also a member of the Coursing Section of the SGHC. Chris Ormsby will be writing more in depth on Jean.

Last Saturday the East of England Championship Show was held in Peterborough. Another warm day but thanks to the well appointed layout of the show, we managed to stay quite cool and comfortable. I had a look around the grounds and found lots of interesting activities and demonstrations with dogs going on. Also there were numerous trade stands to tempt one. Judging Salukis was Mr Ken Allan BOB, BCC for his second CC was Denise and Ian Rogers & Jean Watts' Labakan Lamerie. RDCC went to Michael McCormick Smith's Mumtaz Zephyr. BCC for her second CC was Hilary Cornock's Mumtaz Sea Breeze with RCC to Mary Parker's Ch Khalils Rama of Classicus (imp) ShCM. Best Puppy was Charrioak Bright Star at Downchase owned by Sheryl Steer & Lorraine and John Fitzgerald. Best Breeder's Group was Sheryl Steer. Nick Bryce-Smith rang to say that Oz (Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW) had won the overall Championship States and had qualified for the Eukanuba Finals later in the year. Well done to all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 17TH JULY 2010.

Kathy Webb has asked me to remind everyone that the deadline for the next edition of "The Saluki" the official magazine of the Saluki Club is the Hound Show or in this case 7th August 2010. If you would like to discuss your ad or any ideas or questions you may have regarding an ad, please contact Kathy on email mkwebb@onetel.net or telephone 01737353279.

Blackpool Championship Show was held in very warm conditions. Our judge was Mr Graham Hill, awarding CCs in Salukis for the first time as a Hound Specialist. BOB, BCC and Hound Group 4 was Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey and Karen Smith's Caryna Meilishia. This was Meilishia's second CC. RBCC went to Steve & Ann Ham's Baghdad Bamjoeh Diva (imp). DCC was awarded to Marie Bryce-Smith' Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW with the RDCC to Baghdad Karim (imp) owned by the Hams, Bockman-Dhato and Elliot-Ross partnership. Best Puppy was Anisah Amere owned by Mrs G Scarth and Lindy Shaw. Best Breeder went to Christine Harrison's Group.

Windsor Championship Show was held last Thursday with a good entry for breed specialist, Elaine Stanmore. Our heat wave continues but with the excellent tenting facilities supplied by the Society, there was plenty of shade. Our ring steward did a wonderful job keeping us under cover of the tent when we were exhibiting our dogs. There was a nice breeze so showing was quite pleasant. DCC, BOB for his third and qualifying CC was Steve & Jenny Nacro's Nefisa Jeevun. He was born on the 28th October 2005 and his breeders are his exhibitors. His sire is Ch Nefisa Samr and dam Nefisa Bahira. RDCC was Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW. BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Pauline and Don Everton's Kasra Nadirah. She was born on the 26th January 2002 and her breeders are her exhibitors. Her sire is Alaziz Benjamin and dam Ishieya Kalis of Kasra. RBCC and Best Veteran was Denise & Ian Roger's Labakan Lenci JW. Best Puppy was our own Kasaque Odetta.

After the judging all the exhibitors, along with members of Daphne Tovey's family, gathered around a table full of food and drinks, which had been pre-arranged on a 'bring and share' basis. At the centre of it all was a cake, made and decorated by Kathy Webb, with Daphne's name and two Salukis prancing upon it. Michael proposed a toast in memory of Daphne, reminding us all about her love of horticulture, at this time of year, equalled perhaps by attending the summer shows, such as Windsor, where she was in her element showing her beloved hounds.

Nick, Angela, Sidney, Cynthia and Michael would like to thank everyone for attending and for celebrating Daphne life with this toast and show of friendship.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 25TH JUNE 2010.

It's a busy time for dog showing. On Friday, Three Counties Championship Show was held. It was an early start for our judge Mrs Jill Peak. DCC, BOB was Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW with the RDCC to Sue Cronin's Sufeina Jebel Ali. BCC for her first CC was our own plus Rosemary Redfern and Daphne Tovey's Kasaque Neeka. She was born on 8th January 2008. Her sire is Ch Kasaque Jimna ShCM with her dam, Ch Caspians L'Aliq avec Kasaque. We are her breeders. RBCC went to Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Caryna Calisto. Best Puppy was Sheryl Steer and Lorraine & John Fitzgerald's Charrioak Bright Star at Dawnchase.

We had no sooner caught our breath and it was Sunday which was the SGHC Open Show. Judging there was Martin Green officiating over the Dogs with Frank Kane doing a similar job with the bitches. Our referee was Avril Lancashire. Best Dog, Best Veteran and Best in Show by referee decision, straight from winning his 26th CC was Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk. Reserve Best dog was Elaine & Neil Stanmore's Altaya Surabaya. Best Bitch and Reserve Best in Show was Kathy Webb and Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray. Reserve Best Bitch went to Hilary Cornock's Mumtaz Sea Breeze. Best Puppy was Jorjenjo Mirzam of Fernlark owned by Sheryl Streer and John & Lorraine Fitzgerald.

Pleased to say that the weather was most favourable all day except for a couple of drops of water mid day. Brendan Austin had set up a display of photographs for us to evaluate and vote on for the 1011 SGHC Calendar. During the lunch break there was a parade of rescued dogs and Junior Handling. Best Junior Handler was Aeliesha Scowen. Peter Yardley, President of SGHC made a presentation of a lovely silver bracelet of running Salukis, on behalf of the Club, to the retiring Vice-President, Marie Bryce-Smith in thanks for all her hard work over a twenty year period. Daphne Parnham has sent a note thanking everyone for their support at the Open Show. She made £189.00 on the Welfare stall and Ann Blake made £316.00 selling her bedding, coats and other bits and pieces.

As there were no facilities for purchasing food or a bring and share lunch little groups banded together to have their own lunches which I felt was disjointed rather than everyone attending interacting together. Maybe the Club will address this when they evaluate the show. Overall the show was well organized.

It has been brought to my attention that the price of entering Richmond Championship Show is £25.00 per dog. If you enter after the 19th July that price goes up to £27.00 per dog. This price does include car parking. I queried the charges with Nick Bryce-Smith who is Chairman of Richmond as why they had become the most expensive championship show in the Country. He said I was incorrect as Scottish Kennel Club is more. As I did not enter that show this year I could not agree or disagree but one exhibitor mentioned that SKC's prize cards, were very poor plus they had to pay an extra £5.00 for her partner to enter, even though the dog was in joint ownership. Having just entered Hound Association with entry fees of £20.00 for non members one can but wonder why there is a 25% difference between the two shows. Nick said that to a great extend their problem is the difficulty in finding suitable venues after their leaving Ascot. Loseley Park is an attractive venue but does not seem a very popular venue because of it's accessibility to the motorway links. Just look at the change of fate for Southern Counties. When they were in Crawley, W. Sussex they had a small entry and were a small country show but now with a well situated locations they are attracting more exhibitors and trade stands. With the difficult current economic climate most people are reducing their spending and this is having its affect on the dog show societies

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH JUNE 2010.

When reading the last Breed Notes submitted you may have been confused on who was the contributor, you are not on your own. Somehow the notes of Helen Graham and Helen Williams became one, under no name. In my notes I made an error on the age of Glenoak Jabare. His owners Jacki and Alan Bloomfield have sent the following note: "Thank you for giving our Glenoak Jabari a mention in this week's breed notes. Unfortunately you seem to have aged him slightly - he was born in 2008 and not 2004! He was awarded his (and our) first CC on the day before his 2nd birthday so a double celebration was called for - although all he wanted was a new squeaky toy from one of the trade stands. We remained in Scotland for a lovely week's holiday after the show.

We returned home the following Saturday and on the Bank Holiday Monday took our boys to Northumberland County Show. Our older dog, Safaniyah Kulak (Ch Mabrooka Joshua x Safaniyah Shogaigh, breeder Sylvia Pass) won the Open Class. However, Jabari had to go one better by winning the PG Class and then going Best of Breed. So a most successful and enjoyable week for all of us. It's just a shame to come back down to earth now and lose that holiday feeling!"

A reminder for Windsor just in case, in the newspaper muddle, this information was overlooked With kind permission of Windsor Dog Show Society, we are planning on having a get-together after the judging to raise our glasses for Daphne Tovey. The Society is giving us a table so we can have a bring and share luncheon. Please let me know what you are planning to take along so we do not end up with all sausage rolls. My telephone number is 01635 268269 or email: kasaque@aol.com

Bank holiday Monday was the day for Bath Championship Show. Unfortunately we do not have Challenge Certificates at that venue. Our judge was Clair Boggia. BB, BOB,

pulled out in the Group but not placed, was our own Ch Kasaque Luzhana JW with the RBB to Buzz Faber's Sufeina Zarita. BD was the Ham, Ham, Bockman-Chato & Ellio-Ross Partnership's Baghdad Karim (imp)RBD went to Annette & Brian Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco Sh CM. Best Puppy went to Lorraine & John Fitzgeald's Tasia Moonshine Over Dawnchase.

Southern Counties Championship Show was held last Saturday. The weather was extremely warm which is quite infrequent here so neither dog nor exhibitors know how to cope with it. SCCS had sent notifications around that they had changed the ring and tenting layout so no one knew what to expect. The layout was excellent. We were benched directly opposite our ring which was half covered with an awning. That meant everyone could be examined in the shade and could stay in the shade until required for line up. For once there were no complaints. SCCS seems to be a very pro-active dog show society with the dog owner/exhibitor in mind. We took advantage of their reduced priced micro-chipping. I heard announcements over the loud speaker system stating that there would be a talk for anyone wanting to learn what the judging was all about and how the show would proceed culminating with Best in Show.

Our judge was Mrs Karen Fisher. BCC, BOB for her 1st CC was Janet and Nigel Locke's Kasaque Nashua. She was born on 8th January 2008 and her breeders are CM & HV Williams. Her sire is Ch Kasaque Jimna and dam, Ch Caspians L'Aliq Avec Kasaque. RBCC went to our own Kasaque Miracle. DCC for his third and qualifying CC went to Marie Bryce-Smith's Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk. He was born on the 3rd January 2005 and his breeder is Mrs JM Ziman. His sire is Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW and dam Fargaze Lapsana. RDCC went to Jenny & Steve Macro's Nefisa Jeevun ShCM. Best puppy was Jorjenjo Mirzam at Fernlark owned by Sheryl Steer, Lorraine & John Fitzgerald. Well done all!!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 4TH JUNE 2010

I have just had a look at the Three Counties Championship Dog Show's site and Salukis are on first at 9am followed by Pondengos and Elkhounds.

Scottish Kennel Club show was held last Sunday. Judging Salukis for the first time at CC level was Mrs Shirley Rawlings. DCC, BOB for his first CC was Alan & Jackie Bloomfield's Glenoak Jabari JW.ShCM. He was born on 24th May 2004 and his breeders are John and Lisa Hudson. His sire is Kasra Najib and dam Ch Glenoak Ishaara. RDCC went to Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk. BCC was Kathy Webb & Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Nuray with the RBCC to Buzz Faber's Sufeina Zarita. Best Puppy was Mr JA Peel & Ms KP Andison's Tasia Midas. Well done All!!!!

Nick Bryce-Smith has rung to let us know the Kennel Club in conjunction with the British Veterinary Association (BVA) has produced a manual which they will be distributing to all vets. This manual contains information on all the Kennel Club approved breeds so vets can advise on the pros and cons of each. Pleased to say that the Saluki has been identified with not having any hereditary health problems. Nick has been elected Vice

Chairman of the Kennel Club Breed Liaison Committee which liaises with the Breed Clubs and the KC.

A reminder that the Open Show is not far off now, so please do not forget to bring along a cake to donate to the Club. Also raffle prizes for the Club and the Welfare.

Another date for your diary. With kind permission of Windsor Dog Show Society, we are planning on having a get-together after the judging to raise our glasses for Daphne Tovey. The Society is giving us a table so we can have a bring and share luncheon. Please let me know what you are planning to take along so we do not end up with all sausage rolls. My telephone number is 01635 268269 or email: Kasaque@aol.com

Helen Williams

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 21ST MAY 2010

The day before the Northern Saluki Club Championship Show, Sheryl Steer broke her wrist. While tripping she put her hand out to stop her fall which caused the break and nerve damage to her hand. I understand she was in great pain and lost the use of her hand for a while. She is in plaster and will have it for 12 weeks. With a young litter at home and just one hand she has her work cut out. . Her circumstances have not improved, as last Friday she attended Birmingham National chauffeur driven, but then suffered additional problems when the car they were driving broke down

Last Friday Birmingham Championship Show was held. As Salukis were second in the ring after Deerhounds , judging did not commence until around 1pm, though the judging was completed before the Hound Group. It was a long day for all. The judge was Mr Roy Goodby. BOB, BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Shushma. She was born on the 24th December 2004 and bred by her owner. Her sire is Al Caliphs Sudaavi and dam, Al Caliphs Aliya Sarama. RBCC went to Buzz Faber's Sufeina Zarita. DCC for his first CC went to Ian and Denise Rogers' Sunswift Azbak Labakan. He was born on the 30th January 2005 and his breeders are Mrs P Buswell and Mrs E Rushton. His sire is Ch Labakan Ikteer Takha and dam, Dakhilak Shenovah. RDCC was Clair Chryssolor's Ch Tadj Mahal Emrani Izan Sh CM. Best Puppy was Laura Macro's Kasaque Ola Nefisa. Best Breeder Goup & 4th in Breeders Hound Group was Christine Harrison.

Pleased to pass on that another export from here has done well. Nordic Ch. Hislome's Hilton is now an International Champion. He is the result of semen exported by Shimmins to the Hislome's kennels Sweden He was born on 2nd June 2006 and his sire is Ch Cranstal Quantum and dam, Int & Norduch Hislome's Celine. Two other salukis from this litter have also won titles. PLJ Ch. SE UCH DK UCH, Hislome's Hagil and NUCH SUCH Hislome's Halawa. Their other

two littermates went to pet homes, but Hisilome's Hidalgo Malik won a CC + BOB at one of the very few shows that he attended as a puppy.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 14TH MAY 2010.

Good news for a change. So pleased to inform you that Lindsey Harkett has been reunited with her stolen Saluki.

Early last Monday (the bank holiday) we received a call from Australia from Christine Stevens letting us know that her smooth fawn bitch, Kasaque Neepawa (Sana) had qualified that day for her Australian title. Chris has worked very hard with her girl as we know making up a smooth is never easy and congratulations to her. She said that Sana was also doing very well competing for her field championship title and hopefully will soon have it.

We have received our Spring copy of "Saluki Snippets", The Newsletter for Friends and Supporters of the Saluki Welfare Fund, edited by Elaine Rushton. It's very interesting reading on what is going on with the Welfare in terms of rescued Salukis but it also has an article on various other subjects. One item that concerns all dog owners, is an article on diet. Thanks to Elaine and Snippets we are reprinting the following dates for things to do with your Saluki this summer. 16th May, Lure Coursing near Newbury, Berks. For further information contact Gary Peskett on tel 01202 579394 or email info@lurecoursing.org.uk. 5th June, Saluki Summer Picnic and Fun Day in Hemel Hempstead. Information from Ann Blake on tel 01727 823360 or Elaine Rushton on Tel 01442 211684 13th June Saluki Club Open Show and Rescue Parade, Hertfordshire. Contact Ann Bake on this, telephone number as above. 27th June Lure Coursing, Newbury, Contact Gary Peskett as above. 11th July, Saluki Rally, Audlem, Cheshire contact Rosemary Lewis 01270 811070. 18th July, Lure coursing at Kingsclere,

Newbury. Contact details as above. 8th August ,Lure coursing. And if you are not busy enough there are dog shows in between

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 7TH MAY 2010.

We have had a telephone request from a reader who has received some unwanted telephone calls regarding their litter. They have asked that they are contacted first before their information is given out or they are given the contact information of the interested party. We know in the past this is the procedure the Club secretary has always followed.

The Northern Saluki Club held their Championship Show last weekend. As usual it was a well run show with a welcoming cups of coffee/tea and cakes all day. Lots of interesting Saluki orientated items were for sale. My hat goes off to all those who participated with their lovely crafts. Judging was Mrs Sue Rabey-Wilkinson. DCC,BIS for his 4th CC was Clair Chryssolor's Ch Tadj Mahal Emrani Izan (imp) Sh CM with the RBIS, RDCC to Baghdad Karim (imp) owned by Steve & Ann Ham, Paula Brockman-Chato and Mrs Ross-Elliot. BCC for her 1st CC was our own Kasaque Miracle. She was born on the 13th September 2007 and we were her breeders. Her sire is Ch Nefisa Samr and dam, Kasaque Jarvah. RBCC went to Annette Benoit & Cybelle Benoit-Schaeffer's smooth, Hadise har Kala Rachi. Best Puppy in Show was Sheryl Steer's Jorjenjo Mirzam at Fernlark with Best Veteran to Nicola Qualdling's Ch Kasra Nasuuh at Malenkhai Sh CM. Best Smooth went to the winner of RCC. Well done all!!

The Crufts edition of "The Saluki 2010" are now available. Once again I would like to congratulate the team on a wonderful job. When I received my magazine I personally like to sit with it in a comfortable chair and slowly read through it so this is the reason it takes me about a month before it is reviewed. As usual the magazine is beautifully presented totally in colour. Articles are varied from how to photograph your Saluki, The American Saluki with an English slant, an interesting article regarding what is going on in Israel with Saluki as therapy dogs. There is also a article of what is happening here with therapy dogs. We wrote a few weeks ago about a particular Saluki we had visiting with us that monitored his owner's blood sugar levels. The magazine has recently included a new section on Champions so please if you have made up a dog, take advantage of the reduced rate and have a little brag. Articles and adverts for the next magazine are due on Sunday 5th July 2010. If you did not receive the last edition or would like to subscribe please contact Val Prior on tel 01304 823546 or email sales@salukimagazine.co.uk. The magazine's web site is www.salukimagazine.co.uk

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 30TH APRIL 2010

John Hudson has contacted us to mention that there was an error Barbara Henry's report for the Limited Show. Best Veteran in Show was Lisa and John's Kasra Ni'mah of Glenoak, not as printed in the report.

All members of SGHC should now have received their Newsletter, voting slips and a copy of the SGHC's Open Show. If anyone has not received these, please contact

Trevor Prior, the Hon Sec on tel. 01304 823546. Anyone wanting a copy of the Schedule for the Open Shop please contact Marie Bryce-Smith on tel 01342 327573 or email Annette Buckley on Annette@saluki.plus.com While speaking of the Club, there is still one space left for a co-opted person for the Committee, so if you have time to make a difference, and you would like to know what it is like to be on the Committee, please let Trevor know and he can give you further information.

The SGHC Open Show will be held on Sunday 13th June, 2010 at The Dobermann Club Training & Showground in Digswell, Herts. Judging dogs will be Martin Green with Frank Kane officiating over the bitches. Referee will be Avril Lancashire. Show opens at 9.00am with judging of the dogs to commence at 10 a.m. followed by the bitches. There will be no catering at this show except coffee, teas and cake, so picnics will be the order of the day. The Show Manager has requested that donations of cakes would be most appreciated. Caroline Owen, Trophy Secretary will be sending out notices closing to the date.

Trevor Prior, Hon Sec of SGHC has requested that I mention that there is a notice on the Secretary's page on the SGHC web site, regarding the AGM that was held on the 21st March 2010. This has to do with the vote on amendment to Rule 7m. For anyone without internet access, please contact Trevor and he will send the revised information.

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SGHC's Annual General Meeting was held last Sunday after the Club's Limited Show. This was the first time the Club tried having both events on the same day. In last week's notes we reviewed the Limited Show. The AGM was somewhat contentious as there were some agenda items that have divided opinions and as sometimes happens, certain members factionalised themselves into groups. The main issue that became evident from this meeting was that very few people want to be involved in organising events or working on committees. It is important that some changes need to occur to help the club move forward in a positive light. Some of the highlights of the meeting were that the AGM approve the proposal of the Committee to amend the breed standard colour and registration of all Salukis. This was agreed but the members wanted the wording to change a little. Peter Yardley said he had no problem with this.

Pauline

Kendall has won the ballot to become the new Honorary Vice President. There will now be a three year limit for at the Club's Open and Limited Show. The names going forward for the Championship Show 2012 ballot are A. Campagne, R Lewis, T King, S Kinney and S. Wales. Open Show 2011 Judges are A. Jackson Main with 66 points and C Payne 54 Points. Limited Show will be judged by J Reader who had 29 points.

As SGHC is without a show manager at this time I am pleased to say that Marie Bryce-Smith and Annette Buckley will be running the Open Show and the Championship shows for this year. We still need a permanent show manager. If you are interested and would like to know what the job entails, please contact Trevor Prior.

Congratulations to Trish and Garry Russell's Saluki, Grand Champion Pazada Astra Vivia on winning the Hound Group at the Royal Canberra Show (Australia)

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 2ND APRIL 2010.

Yesterday we attended the funeral for Daphne Tovey. It was held at the beautiful old church of St Andrews in the village of Sandon, Essex. Daphne would have been so pleased as there was a large contingency of Saluki people there. As she was so involved in the church, WI, Chelmsford Canine Society to name a few, the entire church was packed to capacity as everyone wanted to say their farewells' to a very well loved and cherished person. The hymns were all of Daphne's choice. The Tribute was given by her son's father in law. He is a long time friend of the family. True to her beliefs Daphne was buried in wicker casket that is bio-degradable.

Over the Crufts period we had staying with us the Saluki, Am Ch Denali's Kenai Fjords from Florida. He was a companying his owner, Jane Worthington who suffers from severe diabetes. Kenai is an assistance dog because he can detect when Jane's blood sugars plummet, which may result in her going into a hypoglycaemic coma or even dying. Jane's dog handler is Christina Roberts who is 15 years old. Christina trained Kenai up to the standard of Assistance Dog which in part means he had to learn to be invisible when working. One of his tests was to lie down with a chip in front of him and he was not to move towards that chip for 30 minutes. Because he is an Assistance Dog he was able to fly with his mistress in the cabin on the plane. All they had to pay was for the Pet Passport clearance. While he was here as long as he wears his jacket, Kenai is acceptable in pubs, restaurants and grocery stores to name a few.

Last Sunday the SGHC held their Limited Show at Steventon Village Hall, Steventon Oxon. From all that I have heard, everyone found the show well run. Our judge was Mrs Barbara Henry. We started the morning off with a 1 minute silence for Daphne Tovey. BB,BIS was our own Kasaque Miracle with RBB & RBIS to Don & Pauline Everton's Kasra Tabina. BD & BOS went to Maya Monk-Schenk's Kasaque Niagra with the RBD to Brian & Annette's Mumtaz Sirocco ShCM. BPIS was Jorjenjo Mirzam at Fernlark owned by Sheryl Steer, John & Lorriane Fitzgerald. Best Veteran was John & Lisa Hudson's Kasra Ni'mah of Glenoak. Many thanks to the Club members that worked so hard to make this show a success. A special thanks to Buzz Faber who worked all day in the kitchen producing delectable culinary treats and her team of Chris Ormsby, Alecia Prior and Jan Banyard and all those members who contributed cakes and quiches.

At the show I had a short chat with Liz Metcalf who informed me that she will soon be going into hospital for surgery. We wish her good luck and look forward to seeing her with her new puppies out later in the year.

After the Show, the Club held their AGM. I shall report on this next week

SALUKI BREED NOTES 27th MARCH 2010.

With great sadness I report the death of Daphne Tovey who passed away with her family at her side on the 16th March 2010 after a brave battle with with Pancreatic cancer which was diagnosed during the summer of 2009. Daphne was one of those special people you meet very occasionally as you go through life. Friendly to all, warm,

and generally a very nice person. Daphne gave of her time freely whether it was for her village church which she loved, the Womans Institute of which she was secretary or the Saluki Club whose activities she willingly supported over a long period of time. In the Chelmsford and District Canine Society, Daphne held just about every position From Trophy Chairman to Treasurer, ending up as Chairperson. All of this was combined over the years with coping with the needs of a growing family and a demanding occupation - Daphne finishing her professional life as headmistress of Beehive Lane Primary School.

A long serving SGHC committee member she only retired this year when her illness progressed to such an extent that it was impossible for her to continue to attend committee meetings. Daphne along with her husband Nick also looked after the Club's trophies and their last duty was to be the upcoming Limited Show - where a minute's silence will be held so that all present can stop for a moment and remember Daphne. For the last 30 plus years Daphne's life had been about Salukis and as one of our most stalwart competitors she had so wanted to make up a champion. She accomplished this in 2006 with Ch. Kasaque Jimna ShCM. She was so proud of him and I know that during her last days the presence of her two salukis - Jimna and Shadeen (Darquell Salah-Addin) was a very great comfort to her. Always elegant, charming and completely committed to whatever she undertook - Daphne was 'old fashioned' in the very best sense of the word. The world of salukis will be a poorer place for us all without her presence. Our condolences go to out to Nick who was always to be found at Daphne's side - supporting her in every way possible.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday 24th March at 3:30pm at St Andrew's Church, Sandon, CM2 7SH.

Jean Watts would like to thank everyone for their kind notes and cards sent to her on the death of her husband, Ralph. She hopes to attend the Northern Saluki Club Championship Show.

Another Crufts has come and gone. The atmosphere at ringside seemed quite affable with usual buzz that is associated with Crufts. There were a couple of birthday celebrations with Brian Buckley's 70th and Jenny Macro's 50th. Happy Birthday to both of them and thanks to the both for sharing their lovely cakes. For breed dedicated stands we had one with the new edition of "The Saluki" and The Northern Saluki Club with lots of Saluki dedicated items for sale. Most enjoyable we had the opportunity to see a few dogs from the continent and one from the States competing in our classes. I wonder what they made of our "just another dog show"?

BCC,BOB went to L.Gallinano's Int/It Ch Khadijakasrista. She was born on the 26th April 2006 and her breeders are the Shah Mat Kennel. Her sire is It Ch Dabka's Dominiq and dam Emina-s-Suda. RBCC went to our own Ch Kasaque Luzhana JW. DCC was Lisa and John Hudson's ch Glenoak Inqi JW with the RDCC to Sheryl Steer & Lorraine and John Fitzgerald's Fernlark Shiraz. Best Puppy was Kim & Lawrence Scowen's Fernlark Drambuie.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 5TH MARCH 2010

I have had a note from Pam Hargreaves letting us know that her mother, Vera has died. We have not seen Vera or Pam around the ring of late but during the late 80s and 90s Vera was present at most Championship Shows with Pam. She was a lady of her time and never suffered fools gladly. I appreciated her for her frankness as she was a lovely lady and we send out regrets to Pam and her brother, Ian at this sad time.

Connie De Souza and Heidi Woodgate's Jai (Sufeina Al Ain) has been having a tough time. All his life he and his brother have run on the beaches of Kent. Up and down the sand dunes. As fate would have it, Jai must have had a bad turn and injured his cruciate ligament. We have had Rottweilers over the years, actually two, and both of them have needed this surgery which is very painful, difficult and an extremely technical operation. Poor Jai is not yet two years so has a long life in front of him (all our Rotties were elderly when their cruciate went) as Connie and Heidi have taken him to the best surgeon we hope his prognosis will be good and either later this year or next we will see him back in the show ring

Caroline Own has sent us the following regarding her lovely Altaya Sandpiper "The rollercoaster with Pip goes on. After the diagnosis of acute myeloid leukaemia on Friday following the bone marrow biopsy, and the prognosis that he would not survive the week, we contacted our vets to arrange for them to come this afternoon to set him free.

Since then he has done everything in his power to confound the vets. He's eating us out of house and home, he's insisting on long walks with lots of sniffing. We thought he might improve a little on Saturday once he'd recovered from the anaesthetic and the biopsies, but he's improved a lot. He isn't limping as much and broke into several trots on his walks. The only time he has complained was when I stopped him going to play with 2 miniature schnauzers to whom he'd taken a shine on yesterday's walk.

We think that finally being on regular pain relief has made a tremendous difference for him. He is not uncomfortable or distressed. He's obviously not better but he isn't ready to leave us yet. At 4.30pm, an hour after he was supposed to go, he was scratching the kitchen floor demanding to know where his afternoon snack was and moaning that the service had gone downhill.

We are not really expecting miracles, but that sick feeling in our stomachs has receded again. With his coat on hiding his thinness and most of the shaved areas he still looks quite well. Must go, he's scratching the carpet to remind us it's now teatime for salukis."

And on a happier note, Crufts is now just around the corner. We are going but every year I ask myself why we put ourselves through the pain. I can remember one year losing my directions to find our benches. We were not situated near the Saluki ring. I think it was behind the beagle ring and the beagle benches. Who knows what surprised will be in store for us this year. We wish everyone good luck on the day or even a safe and sane day.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 19TH FEBRUARY. 2010

The following has been sent by the PRO of the SGHC: At the recent SGHC Committee Meeting there was a very full agenda and among the items discussed was the Club Shows in 2010 and the need for help with Stewarding and a request for donations for a further silent auction. At the Championship Show in 2009 over £300 was raised from the donation made by Sue and Mike Oakley and this helps greatly in making it possible to run these shows. It was also noted that a fairly large number of members have not renewed their membership at this time so this is a gentle reminder to do so if you want to be able to have the full benefits of membership.

The Saluki Standard and in particular, the colour and marking of our breed, was discussed and along with the participation of Northern Saluki Club and help from our Breed Representative, Nick Bryce Smith, progress is being made. Both Clubs will be putting forward our single proposal for inclusion in the Standard, at our respective AGM's and if approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion in our Breed Standard. Our Code of Conduct was also discussed and that will also be discussed by the membership at our AGM after the Limited Show on Sunday 21st March 2010. The need for at least one Seminar, this year, was acknowledged and plans are being made for this to happen later in 2010. Tentative date of that Seminar will be 14th November. 2010. Once the presentations are agreed we will be advising through these notes and on the SGHC website. Finally, although it is too late to include any nominations for the AGM we would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to serve on the SGHC Committee. We have had several Committee members depart in the last few months so anyone that might be interested should let the Secretary, Trevor Prior know on 01304 823546 or by 'e' mail at: thaidogmurillo@yahoo.co.uk We have some challenges to face right now but we are doing so with a very positive outlook and the support and knowledge of other members would be of great help working with us on the Committee.

Congratulations to Sue Cronin's Sufeina Jebel Ali on winning Best in Show at Maidstone Canine Society Open Show.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING FEBRUARY 5TH 2010.

It has been brought to our attention that there is a typing error in the Limited Show Schedule. In the "Definitions of Classes" under the description for Special Yearling It should state "For dogs of six and not exceeding 24 calendar months of age on the first day of the show"

Manchester Championship Show was held last Thursday with Class for Salukis but no Challenge Certificates on offer for our breed. Our judge was Mr Mark Coccozza. BOB was Annette and Brian Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco Sh.CM. RBD went to Sirocco's brother Mumtaz Khamsin of Timellie JW owned by Judy & Trevor White. Best Bitch was Buzz Faber's Sufeina Zarita with the RBB to Mr A Rawson's Ch Mumtaz Stellanova

JW ShCM. Best puppy went to Gloria Cook and Alan Burtenshaw's Fernlark Nardini at Daandazi. It was the Buckley's first time in the "big ring" and they were delighted when Sirocco made it to the final eight. Well done all.

Michael and I are off to New York around Westminster time. It seems the city really goes to the dogs during this period with events like American Kennel Club Offices Open for the general public to see the building and the AKC's art collection. There are at least 3 days of Championship Shows besides "the Garden" On Sunday morning there will be a brunch at Bonham and Tuesday they have their big sale of dog art and memorabilia. Marie Bryce Smith has found a couple of Saluki items for sale. The first item is (Lot No. 13) Simpson (British, circa 1930) A bronze figure of the champion Saluki 'Sarona Gulshere' signed 'P Simpson' and inscribed 'Ch. Sarona Gulshere' on base *8 x 7 1/8 in. (20.3 x 18.3 cm.)*

Estimate: \$2,000 - 3,000

"Footnote:

Brig. Gen. Frederick Lance (pictured) and his wife Gladys were instrumental in developing the Saluki breed within the UK. Having introduced the breed from the Middle East, in 1923 they set up the SGHC (Saluki of Gazelle Hound Club) and put together an admirably flexible breed standard to take account of the diversity of the hounds' origins that in large measure has withstood the test of time'.¹

The Sarona Kennel set the standard in Saluki breeding in the 1920's and their Championship record was second to none. Champion Sarona Gulshere, as depicted in the present lot, was the son of the venerable Ch Sarona Kelb, a favourite of Lance's and a champion in the show ring, winning twelve Championship Certificates at Crufts by the time he died, aged twelve. Kelb sired litters for many of the foundation kennels in England and there are few Saluki pedigrees today that do not include his name. Gulshere was an influential sire himself and was also used by many of the top kennels in the 1930's.

The Stud Book entry 1932 reads as follows: Gulshere was the dog that Brigadier Lance could not fault. When shown in 1932 and 1933 he won nine certificates in succession all under different judges. Had had a final total of ten certificates.²

Ch. Sarona Gulshere. Stud Book Number: 1672MM, DOB: 16 April 1930, Breeder/Owner: Brig.-Gen. F.F. Lance, Sire: Ch Sarona Kelb 1369DD, Dam: Sarona Nessa 1916LL

Princess Mary, daughter of the then reigning monarch George V was a proud owner of a Sarona and in fact remains the only member of the Royal Family to have ever owned a Saluki. The Kennel however was not without tragedy. In 1928 a devastating fire caused by a safety lamp destroyed the main barn and killed many of the Lance's beloved Salukis. The loss broke Gladys' heart, it was after all her drive and love for the breed that had been strongest and with that, the couple slowly faded from prominence, their club and exhibiting activities slowing to a trickle. Gladys eventually died in 1935 after which Frederick's interest in the breed waned. He could not sustain the same enthusiasm without Gladys and instead channeled his love for dogs into founding the

Curly Coated Retriever Club in 1933 and exhibited them under the Sarona prefix.
1. Brian Duggan, *The Desert Hound and the English Travellers who brought it to the West*, McFaland & Co, 2009.
2. Stud book entry, 1932, with the kind permission of the Kennel Club, London.

Second item is Lot no 175 It is a "Head of a Saluki" signed in pencil 'G Swertschkoff' (lower right) gouache, 8 11/16 x 10 1/4 in. (22 x 26 cm.) Estimate: \$500 - 700

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 15 JANUARY 2010

It has been very busy here of late with the Christmas festivities plus having a large litter of puppies. With early deadlines for Breed Notes and almost no information coming in for these notes, there has been little to read from me of late. Please keep your information coming as there is nothing like picking up the dog papers and having something to get your teeth into.

We have had a call from Denise Rogers letting us know that Ralph Watts passed away on New Year's Eve. Recently he and Jean moved to a remote part of Scotland and were enjoying their new life style very much. Ralph was having treatment and seemed to be responding well but took a turn for the worse. We wish to extend our sympathy to Jean and their family. Denise has also asked us to pass on the message that as her friend Avil Lancashire will be judging at the upcoming South Wales Championship Show, she intends to attend the show as Avil's steward and will not be exhibiting.

Michael Williams acting as temporary PRO for SGHC has given us the following: At the last SGHC Committee meeting a large proportions of the agenda was addressing the need to retain the purity of our breed. Dialogue continues with the Northern Saluki Club and the Kennel Club in this regard. Our breed representative, Nick Bryce-Smith attended the Committee Meeting briefly to advise about the latest initiatives being instigated by the KC to review Breed Standards in terms of protecting the soundness, health and well being of our dogs. We were also advised by Daphne Tovey as Saluki Health representative about a seminar that is being organised by the KC in February 2010 that will specifically address health issues.

One area of concern has been the lack of people looking to steward at the Club Shows and we ask anyone that is looking to fulfil their requirements for judging or simply enjoys stewarding to contact Michael Williams. Also we have had two resignations from the Committee so it would be pleased to hear from anyone who has been a Club member for at least three years, prior to the year of nomination, who might be interested in running to become a Committee member.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 4TH DECEMBER.

Alan Lucas, secretary of Saluki Welfare has sent the following bulletin:
"NEWS FROM WELFARE On Saturday 24th October 2009, Christina Campling and her dogs bravely completed the Beachy Head Marathon, despite awful weather, pouring rain and very slippery conditions underfoot. It

took over nine hours and to say she deserved her medal is an understatement. Not only did Christina do all that, but she has personally raised nearly £450 in sponsorship herself, at the moment there is not a final figure as money is still coming in from the saluki world, but would everyone who has so far donated to the walk, please accept our thanks for your continuing support. Any contributions can still be made to Daphne Parnham. Also, the latest edition of 'Snippets', the Welfare magazine, is now out and Daphne would be pleased to receive subscriptions (£6 and £5 for senior citizens) for two editions a year."

Tony and Caroline Quick were hosting the Saluki Stand at Discover Dogs, on behalf of the members of the SGHC. I contacted Tony to see how the two days went. Tony said the stand was looking smart with curtains on the sides and plenty of Saluki photos to look at. In addition he had plenty of interesting pamphlets pertaining to Salukis to hand out. Many people visited the stand and the comments were that they had a rescued dog which was part Saluki. They wanted to see what Salukis actually looked like to see how their dogs compared. Added along with this, there was keen interest in obtaining a Saluki from our Welfare officers. Ann Blake's telephone was given out a number of times. Tony would like to say a very big thank you to Hilary and Anna Cornock for taking over the stand at short notice. Tony did say that next year we will need to advertise to get more volunteers to help man the stand.

I have received an email from Norway. Renata Goel and Elisabeth Espendal have put together a lovely Calendar entitled Spirit of Saluki 2010 (Can one have too many calendars in one's house?). The write up states that the Calendar is funny, charming, stunning, tender and just really beautiful photos, describing the character of the Saluki. Thank you to everyone who has participated with photos which enabled the making of such a unique calendar. In addition to the pleasure of enjoying the lovely photos there is also handy information about the Scandinavian shows and lure coursing competitions. It is a must in every Saluki home and a great gift to give to Saluki lovers. This calendar can be purchased on the homepage of the Norwegian Saluki Club <http://saluki-norway.com> Please have a look at the site as there is a copy of the front page. It is always amazing that the Saluki inspires so many creative outlets.

Culling litters of Salukis at birth was a very fashionable thing. It was instilled in us that if our litters were more than 6 puppies one would not find enough suitable homes for placing the puppies and as these puppies would be our responsibilities until they died or if they fell upon hard times and having more

than six was unimaginable. Up until recently going against this train of thought we would not be doing the best for our beloved breed. So how does one cull at birth? If you are lucky, maybe there is a puppy born with some problem and they could easily be dispensed with but maybe this will not be the case when all puppies are born of similar weight and size. Recently we were faced with this dilemma. We had a litter born with 11 puppies, five bitches and six dogs. To add to the mystique our puppies could be either feathered or smooth, as we had a parent of each. As you cannot tell who is feathered and who is smooth until at least three weeks of age. So how do you cull when there are so many variables? In our case we did not cull but decided to let nature take its course. The mother of the pups was fit and well and seemed more than capable to take on the chore. By the end of the first week, we knew that two of the puppies were not progressing the same as the rest of the litter, but we gave them extra mummy just in case they were missing out because of stronger puppies pushing them away. As it proved, this was not the case. At just about two weeks of age these puppies were not coming on and gaining weight the same as the rest of the litter, even though they were being given an opportunity to have extra feeds. In the end one of the pups started making strange noises and at 4am in the morning with an anxious mum shouting I realised these two puppies were not viable. So first thing the next morning I took them off to the vets who confirmed my suspicions.

So what if we had culled, I would definitely not have culled those two puppies which means we would have been four puppies down and who knows what we would have destroyed. As one person said to me, culling has become very unfashionable and yes I will agree with that. We may have to run one or two puppies on for a while but when you breed, that is the gamble you take. One has to read through the Kennel Club Breed Supplement to be well and truly horrified to see that the same names turn up every 6 months or even more frequently, having a litter. In the same supplement there were scores of puppies by "fringe breeders" of lines that are at very least questionable. When all eleven puppies were born I was asked if we were going to cull and our answer was we did not know what to cull. Some people profess that they can see the final product of a puppy the moment it is born. Unfortunately neither Michael nor I have the 5th sense so hopefully some of the pups will go to homes where they will be shown and some will go to pet homes where they will never be shown. As deciding to cull is such a contentious issue I would appreciate receiving comments on this.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 28TH NOVEMBER 2009

The Clubs Calendar is now on sale, and makes an ideal Christmas gift. You can order your copies from Brendan either by phoning on 01932 788 040 or send a cheque made payable to SGHC and sent to Brendan G Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7QB. Single copies are £8.25, or £22.50 for three copies (inc UK p+p). Please ask for overseas rates.

Annette Buckley has informed me that her Mumtaz Sirocco ShCM, owned by Annette and Brian won Best in Show from Best AV Hound at the Hastings & St Leonards & East Sussex Canine Society Limit Show under Pam Blay on Sunday 9th November. He carried on by winning RBIS at CrystalPalace Canine Assoc Open Show after making the cut from 34 dogs in the BIS ring to ten, then to five and finally RBIS under Mrs J Miller on Saturday 14th November and the next day he won Best AVNSC under Mrs J Reader and Hound Group 2 under Maggie Holder (Mascotts) Congratulations to Rocco and his proud owners.

Alan Bloomfield has sent a message through that Glenoak Jabari has now qualified for his Junior Warrant and his Show Certificate of Merit. Well done to him

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 20TH NOVEMBER 2009.

Diane Allan has sent the following report regarding their day out in Oxford: "Ken and I went to the The Ashmolean Museum today, it has just undergone a major £61 redevelopment programme, £15 million came from the Heritage Lottery Fund the rest has been accrued from numerous foundations and trusts plus individual donations. The museum was founded in 1683, and is Britains first Public Museum. We spent a lot of time in the first gallery where we found evidence of salukis in Islamic paintings, tapestries, manuscripts and ceramics. Also we found salukis in some of the Early Italian Art section, it was so interesting to read some of the stories which accompanied the drawings in the Illuminated books, where the salukis/hounds were described as being hounds of the Royal Household. Really worth a visit if you are interested in art and salukis....and it is free Hours are 10am to 6pm Tuesday to *Sunday*"

With only one Championship Show left this year, thanks to Ann Shimmin, I can include most of the judges for next year. Crufts, Arthur Spencer Bolland; Hound Assoc OF Scotland, Eleanor Bothwell; Northern Saluki, Sue Rabey Wilkinson; Birmingham National, Roy Goodby; SKC, Shirley Rawlings; Southern Counties, Karen Fisher; Three Counties, Jill Peak; Blackpool, Graham Hill,; Windsor, Elaine Stanmore; East of England, Ken Allan; Paignton Mary Parker; Hound Show, Denise Rogers;Bournemouth, Kathy Webb; Welsh KC, Alec Mackenzie; City of Birmingham, Denise Courteney; Richmond, Brian Duggan; SGHC, Ann Birrell/Oonagh Preece; Midland Counties, Jenny Ziman,; LKA Clair Chryssolor.

"The Saluki" Championship Show Edition 2009 is now out. I spent a pleasurable evening last night going through the magazine. The magazine is very well rounded with something interesting for everyone. I found Gail Goodman's story on the Disappearance of Meshi. Fortunately for both Gail and Meshi there was a happy

ending. One part of the story which very much evident, was the difference of the terrain and life styles. Living in the south of England, for most of my life, I know little about coyotes and coyote hunters. Gail seem to keep running into people in an area one would perceive as barren.

Among the other articles there are many tributes to the late Hope Waters.

Karen Fisher has stated in her Editorial that the Crufts edition of "The Saluki" will be fast upon us because the Championship Show was held at a later date. The Deadline for the Crufts edition is 31st December 2009 for articles and adverts. Correspondes, article and Queries to Karen Fisher (editor) on tel 01279 833855 or email editor@salukimagazine.co.uk. Advertising, all copies to Kathy Webb, Tel 01737353279 or email advertising@salukimagazine.co.uk. For copies of the magazine, please contact Val Prior on 01304 823546 or email sales@salukimagazine.co.uk.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 13TH NOVEMBER 2009.

John and Lisa Hudson have contacted me to let me know that Glenoak Jazmyn has accrued enough points of qualify for her Junior Warrant and their Ch Kasra Tahira Glenoak JW has qualified for her Show Certificate of Merit. Well done to both of them.

Last Sunday the SGHC held their Championship Show in the new Kennel Club Building at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire. I have been informed that the venue was not that easy to find, in this case the weather may have been a contributing factor as it was pouring with rain. Once the venue had actually been located then cars were unloaded and parked in another area. This in the rain was not pleasant. As far as the actual facility goes, the lighting and flooring were good and there was more than adequate room for the rings and a large contingent of people and their dogs. It was suggested that maybe there could be more decoration by the Club to cheer up the decor. Along one side there were trade stands, Club stands including the Secretary table, Welfare stand, Magazine stand, Trophies. I was disappointed that I could not attend as it sounded like a nice.

Judging dog was Mrs Pauline Everton, with Michael Williams judging the Bitches and Owen Davies was the Referee. Interesting to note that next year the third judge will be judging Best in Show. BOB, DCC by Referee's decision was Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW with the RDCC to Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk, JW. BCC went to Ian and Denise Roger's Ch Labakan Chantilly with the RBCC to Mary Parker's Ch Khalils Rana of Classicus (Imp Swe) ShCM. Best Puppy in Show was Caryna Mellichia with Best Veteran to Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk, JW. Best Smooth Saluki went to Barakisch Qashang Axtar (imp Swe) owned by Philip Ash. Best Breeders Group was Glenoak. Even though the colour classes were judged as regular classes, I understand the day was still very long. Perhaps this still needs some discussing.

2010 Saluki Calendars are available from Brendan Austin. Single Copies by post will be £8.25 or £22.50 for three copies. Europe £9.00 and £24.50, £10.50 and £28.00 World wide. Contact Brenda on 01932 788040 or email brendanaustin@aol.com or See him at LKA.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 6TH NOVEMBER 2009.

Midland Counties Championship Show and Dog World, hold a competition about every couple of years, for the best club magazines or publications. One of the requirements for entering the competition is to send in two copies of the magazine, one current and one within the last three years. In this case the "Festival" issue and the Crufts 2009 issues of "the Saluki" were submitted. I am so proud to let you know that the Magazine won second place in a good sized entry. As a reward the Magazine was given £100.00 which shall go into research for DNA testing for coat colour in the UK gene pool.

Judging Salukis at Midland Counties was Mrs Margret Fulcher, BCC, BOB was the newly crowned Al Caliphs Nuray owned by Kathy Webb and Deborah Copperthwaite for her 4th CC. RBCC went to her sister, Al Caliphs Nephele owned by Deborah Copperthwaite. DCC for his second CC was Steve and Jenny Macro's Nefisa Jeevun. RDCC went to Labakan Lamerie owned by Ian and Denise Rogers and Jean Watts. Best Puppy was the Owen's Caryna Curetes with Best Breeder Group to Buzz Faber's Sufiena. Well done all!!!

Yesterday I had the opportunity to attend a demonstration of the Cancer and Bio-detection Dogs. I went along with Sharon Sakson from the USA who came over here to study what the centre is doing. Sharon is a journalist and a writer, a well known Whippet breeder and sighthound judge. She has a new book out, which I am reading entitled "Paws & Effect (The Healing Power of Dogs)" (this book is available from Amazon for around £7.00) The book covers the array of fascinating information on the healing power of dogs and redefines the age-old bond between dogs and humans- a bond that is proving to be without limits.

The center is in Westcott, Buckinghamshire and works with the Buckingham NHS Trust. They are training dogs to alert diabetics of dangerous sugar levels, to assist handicapped, and most amazing, to sniff out which urine samples show evidence of bladder or prostate cancer. The dogs can pick up cancer when it is so tiny that neither xray nor laboratory test can find it, a talent that can benefit humans immensely because cancer is curable when spotted so early. We watched Jake, a working Springer and Daisy, a working Golden, demonstrate how quickly they can find cancer – then run to their trainer for a treat.

I made a point of asking if they receive any help from the Kennel Club and was gratified to hear they've been awarded £20,000 this year. This is certainly a charity worthy of our donations. (www.cancerdogs.co.uk)

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 23RD OCTOBER 2009.

Sunday 1st November the SGHC will be holding their Championship Show at The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ. From all accounts I understand that those attending the show will appreciate the new venue. I have been told it's warm and very well appointed. So hopefully everyone will have a most enjoyable day. Show opens at 9.00am with judging to commence for dogs at 10.00am with bitches 10.30. Pauline Everton will be judging dogs and Michael Williams will be doing the same with the bitches. Referee is Owen Davies. Please note that anyone winning a class, check to see if you are entitled to a trophy, if you are, it is your responsibility to obtain it from the trophy secretary.

Serena Brownlie will be conducting heart testing at the show. A separate room will be provided for this service which, for members of SGHC, will be free. For all others there will be a charge of £5.00. You will be able to pre book a slot by contacting Daphne Tovey on 01245 472692 otherwise you can book on the day, first come, first serve. It is important that we have as many participants as possible to obtain a wide sample and to gain a realistic picture of the health of our breed. Daphne will also have DNA kits at the show, price £5.00.

At The Championship Show, Marie Bryce-Smith is organizing a silent auction. Sadly no one has, as of this moment offered at Christmas Cake. With Christmas just around the corner Christmas cake is usually a highly desirable item in the bidding. If you can help please contact Marie, on 01342 327573. All other donations will be gladly accepted. Funds from the Silent Auction will help with the cost of the heart testing.

The following has been sent by Brendan Austin "The SGHC Championship Show will take place in the West Hall of The Kennel Club Buildings, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ on Sunday 1st November. The show will open at 9.00am. Pauline Everton will commence the dog judging at 10.00am and the bitches will follow with Michael Williams at 10.30. Our Referee is Owen Davies. The entries are; total dogs 129 (the exact split is unavailable at the time of going to print). Dogs entered 77 bitches 100 NFC 31. We have limited catering facilities at this venue this year. Teas, coffees, soft drinks, sandwiches and cakes will be available all day. Any cake donations will be gratefully received. Please note that we are sharing this venue with the Dalmatian Club. They are in the East Hall, however we are sharing car park and exercise facilities. Directions to the venue is on the back of the schedule. As you drive through the main gates at Stoneleigh, the Kennel Club Buildings are a short distance to the left. There is a 20 mph speed limit within the show ground. If you have any questions then please telephone Brendan on 01932 788 040. SHOW DAY EMERGENCY MOBILE NUMBER 07956 63 00 94. "

Last Friday the South Wales Kennel Association held their Championship Show. Judging was Mrs Dagmar Kenis-Pordham. BCC, BOB was Martine Smithson's Chisobee Serenarian for her second CC with the RBCC to Kathy Webb and Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Nuray. DCC went to Clair Chryssolor's Tadj Mahal Emrani Izan (imp) ShCM for his third and qualifying CC. He was born on 19th July 2005 and his breeders is S Couneson. His sire is Firuza Heritage for Anasazi (imp) and dam Lux. Bel Ch Tadj Mahal Yala Firuza. RDCC went to Mrs LRP Bleakley's Ulmarra Shakar at Miwell. Best Puppy was John & Caroline Owen's Caryna Curetes. Well done all!!

More praise for Clair Chryssolor's Poem (Abu Baqr's Gazal Galiya for Anasazi) winning BOB and Group 2 under esteemed Deerhound judge Wendy Cross at the Horsham Open Show.

We have received our copy of The Northern Saluki Club Newsletter and I see that Sue Rabey-Wilkinson will be judging at their next Championship Show.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 17TH OCTOBER 2009

Brendan Austin has sent the following "It's calendar time again and with the Championship Show slightly later than usual this year, there will be less time between now and Christmas & the New Year to get your calendars organised. The Calendar will be on sale at the SGHC Championship Show on 1st November priced £7.00, buy three copies for £20.00. Single copies by post (UK) will be £8.25 or £22.50 for three copies. Overseas; Europe £9.00 each and £24.50 for three; world-wide, £10.50 each and £28.00 for three, these prices include package and postage. Pre-paid orders will be posted on Monday 2nd November. To order your copies now you can either telephone me on 0044 (0)1932 788 040 or email to brendangaustin@aol.com I will then get back to you to take your credit card details or you can pay via PayPal.

If you prefer to use Royal Mail please send your details and cheque made payable to: The SGHC and send it to: Brendan Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex TW16 7QB

From Alan Lucas, the secretary of Welfare I have received the following: "NEWS FROM WELFARE: The walk organised by David Hartley at Earby on the 12th September 2009 was well supported and it seems that a most enjoyable time was had by all who attended, with plenty going on, including a Fun Dog Show and of course the Fish and Chip Supper. In the process, the event also raised a staggering £525 bonus for Welfare. When it comes to walking, we can only stand in awe of Christina Campling, who with her dogs, is going to do the Beachy Head Marathon again on the 24th October 2009. While this is over the usual 26.2 miles, all other comparisons with similar events seem to end. The course is over incredibly difficult terrain of some 5 miles of uphill and then of course down, many stiles and kissing gates to navigate and takes approximately 9 hours to complete. Christina has, of course, done this for the last few years, so why she has the courage to do it again remains a mystery. Her overall ambition is to raise money for Welfare and she spends months training and getting donations from her own contacts and of course she would welcome any contributions from the saluki world. If you would like to support Christina, there was a form to complete in the April copy of 'Snippets', or in the last SGHC Newsletter of August 2009, to be sent to Daphne Parnham.

The Westthoughton dog racing club is running meets at Westthoughton Greyhound Stadium in Westthoughton, Nr Bolton Lacs.. There will be meets on 3rd & every alternate Sat until further notice . Mainly whippets & lurchers, but all breeds are

welcome. Racing starts at 5-30 pm. £5 per dog to a max of £15 per owner so fourth dogs & upwards effectively run free.

Last Saturday, Drifffield Championship Show was held at Wetherby Racecourse in Yorkshire. I understand that the weather was very winding and competitors were told to vacate the showground as soon as they had finished competing. Awarding Challenge Certificates for his first time in Salukis was Mr Jerry Robertson. Judging by the results it was a great day for Denise Garrett's Caryna Kennels. DCC, BOB for his third and qualifying CC was Karen Smith's Caryna Zenith. I think this is the third dog from this litter to acquire his title. He was born on the 23rd October 2002 and his breeder is Mrs DL Garratt. His sire is Ch Mabrooka Jayid and dam, Ch Caryna Hera JW. RDCC went to Marie Bryce-Smith's Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk. BCC, BP was Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Caryna Meilichia for her first CC. She was born on 14th November 2008 and her breeder is Denise Garratt. Her sire is Ch Glenoak Inqi, JW and dam, Ch Caryna Nashira. RBCC also went to Denise Garratt, Sue Oakey & Karen Smith's Caryna Meilichia. Best Breeders was Denise Garratt. Will done all!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 9TH OCTOBER 2009.

For some reason the Breed Notes of 26th September were on the most part totally illegible. Therefore I am repeating the Richmond Championship Show report.

Last Friday Richmond Championship Show was held. After the torrid rain we had last year it was a blessing that we had a perfect day, weather wise, for dog showing. Our judge was Mrs Karin Hedberg from Sweden. DCC, BOB was Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW with the RDCC to Nicola Quadling's Ch Kasra Nasuuh at Malenkhai Sh CM. BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Deborah Copperthwaite and Kathy Webb's Al Caliphs Nuray. She was born on 26th April 2006 and her breeder is Deborah Copperthwaite. Her sire is Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW and her dam is Al Caliphs Zanubiya. RBCC went to Mary Parker's Ch Khalils Rana of Classicus (imp) Sh. CM. Best Puppy went to Sue Oakey and Denise Garratt's Caryna Meilichia. Eng, Swe Ch Barakisch Niran Zorshid owned by Cecilia Andersson was Best Veteran and Best Breeder's Group was Williams. Well done all!!

I have received a note from Vikki-ann Tompkins regarding her husband John who has been unwell. She has said that John is doing well now, although he will be off work until mid November. Much of his sight has returned. Unfortunately she feels it is a bit inappropriate for her to leave him for two days to attend the club show (10 hours drive each way - and that would be without stops) she has said that it is a real shame as she wished to take part in the heart testing scheme (among other things)

Vikki-ann also has informed me that Morag Mackell has lost her Sophie, aka Mabrook Suffyah. She was out of Ch Mabrooka Khamriy x Ch Mabrooka Miraya. She says "although not really shown on more than an odd occasion she was a beautiful, typically Mabrooka bitch, with true Saluki eyes and expression and a wonderful nature. She was very laid back and, in fact in all the years I knew her I think I only ever saw her run

twice, and that was when she was playing with Joshua! She did love her obedience lessons though, and was proud holder of her Gold Good Citizen award. She was also used often as a 'demo dog' in our club's puppy class as she was so good even with the boisterous puppies. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her, but especially by Neil and Morag”.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 2ND OCT 2009.

When reporting the results of South East Hound Club, I accidentally omitted the name of the Reserve Best of Breed winner. She is Lisa & John Hudson's Kasra Ni'mah of Glenoak. My apologies to all.

On Saturday 14th November there will be Saluki classes at Huntingdon Canine Society. Terry Farris will be judging for her first appointment. She has been in the breed 10 years, before having Salukis, she had Afghans. The closing date for the show is Monday 19th October 2009, The Secretary is Mrs H Thompson, 33 Simpson Avenue, Higham Ferrers, Northants. NN10 8JH, telephone number 01933413140. There will be prize money for BIS, BPIS, and all group winners. BIS and BPIS will be eligible to compete at the EAST ANGLIAN SUPER MATCH on Saturday 6th March 2010. This show is sponsored by Royal Canin

David Hartly has sent the following through regard in recent Saluki Walk for Welfare: “SALUKI WALK at EARBY 2009: Saturday the twelfth of September was a sunny and very warm day after a long period of wind and rain in the North so the 42 dogs and their human followers who gathered at St.Peter's Methodist Church were extremely lucky. After a cup of tea and a biscuit served by members of the church we set off, led by 81 year old Doug Hornby a lifelong member of St Peter's. As Doug gets older he gets fitter and faster so we set off through the village and maintained a cracking pace up hill towards the next town of Barnoldswick, then down to the canal at Salterforth (unfortunately known to the locals as Sodom !) up on to the redundant railway line at Kelbrook and so back through Sough Park to Earby.

After a break for lunch in the sun, it was time to buy raffle tickets, register for the fun classes and assemble to watch John Owen give a demonstration of Good Citizenship and Agility with his Saluki Pip.

For me, this was amazing as I never thought a Saluki could stand with front feet on a stool and go around it like a circus elephant on a tub. Likewise Pip demonstrated turning around on a narrow plank. John explained that these exercises were pre-agility and taught the hound to know where his feet were. Despite the large number of people and dogs in the hall, Pip (who has her Gold Award) was able to focus on her rewards and show us her undoubted talents in Good Citizenship type work. Actual agility wasn't possible in the small space but John showed us a video of Pip going around a full outdoor agility course. Again I didn't think that my Salukis would be able to concentrate and follow me around the obstacles - but I intend to give it a try with my next pup. So

Pip well and truly opened all our eyes as to potential new activities with our Salukis, thank you John.

Roy Goodby organised Fun classes and Rosie Lewis stewarded, volunteer judges were pressed into service and hopefully everyone joined in and enjoyed themselves. Rosettes and prize cards plus a bag of Cobbydog were awarded for first to fifth place.

Folk were so generous that there were twenty eight raffle prizes and as most people refused a second prize for themselves the raffle took some time but you would have had to be very unlucky to go home empty handed. A second raffle was held for a wonderful prize, donated by Janet Bullock. This was an original painting of the winner's animal onto a very useful canvas bag. Examples of Lynn Ingram's artistic talents were offered for sale –we are lucky to have such talented artists in the Saluki fraternity. Ann Wilcock had acted as our photographer throughout the day and was able to sell prints to anyone who wished to take home a souvenir of their day.

As usual the Fish and Chips from the Quality Fish Bar were much appreciated. The church people who kindly gave up their day to welcome and wait on us were acknowledged and finally thanks given to the people who stayed to rearrange the premises for worship next day. The Sponsor was Cobbydog who are always so generous to us. In total the Walk raised £525 for Saluki Welfare funds. Hopefully we can enjoy another Saluki Walk in 2010.

Brenden Austin has send the following regarding the 2010 Saluki Calendar Let me thank you all for sending photographs for the Saluki Calendar 2010. We had an excellent response again this year, 279 entries and the variety was wonderful. The judges, who were both members and their friends at the Open Show in June, chose their favourites. The calendar has been compiled and is back from the printers for its final proof.

The Calendar will be on sale at the Championship Show on 1st November priced £7.00, buy three copies for £20.00. Single copies by post (UK) will be £8.25 or £22.50 for three copies. Overseas; Europe £9.00 and £24.50, £10.50 and £28.00 world-wide, inc.

I hate to say it but in a few short weeks Christmas will be upon us. The Saluki Calendar makes an ideal gift. You may pre-order either on the telephone 0044 (0)1932 788 040 or email me. I can then get back to you to take credit card details. If you prefer you can order and send a cheque made out to SGHC and sent to:

Last Friday Darlington Championship Show was held in the grounds of Newby Hall. Judging us was Mr Pers Iverson from Norway. Mr Iverson was very consistent in the type he preferred and I am sure the contingency from Northern Scotland were delighted with their day and the long journey home from the show seemed not so arduous. BCC,BOB was Mary Parker's Ch Khalils Rana of Classicism (imp) Sh.CM with the RBCC to Sylvia Pass & Kellie Lauchlan's Ch Devineerace Anya. DCC, for his second CC was Karen Smith's Caryna Zenith. RDCC went to Sylvia Pass & Kellie

Lauchlan's Chisabee Cyncariad. The Pass and Lauchlan partnership also won Best Puppy with Chisobee Cyncariad. Best Vereran was Buzz Faber's Ch Sufeina Pastel JW . Mary Parker phoned to report that Rana was short listed in the Hound Group. Ch Sufeina Pastel competed in the Best Hound Veteran and was placed 2nd. Pastel's son, Sufina Jebel Ali owned by Sue Cronin won both the Junior and the Yealing Stakes. Well done to all!!

We are pleased to report that John Tompkins operation appears to be successful and he is now recovering at home. I understand that he now has regained some of his sight. We wish him good luck in his convalesce.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 25TH SEPTEMBER 2009.

Clair Chyssolor has sent us an update on her dogs "At Horley and District Show, 30th August, Poem (Abu Baqr's Gazal Galiya for Anasazi) got BOB under Maltese judge Stephen Mercieca (Chebec) and went into a full complement of hounds in the Group. It took Sue Dunning (Anjuskar) over an hour to judge the Group and Poem, was pulled out in the final nine for consideration. Also Pico, Tadj Mahal Emranilzan, ShCM, got his fifth RCC at Birmingham under Denys Simpson. "

Last Friday Richmond Championship Show was held. After the torrid rain we had last year it was a blessing that we had a perfect day, weather wise, for dog showing. Our judge was Mrs Karin Hedberg from Sweden. DCC, BOB was Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW with the RDCC to Nicola Quadling's Ch Kasra Nasuuh at Malenkhai Sh CM. BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Deborah Copperthwaite and Kathy Webb's Al Caliphs Nuray. She was born on 26th April 2006 and her breeder is Deborah Copperthwaite. Her sire is Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW and her dam is Al Caliphs Zanubiya. RBCC went to Mary Parker's Ch Khalils Rana of Classicus (imp) Sh.CM. Best Puppy went to Sue Oakey and Denise Garratt's Caryna Meilichia. Eng, Swe Ch Barakisch Niran Zorshid owned by Cecilia Andersson was Best Veteran and Best Breeder's Group was Williams. Well done all!!

I understand that Nicola Quadling will be going into the hospital this week for a long awaited operation on her knee. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope this operation is successful.

Entries for the SGHC Championship Show will close on Tuesday 29th September. It can be done by first class post or by logging on the www.fossedata.co.uk. The date of the show is Sunday 1st November and it will be held at The Kennel Club Buildings, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ. Judging dogs is Mrs Pauline Everton and Bitches, Mr Michael Williams. Referee is Mr Owen Davies. Show opens at 9.00am with the judging to commence at 10.00 am for dogs and 10.30 am for bitches. There will be heart testing at this show by Dr.Serena Brownlie. All dogs coming along for the testing must be entered in either regular classes or "not for competition" in order to be tested. This service will be free to SGHC members.

Reading & District Kennel Assoc will be holding their Open Show on Saturday 28th November at Montem Leisure Centre, Slough. There are 3 Classes for Saluki with Mary Pascoe judging. Schedule can be obtained from the secretary. Liz Scoates on 01235 850289

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 18TH SEPTEMBER 2009.

Last Friday, City of Birmingham Championship Show was held at Stoneleigh, Warwick. Judging Salukis was Deny Simpson who has decided to retire from allocating Challenge Certificates in our breed. DCC,BOB was Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW with the RDCC to Clair Chryssolor's Tadj Mahal Emrani Izan (imp) Sh.CM. BCC went to Mary Parker's Ch Khalils Phaedra of Classicus (imp) Sh.CM. RBCC was awarded to Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Aliya Vasanti. Best Puppy was John & Carol Owen's Caryna Curetes. Best Breeders Group was Denise Garratt's Caryna. Well done all!!

Sunday after City of Birmingham is always the date of South Eastern Hound Club Show. This year the event was held at it's new home which is The All England Show Jumping Course, at Hickstead. Personally I think it was a great improvement over the last venue; of course the weather being perfect for a dog show did not hinder. Judging Salukis was Mrs Annette Benoit from Belgium. To say she had an unusually judging technique would not be an exaggeration. The steward tried to assist the judge suggesting as Salukis were a working breed that maybe it would be a good idea to move them. So the judge did just that, in a minimalist sort of way, firstly stating she was not placing the dogs she moved the 1st in a class to the 3rd position and maybe the 4th to the second. This procedure was followed in each class. It was a little like musical chairs with the last one to get in place being chosen. By the time one was squeezed to 4th you did not know if you should just leave the ring. Normally the judges just call the dogs out in sequential order. BOB was Daphne Tovey, Rosemary Redfern, CM & HV Williams, Darquell Salah-Addin, with the RBOB to John & Lisa Hudson's. Best Puppy went to John & Caroline Owen's Caryna Curetes.

The Owens had quite an exciting time after BPIS. They returned to their car where, John dropped the keys onto the front seat and shut the door and when he went around to the back to put the dogs inside, the central locking had activated and locked them out, with their mobiles inside. They ended up having to borrow a phone and rang their son in Derbyshire who arranged for a breakdown company to come. I was about 6.30 when they finally left the show and to make matters worse there was a heavy downpour of rain, so they were all soaked. Not such a nice ending to a lovely day.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 11TH September 2009.

Kathy Webb has informed me that there is now a paperback edition of Hope & David's Book 'The Saluki in History, Art & Sport. It is published by Hoflin Publishing Inc, 4401 Zephyr St. - Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033. USA. The price is about \$75.00 or can be purchased via Amazon.com. There are 3 ex library hardback copies currently on Amazon.co.uk for around the £50.00.

Congratulations to Karen and Glyn Fisher on the marriage of their daughter Natalie. Trevor Prior, Secretary of SGHC has sent the following information: Date of next Committee meeting is 19 October 2009. The committee positively welcomes your correspondence and feedback etc on the way the club is managed or any other issues that you may wish to be addressed, however to enable the committee to be able to give items full consideration and facilitate addition to the agenda and circulation to the committee, we would request that all items are with the Secretary at least ten days in advance of the meeting. Items received after the ten days will be carried over to the next meeting unless urgent. The date of future committee meetings will be announced in the Dog Press breednotes and posted on the club website.

Would all judges on SGHC's B and C lists, that may be considering nominating themselves for the Limited Show 2011, please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the date has been changed. The Limited Show 2011 will now be held on Sunday 27th February 2011 and not in March as per my letter. Apologies for any inconveniences caused. These notes and others will be posted on the New SGHC's Web site. www.salukiclub.co.uk.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 4TH SEPTEMBER 2009.

I Have received a note from Victoria Armstrong of The Stockbridge Gallery, Stockbridge, Hants of her upcoming shows. If you have not been to Stockbridge, its a lovely village on the River Test and well worth a visit especially to see the Victoria's stunning canine orientated gallery. From the 20th September to 3rd October there will be a photo exhibition by Eloise Leyden, entitled "Slum Dogs Of India" From October 11th until the 7th November the exhibition will be "Sporting Chance". Information from the Gallery states it is: "A celebration of our sporting breeds captured in a mix of paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture. Both period and contemporary art will be exhibited, including works by Edward Aistrop, Joy Beckner, Thomas Blinks, Lilian Cheviot, Thuline de Cock, Henry Crowther, Maud Earl, John Gray, Nina Harvey, Nigel Hemming, Florence Jay, John King, Belinda Matthews, Charlotte Moreton, Mary Ann Rogers, Sam Sopwith, Hannah Steedman, Tony Uloth, Paula Vize, Georgie Welch and Arthur Wardle." The final exhibition for the year is "Not Just for Christmas" will be held on 15 November - 24 December. This sale will have canine orientated items for sale for Christmas. In the Gallery's permanent collection Victoria has acquired a Saluki by Tony Uloth. It is an open edition in cold cast bronze. As I was not familiar with Mr Uloth, Victoria has sent the following: "

Tony Uloth was brought up in the country and throughout his life has been drawing cartoons and sketching. On retirement, as Chief Executive of the Royal Bath and West of England Show Society, he took up sculpting under the guidance of the eminent animal sculptress, Margot Dent at her studio in Broughton. He lives in Nether Wallop, Hampshire where he is able to follow his interest in country pursuits. His sculpting subjects include portraits as well as animals."

Last Friday the Welsh Kennel Club held their Championship Show. Judging Saluki in place of Daphne Tovey was Buzz Faber. DCC, BOB was Diane Duckenfield's Ch Tasia El Imrane with the RDCC to Jenny & Steve Macro's Nefisa Jeevun. BCC for her first CC was Martine Smithson's Chisobee Serenarian. She was born on 9th June 2005 and her owner is her breeder. Her sire is Ch Ukhaydir Aris Hafid Ariba and dam Cairdean Cazzab at Chisobee. RBCC went to Mary Parker's Ch Khalils Rana of Classicus (imp) ShCM. Best Puppy was Mr & Mrs Owen's Caryna Curetes with Garratt winning Breeders Group. At the show, a card was circulated and a collection was made for Daphne Tovey as that was her judging appointment and due to medical treatment was not able to judge. I did speak to Daphne and she said the card was lovely and the flowers are gorgeous. She thanks everyone for thinking of her.

What do you do when you are a fly-fisherman and want to catch brown trout.? Andrew Griffiths observed white flies over his local river and the trouts were jumping trying to catch them. He unsuccessfully tried to tie a fly that would entice the trout but failed. Then he had a brain storm. What he did, was plucked some coat from his Saluki bitch's tail attached it to a hook and created a "fly". He calls it Kizzie's Killer and he says it works. I did not make this up, Jan Banyard kindly sent this article from Countryman's Weekly, August 5, 2009.

Sunday 6th September is the date for the South Eastern Hound Club Open Show. This year, for the first time, it will be held at Hickstead All England Jumping Course, West Sussex BN6 9HS. Judging Salukis will be Annette Benoit of Belgium. After the judging there will be a bring and share lunch. If you have entered or if you just want to come for the day please let Kathy Webb on Telephone no. 01737 353279 or Marie Bryce-Smith on 01342 327573 know what you will be bringing. I have been told it will be a sausage roll free buffet.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 22ND AUGUST 2009.

Jenny & Norman Ziman would like me to pass on their thanks to everyone that signed their "cards" at The Hound Association. Norman is now at home recovering from his hospital stay.

Daphne Tovey has asked me to say thanks to all those people who signed her card at Hound Association and have sent her cards at home. Daphne is most disappointed because she has been advised by her doctors that she cannot judge at Welsh Kennel Club, as she will be starting her chemotherapy. Daphne thanks everyone for their entry and hopes they have a good day. Her address is Peewits, Howe Green, Sandon, Chelmsord, Essex CN2 7TQ. We wish her good luck with her treatment.

Many of you will remember Doreen Stansfield's neighbour, great friend and exhibitor of Afghans, Lynda LLeWellen. For many years she was on the Committee of the South East Hound and a couple of years ago she stewarded for Doreen when she judged at Crufts. Last week she attended Paignton Ch Show with her granddaughter and stayed the night with friends living in that area. Sadly during the night Lynda had an asthma attack and suffered a massive heart attack and died. Our condolences to her family and she will be missed in the canine fraternity

Ann Blake, Chief Welfare Officer has sent the following warning: "The travellers are showing serious interest in the breed at the moment. I have heard of a couple of incidents where owners were approached and just the other week I was advised to warn a couple that they were being watched! We are all guilty of dropping our guard if we have been lucky enough to have not drawn unwelcome interest in our pets for some time, please give the following some thought. If you keep to a routine with regard to walking or leaving your hounds try, as far as possible, to vary the times. The heat has meant that many dogs are being walked or run late evening, it may be advisable to switch to early mornings occasionally. Likewise, if you walk the same route every day make some changes, the dogs will appreciate the new sights and smells. If when loose in the garden your dogs can go out of sight thoroughly check the area, weak and/or secluded spots will be noted by a dog thief and may even be baited for some time prior to an attempted theft.

Alan Lucas from Saluki Welfare has sent the following regarding the ratification of the Welfare Accounts: "The AGM of the Saluki Welfare Fund held on the 5th April 2009 was, unfortunately, inquorate. A special meeting to approve the accounts was going to be held at the SGHC Open Show, but did not take place. It is now intended to hold this meeting at a suitable time during the Northern Saluki Club Open Show on Sunday 27th September at Shirland Village Hall, Shirland, Derbyshire. All Saluki Club members and Rescue owners will be most welcome.

Everyone is invited to walk in aid of Saluki Welfare Funds on Saturday 12th September 2009 starting from St. Peter's Methodist Church, Riley Street, Earby (Between Colne, Lancs and Skipton, Yorks) It is open to all Breeds, non showing and rescue Saluki owners especially welcome. For further information please contact David James Hartley on telephone 01282 842617 or email:davidjhartley@hotmail.com. David will send or email further information.

Winners of the ballot for SGHC's 2011 Championship Show are David Perkins will be judging bitches, Jean Watts, dogs and Daphne Tovey will do Best in Show.

Last Sunday Bournemouth Championship Show was held. Judging Salukis was Mr Ben Beynolds-Frost. DCC, BOB and Hound Group 4 was Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk, JW with the RDCC to Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW. BCC for her second CC in a week was Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Shushma with RBCC to Buzz Faber's Sufeina Zarita. Best Puppy was Annette & Brian Buckley's Al Caliphs Djansa. Best Breeders were Jan Banyard's

Darquells. Well done all After the judging, the twins, Diana Allan and Marie Bryce-Smith has a little impromptu get together to toast their birthdays with cake and nibbles.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 14TH AUGUST 2009

I have been watching the Channel 5 Evening News with the blogs by Jason Farrell on the Welsh puppy farms. It has been reported that pet shops buy in puppies from these farms for selling on to the public. In our area of the country, it seems that none of the pet store are involved, therefore it is easier to turn a blind eye as to what is actually happening elsewhere. The shop that is mentioned in the program has locations in Leeds and Manchester and is called 'dogs4us'. On their web site one can see that they can supply puppies of 36 different breeds of dog. Formally this establishment was called Mayfield Kennels and I remember their conditions and practices were exposed several years ago. In the filming of the "farms" the conditions in which the brood bitches and puppies were kept, was just plain disgusting. There were scenes of dogs literally going up the walls of the hovels they were confined to. The shops that sell these puppies are equally as guilty as the people that farm the dogs. I probably should not call them farmers as farmers have the welfare of animals at heart at these people certainly do not. Where is the RSPCA and the Jemima Harrison's of this world, they should be fighting to stop these breeders causing the suffering to these poor dogs? Shouldn't they also be advising the unsuspecting purchasers who only want a dog to love and be part of their family, educating them to the reasons they should be going to specific breeders who have the welfare and future of their dogs at heart. It has been said that the Council has approved the conditions and the RSPCA has also been complicit. To read more on this horrendous trade look at the Channel 5 web site and Jason Farrell's blog.

Karen Fisher the web master for Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club web site has given the site a face-lift. There are now links for email addresses for all the Committee members and officers of the club for easy contact. Certain areas like the Secretary's page, club events and links to shows will hopefully be kept up to date and a source of important Club information.. The address of the site remains the same <http://www.salukiclub.co.uk>

A couple of weeks ago Michael, Linda Scanlon from USA and I judged at the Skokloster Summer Show in Sweden. The weather forecast for the first day was quite good but for the second day, rain was predicted. When arriving at the show, just to make sure we were ready for any weather conditions, we asked where the wet weather facilities were located. They laughed and asked if we had not brought rain coats? This brings me to last Saturday and the Hound Association Championship Show. It was raining when we left home, rained all the way to the show and rained during the complete show. I am pleased to say the Hound Association had provided us with excellent wet weather facilities. Our ring was of good size though a bit cramped around the outside while waiting to go in the ring, which was not a problem. Judging our breed was Mrs Janette Cotterill with a huge entry of 101, the second best entry of the year. BCC, BOB was Ian and Denise Rogers' Ch Labakan Chantilly with the RBCC to Helen & Michael Williams, Rosemary Redfern and Daphne Tovey's Kasaque Neeka. DCC for his first CC went to Jenny and Steve Macro's Nefisa Jeevun. He was born on the 28th October 2005 and his owners are his breeders. His sire is Ch Nefisa Samr and dam, Nefisa

Bahira. RDCC was Judy & Trevor White's Mumtaz Khamsin of Timellie JW. Best Puppy was Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Caryna Meilichia. Best Veteran went to Cecila Andersson's Swed, UK Ch Barakisch Niran Zorshid (imp) and Best Breeders Group was Mrs P Everton's Kasra. Well done all!! At the show, cards were circulated for signing and to send best wishes to three members of our fraternity who have not been in the best of health, they are Jenny & Norman Ziman and Daphne Tovey.

Wednesday was the turn of Paignton Championship Show. We did not actually attend but all the reports that we received have had one common factor..."mud", glorious mud and I understand there was plenty of it around. Judging our breed was Mrs Ute Lennarts from Germany. BCC, BOB was Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Shushma for her first CC. She was born on 24th December 2004 and her breeder is her owner. Her sire is Al Caliphs Sudaavi and dam, Al Caliphs Aliya Sarama. RBCC went to Mary Parker's Ch Khalils Rana of Classicus (imp) Sh.CM. DCC Reina and Tony Clark's Ch Nefisa Baaz of Rhazias with Jenny & Steve Macro's Nefisa Jeevun the RDCC. Best Puppy was Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey's Caryna Meilichia with Best Breeders Group to Mrs D Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES 7TH August 2009

We are very sorry to inform you of the death of Mrs Sonja Scase. She became enchanted with Salukis as a young girl when she worked as a "Saturday girl" for Gwen Angel the owner of Mazuri Saluki. From that time to now she has never been without one. Sonja would never say "no" if she knew a Saluki needed a home. Her husband, Jim passed away a couple of years ago.

I have received information regarding successes at Open Shows. At the Kingston Open Show, Annette and Brian Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco won BOB under Paul Singleton and Hound Group 2, judged by Maggie Holder. Sirocco also won 1st Hound in the Special Beginners Stake and was the ultimate winner in that stake under judge Katrina De Mare. At that same show the Buckley's puppy, Al Caliphs Djansa won Best Saluki Puppy and RBOB. At Worthing Open Show, held on the previous weekend Djansa won Best Saluki Puppy and Puppy Hound Group 2.

At the Dorset County Show, Jan Banyard's Darquell Samira won Best AVNSC and Hound Group under judge Peter Higgins. Well done all!!

"The Saluki" the magazine of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club is continuing their celebration for their 40th birthday. There is still time to send in ads for this very memorable occasion. For further information please contact Kathy Webb at advertising@salukimagazine.co.uk or 01737 353279. Kathy would like me to remind those that won at the Open Show of the special opportunity and rate to have a photo of your winners included in the show write-up.

South Easter Hound Club will be holding their annual show on Sunday 6th September at their new venue of Hickstead All England Jumping Course, West Sussex BN6

9HS. Judging Salukis is Annette Benoit of Belguim and BIS Marie Bryce-Smith. On line entries are available until Monday 10th August through Fosse Data

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 17TH JULY 2009

Daphne Parnham has changed her email address to daphneparnham@btinternet.com. Jean Watts and her husband have moved. Their new address is The Mooring, 30 Callanish. The Isle of Lewis, HS2 9DY tel 01851621251. In the breed notes of a couple of weeks ago we put the ownership of Labakan Lamerie as Ian and Denise Rogers that should have included Jean Watt's name also an owner.

Marie Bryce-Smith has informed me that there will be a silent auction at the SGHC Championship Show which will be held on the 1st November. Please let Marie know if you have something you are willing to put into the auction. Items need not be a Saluki or even a doggy item as last time the hot item was a Christmas cake. Funds will go towards the Heart testing and the Club's "90th" birthday which is not far off.

Blackpool Championship show had an excellent entry for Dr Goran Bodegard of Sweden to judge. BCC, BOB was our own newly crowned Caspians L'aliq Avec Kasaque with the RBCC, to the winner of puppy, Denise Garratt and Sue Oakey's Caryna Meilichia who was also Best Puppy. DCC for his second CC went to Marie Bryce Smith's Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk with the RDCC to Trevor & Judy White's Mumtaz Khamsin of Timellie JW. Best Breeder's Group was Garratts.

Last Friday was Windsor Championship Show with our judge Frank Farrar back from the USA. As he has been living in the States for a while now it will be interesting to read his comments on how he perceives the state of our breed. He had an excellent entry. DCC, BOB was M S Steer, Mrs H Graham and Mrs F Zampini's Ch Daxlore Amir of Fernlark with the DRCC to Mr K & Mrs SA Shakespeare's Chisobee Llywelyn Wyr O Hali of Cairdean. DCC for her 1st CC was Miss S Oakey & Mrs D Garratt's Caryna Calisto. She was born on 14th July 2004 and her breeder is Mrs D Garratt. Her sire is Ch Mabrooka Jayid and dam Ch Caryna Hera JW. RBCC went to Mrs SE Bounds Bedu Delphine of Alshara. Best Puppy was Mr & Mrs Owen's Caryna Curetes and Best Veteran was Ms C Andersson's Swedish and UK Ch Barakisch Niran Xorshid. Best Breeders Group was Williams. Well done all!

BREED NOTES WEEKEND 26TH JUNE 2009.

The Grand Dam of Salukis has passed on. Last Thursday, 11th June 2009, Mrs Hope Waters died at age 97. No one has before or since, influenced the Saluki in the show ring, on the Coursing field or as companions as much as Hope. The Burydowns have always been the royalty of Salukis. Hope obtained her first Saluki in 1948 of Mazuri breeding. During the war most of the Saluki Kennels disappeared through lack of breeding as rearing purebred dogs was a luxury and there was no room for that. Mazuri and the Knightellingtons were nearly the only pre-war kennel that survived. The Burydowns emerged from these origins. Hope bred her first litter in 1951 with the imported Burydown Uki and Burydown Saladina and the story of Burydown

began. There have been 50 litters registered under the Burydown prefix. The last three were co-bred with Carole Adley in Canada. There have been enumerable Champions throughout the western world that were either Burydowns or descended from them.

One of Hope's greatest legacies must be the book she wrote with her husband David, "The Saluki in History, Art and Sport", in 1969. This book will never date. It has captured the spirit of the Saluki, beautifully illustrated both in black and white and colour photographs. It traces the history of the Saluki from it's beginnings in the fertile Crescent 7000 BCs ago until modern times. There are chapters describing those wonderful forefathers of the breed that established the Club and then later on into the founding of the Coursing section. The collection of art work is exquisite. How fortunate the Waters were to obtain permission to photograph some of the Royal collection.

Our condolences go to Hopes daughter Tessa, son in law Tim and their children and grandchildren. "The Saluki" magazine will be having an Obituary in the next issue (the Championship issue which is due out on 1st November) Tributes to Hope are welcome, please sent them to Karen Fisher at The Editor at editor@saukimagazine.co.uk. As she is expecting quite a few tributes, please keep them to a maximum of 200 words.

Three Counties Championship Show was held on Wednesday 17th June. The Judge was breed specialist Mrs Zola Rawson. DCC, BOB for his first CC was Mr & Mrs Roger's Labakan Lamerie . He was born on 20th January 2003 and his breeders are his owners. His sire is Ch Labakan Ikteer Takha and dam Classicus Zemilyanne. RDCC Mrs K Smith's Caryna Zenith. BCC for her third and qualifying CC went to Mrs J Pyatt's Miskanda Cara Mia. She was born on 20th February 2001 and her breeder was Mrs J Cotterill. Her sure was Ch Ukhaydir Aris Hafid Ariba (imp) and dam, Miskanda's Lilac Wine. RBCC went to Mrs M Parker's Ch Khalils Rana of Classicus (imp) ShCM. Best Puppy and Puppy Hound Group 4 was Mrs A Faber's Sufeina Zarita. Well done all.

Helen Williams

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 19TH June 2009

'A reminder that the SGHC Open Show will be held on the Sunday 21st June 2009 at the Dobermann Club Training & Showground, Hertford Raod Digswell, Herts AL6 0BU. Junding will start at 10.00am for dogs and bitches will follow. Judging dogs is Miss Pamela Hargreaves and Bitche, Dibby Derfield. Ann Barrett is the referee. Brendan Austin has sent a note through that there are major roadworks on the A1M Hatfield Tunnel with cameras and the M25 has roadworks at junction 16 to junction 19 with speed cameras. Please leave adequate time in case there are problems getting to the show.

In my results for DCC at the Northern Saluki Club Championship Show I stated the DCC was Daxlore Asiqat Kaina this was incorrect. It should have been Miss Sheryl Steer's Fernlark Midori for his first CC. For the records He was born on the 17th October 2004

and his breeder is his owner. His sire is Daxlore Azlam of Fernlark and his dam, Aziz Odeion at Ferlark (imp).

Alan Lucas, secretary of Saluki Welfare has sent the following: "Just a reminder that the 22nd Saluki Rally will be held over the weekend of 11/12th July 2009 at Fields Farm, Audlem, the home of Rosie and Chris Lewis. Saturday starts with lure coursing and in the evening, a bring and share supper. Sunday, there will be stalls, raffles and food served at lunch time and the dog show in the afternoon, a feature of which will be Best Rescue and Fancy Dress classes, so be prepared for that. Overnight camping for tents, caravans or campers is available, but Rosie would obviously like to know in advance if you are likely to be doing this. Although primarily a social event for dogs and owners, all monies raised will be helping the Welfare Fund to continue to look after salukis in need. Please contact Rosie by the beginning of July if you are able to come, or there is any other information you may require on 01270 811070.

Some added information about the Saluki Fun Day, near Newbury last month. Although again a social occasion, the event also raised a magnificent £726. 90 for Welfare. So, a big thank you to all those who contributed in any way."

Last Saturday Southern Counties held their Championship Show. Unfortunately for all, it rained all day so we were judged inside. Our ring was less than idea but the stewards did manage to commandeer the ring beside ours, so we ended up with something that was twice the size, but barely adequate. Our judge was Mrs Gloria Mitcham Geringer from USA judging Saluki for the first time here. BOB, DCC and Hound Group 2 went to Ms S Steer's Fernlark Alsace for his second CC. RDCC as awarded to the winner of the Puppy Class, Mrs S Cronin's Sufeina Jebel. BCC for her third and qualifying CC was Kasra Tahira Glenoak JW owned by Dr JA & Mrs EJ Hudson. She was born on 23rd November 2005 and her breeders are Mrs P & Mr D Everton. Her sire is Ch Glenoak Inqi JW and dam Kasra Nadirah. RBCC was our own Kasaque Miracle. Best Breeder Group was CM & HV Williams

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 12TH JUNE 2009

Annette Buckley sent sent the follow to us "Last Thursday, 28th May, Brian and I attended the Suffolk Agricultural Association Two Day Open Show at Trinity Park, Ipswich. Mumtaz Sirocco won Best in Hound Group under Peter Jolley from his winning Saluki BOB under judge Caroline Sheppard (Goldswift) from 1st in Open Class. Our

seven month puppy, Al Caliphs Djansa won Saluki Best Puppy and 4th in Puppy Hound Group. We were lucky that the weather held out on the second day of the Show, as the previous day the exhibitors experienced wind and heavy rain causing a lot of confusion and difficulties all round. I forgot to let you know also that Sirocco won Best Hound at the Tunbridge Wells Open Show at the end of March under judge Mrs Jackie White (Baldrey).”

I have received a copy of The Kennel Club’s Breed Records Supplement from January to March 2009. During that time there were three litters of Salukis registered totalling 21 puppies. Last year at that same period there were 35 puppies registered. One importation of Hisilome’s I am iceman Med Cranstal owned by Mr P & Mrs A Shimmin, origin Sweden. One export to Belgium, Charrioak Australis and one Show Certificate of Merit to Tadj Mahal Emraniizan (imp Bel) owner Mrs C Chrissyolor.

The honeybees at our house have been working hard this spring and we have some honey available at this time. The price is £3.00 a jar. If anyone would like us to take a jar to a show for them, please contact us at kasaque@aol.com or call 01635 268269. All money goes to Jackie the hard working bee keeper.

BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 5th JUNE 2009

Show Manager for the SGHC, Brendan Austin has sent the following regarding the upcoming Open Show: “The SGHC Open Show will take place at the Dobermann Club Showground on Sunday 21st June. The show will open at 9.00am. Pamela Hargreaves will commence the dog judging at 10.00am and the bitches will follow with Dibby Derfield. Our Referee is Ann Barrett. The entries are as follows, dogs 42, entries 63; bitches 42, entries 50, NFC 17.

This showground has limited wet weather accommodation, although the ring is under a large marquee. Teas, coffees, soft drinks and cakes will be available all day. During the lunch break there will be a Rescue Parade and the Junior Handling Competition. There will also be a ballot for the 2010 Saluki Calendar.” He also states “As a final reminder for those who have photos for the 2010 Calendar to send them ‘post haste’ to Brendan G Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames TW16 7QB. You can email jpegs to tobrendangaustin@aol.com The closing date for entries is 14th June. If you have any questions please telephone Brendan on 01932 788 040 and leave a message. Will members please make sure that they take all there rubbish home as there are no refuge facilities at this ground. Directions to the venue are on the back of the schedule. If you have any questions then please telephone Brendan on 01932 788 040. SHOW DAY EMERGENCY MOBILE NUMBER 07956 63 00 94. ”

PRO, Marie Bryce Smith has sent the following on behalf of the Committee “The Committee have been requested to respectfully remind our members that all dogs taken into Kennel Club registered shows must be entered at that show, either for competition or ‘not for competition’. There are a few exceptions; companion dog shows which you can enter on the day, guide dogs, etc. If you do take an un-entered dog onto the designated

show area the society could be fined by the Kennel Club. This would be most unfair to the Society and could bring the SGHC into disrepute. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated. “

Last Monday, it was the turn of Bath Championship Show. Salukis were scheduled but without Challenge Certificates. Our judge was Miss Cecilia Andersson. BOB, BD and Hound Group 4 was Mrs D Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW with the RBD to Mrs P Carnell's Darquel Imad TAF.BB went to Mrs D Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Nephele with the RBB to our own Ch Kasaque Luzhana JW. Best Puppy was Mr M McCormick Smith's Glenoak Juda. Well done all.

We have received notification that there will soon be a new Saluki magazine but this one will be on the Web. It will be called “Saluki Insights” and it being compiled in Australia by Paula Brockman-Chato and Yvonne Griffin. The first edition will be going live in July 2009. For further information on subscriptions, editorial and advertisement rates please refer to their web :<http://www.salukiinsights.com/>

Helen Williams

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 29TH MAY 2009

Alan Lucas has sent the following on behalf of Saluki Welfare “The Saluki Welfare Fund, held on the 5th April 2009, was unfortunately, inquorate. It is therefore intended to approve the accounts during a special meeting to be held at the SGHC Open Show, The Dobermann Club Training and Showground, Hertford Road, Digswell, Hertfordshire, AL6 0BU on the 21st June 2009. The timing of the meeting will be arranged on the day to fit in with the running of the show, probably during the lunch break. Club members and rescue owners are welcome to attend. Any planned outdoor event is to some extent weather dependant and the forecast for the Saluki Welfare Picnic and Fun Day on the 16th May was for heavy showers, strong winds and sunny spells, which proved pretty accurate.

The lure course and equipment was set up early and most dogs that took part seemed to enjoy their run and followed the lure with great enthusiasm and purpose. Unfortunately, the available field was somewhat remote and down a long track, which for many proved difficult to find and delayed some people in arriving. A crowd however, had gathered by the time of the picnic, for which there was a selection of food to choose from, followed by a lively auction of interesting items that were keenly sought after. The afternoon Fun Dog Show was most entertaining and in particular, the Fancy Dress entrants, who all excelled themselves. The day finished with some more lure coursing for any dogs wanting further exercise. A big thank you to all those who organised or helped out on the day and to those who came along and supported it, plus of course the dogs – not only salukis – who had a good day out.”

Last Saturday the Scottish Kennel Club held their Championship Show. Our judge was Miss Jenny Startup. BOB, DCC went to Mrs M. Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk, JW with the RDCC to Caryna Baccus of Ilsham owned by Mrs B. Payne. BCC

was our own Ch Kasaque Luzhana JW with the RBCC to Barakishch Qashang Axtar (Imp Sweden) owned by Mr P Ash. Best Puppy was Chisobee Jared owned by the Tompkin, Thorsteinson & Pass partnership. Bushrah was later short -listed in the Hound Group.

As summer is just around the corner, hopefully, and with summer comes the flea season, especially if we have a hot and dry summer as predicted by the weathermen. For this reason I have decided to reprint the "Natural Flea Spray" Take a BIG fat lemon (the more rind the better) and slice it paper thin. Place it in a bowl with a tablespoon of crushed rosemary leaves (or a 6 inch sprig of fresh) Pour a quart of hot, near boiling water over the lemon/rosemary mixture and let steep overnight. Strain and put into a large spray bottle. Keep in fridge. Shake well before applying. The d-limeone in this spray along with the rosemary oil will give your dog a beautiful shinny coat and keep fleas and other bugs away.

Marie Bryce-Smith, acting PRO for SGHC has asked me to pass the following on behalf of the Committee.(1) In the Open Show Schedule it stated that the Championship Show would be held on Saturday, 1st November. This is incorrect as it will be on Sunday, 1st November 2009. (2) Investigation into DNA for brindling is being spearheaded by Peter Yardley. There is no quick fix but it is a long term project. The Committee will keep the membership informed of any development.(3) We would like to inform membership that heart testing at the Championship Show For SGHC members will be free, non members will be charged. (4) The Club would like donations of cakes for the Open Show.

Helen Williams

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 23RD MAY 2009

Regarding my comments last week about letting me know about Saluki wins at Open Show or Championship Shows, Heather Naylor-Fibbens contacted me about her late husband's dog, Lusaki Ya Yusef. "Peter had already entered him into Chelmsford CS Open Show at Towerlands Equestrian Centre, which is not far from me. On an impulse I decided to take Yusef along. It was our first time out, since losing Peter and Yusef, who had been very depressed, needed some special attention. Our Breed Judge was to have been Nina Baxter but, as she had hurt a knee, she could not attend. Instead we had Carlos Saevich, who is Spanish I believe, and no one seemed to know who he was except the he was also judging other Hounds and Best in Show. Initially, Yusef suffered so much anxiety without his own handler that I began to think it had been a mistake to bring him. However, once in the ring he certainly recovered himself, perked up and went on to win BOB from being placed first in Open Class and then second in the Hound Group. I'm so glad to say the experience has had a lasting effect and restored much of his lovely Saluki spirit. Needless to say the other Saluki owners there were wonderfully supportive and pleased for us and my special thanks are due to them.

" Heather would also like to add her appreciation to all the Saluki fraternity who wrote to her following Peter's sudden death. She went on to say that those letters and cards did meal a great deal to her.

Last Thursday, Birmingham National held their Championship Show. We were third in the ring so it was a very long day indeed. The Saluki Best of Breed winner just made it to the Hound Group Ring in the nick of time. Our judge was Mrs Liz Stephen. Two new Champions emerged on the Day. DCC, BOB was Mr & Mrs D Stuart and Mrs D Garratt's Caryna Zazma, who was later pulled out in the Group. He was born 14th July 2004 and his breeder is Mrs D.L. Garratt. His sire is Ch Mabrooka Jayid and dam Ch Caryna Hera JW. RDCC went to Mrs S Steer's Fernlark Alsace JW. BCC went to our own Caspians L'aliq Avec Kasaque. Lalique is the first new "smooth" champion for eleven years. She was born on the 28th February 2004 and her breeders are Mr & Mrs M Oakley. Her sire is Int. Ch Arab Bahri's Shaahin Taali and dam, Bedu L'eghythe of Caspians. RBCC went to Mrs K Webb and Mrs D Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Nuray. Best puppy was Mr & Mrs A Bloomfield's Glenoak Jabari. Congratulations to Mrs M Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefsa Bushrah of Saruk JW on winning the Veteran Stake.

Along with making up our first smooth Saluki Champion, we received notification that Lalique's smooth son, Kasaque Nappanu, owned by Gunter and Jutter Kolewe, has qualified for his German Junior Championship. Well done to him.

As our household has been very busy this spring, with guests, I have not had a chance to comment on "The Saluki, Crufts Edition 2009" which is the publication of The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club. With many of the breed magazines ceasing to exist, it's all the more rewarding that our Club magazine has gone from strength to strength under the editorship of Karen Fisher and her Committee.

Perhaps I should credit all the contributors in equal measure, for without them there would be no publication. One area I would like to point out, is the advertisements. All the ads are of good quality particularly with regard to their photographs. Perhaps that can be credited to the age of the digital camera. That put aside advertising your wins, your future plans or just providing a pretty picture it is all making the magazine a compilation of the history of Salukis and is as important as the articles..

Reading the article on the Length of the Saluki Tail by Karen fisher was very interesting. I was unaware that there were strains of Salukis with shorter tails. When discussing tails and lengths, Hope Waters would say that a long Saluki tail and ear leathers are a sign of great quality. I must admit I have always subscribed to those pearls of wisdom. They are all component of what makes a Salukis. Another article, was reflections on the 1st issue of the Saluki compiled by Malcolm and June Burt. The First issue a statement by the then president of SGHC, Hilda Parkhouse wished June and Malcolm good luck and asked for news and pictures for future editions. Maybe they had to struggle in those days just as much as today convincing people to sit down and write. To obtain copies or for advertising please contact Val Prior at email address sales@saluki magazine.co.uk

Helen Williams

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 15TH MAY 2009

“A reminder that the Saluki Welfare Fun Day is on Saturday 16th May at Falklands Farm, Wash Common, near Newbury, just off the A34 carriageway, starting about 11.00 am. There will be lure coursing, a ‘bring and share’ picnic, fun dog show, plus stalls and an auction. Soft drinks can be provided, but you will need to bring a flask of tea/coffee. One of the show classes will be Fancy Dress, so be prepared! You may like to bring some shade or shelter, depending on the weather. For details of the ‘bring and share’ picnic, phone Nicola Quadling (020 8590 8457), lure coursing Alison Crane (01725 518790), other enquiries to Elaine Rushton (01442 211684) or Ann Blake (01727 826944). Everyone is most welcome to come along, so bring your chairs and make it a day out.”

The Saluki 2010 Calendar Competition:

The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club is holding its annual photographic competition for The Saluki 2010 Calendar, on Sunday 21st June 2009, at The Dobermann Club, Didswell in conjunction with the Open Show. Judging for the competition will be by public ballot on this day.

Entries are FREE and you may enter as many photographs as you wish. Photographs should be no larger than A5 size please (approx 6x8”). They may be in black and white or colour. They should be of a reproducible quality. Entries should have a SAE for the safe return of your photographs.

The calendar will include photographs from the following categories: In Action, About Town, Head Study, Puppy (ies), Born Free, Just Relaxing, With Friends, Rescue dog or bitch, Anything Goes, Festive Spirit (for December). The Calendar will also include studies of the Best Dog and Best Bitch. Please send your entries to arrive no later than 14th June to: Brendan Austin, 103 Vicarage Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex TW16 7QB Entries maybe submitted by email to brendangaustin@aol.com (jpeg image preferred). Please include on a separate page all the information from the entry form below. I will then print your entries for you. The entrant (i.e. the person who submits the photographs), must have permission if chosen, of the photograph and the dog(s) to have the photo printed in the calendar, (if you are not the owner of the photograph). If a chosen photograph is not of reproduction quality then the next winning photograph will be used. The organisers’ decision is final. Please attach to each photograph a note, stating which category the picture is entered, also any information that is known. i.e. the name of the dog(s), names of any people who also appear and when and where it was taken. Also if you have any good doggie quotes, please send them to Brendan.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 8TH MAY 2009.

Alan Lucas, Secretary for Saluki Welfare has sent the following: “A reminder that the Saluki Welfare Fun Day is on Saturday 16th May at Falklands Farm, Wash Common, near Newbury, just off the A34 carriageway, starting about 11.00 am. There will be lure coursing, a ‘bring and share’ picnic, fun dog show, plus stalls and an auction. Soft drinks can be provided, but you will

need to bring a flask of tea/coffee. One of the show classes will be Fancy Dress, so be prepared! You may like to bring some shade or shelter, depending on the weather. For details of the 'bring and share' picnic, phone Nicola Quadling (020 8590 8457), lure coursing Alison Crane (01725 518790), other enquiries to Elaine Rushton (01442 211684) or Ann Blake (01727 826944). Everyone is most welcome to come along, so bring your chairs and make it a day out."

Last Saturday WELKS Championship was held with classes for Salukis but no Challenge Certificates. Our judge was Ms Toni King. BOB was Mrs M Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW with the Reserve Best Dog and Best Puppy awarded to Mr & Mrs K Scowen's Glenoak Jamaal. BB was Mrs Chrissy's Abu Baqr Gazal Galiya for Anasazi (imp) with the RBB is Ms M Smithson's Chisobee Serenarian. Bushrah was also placed 4th in the Hound Group. Well done all!!

If you win at one of the Championship Shows without CCs or place in the Group, we would appreciate letting us know as we do not always pick up these wins. This also applies to Open Shows.

Sunday, The Northern Saluki Club held their Championship Show. Judging was Mrs Jayne Pyatt, awarding CCs for the first time. Congratulations are due to the Officers and Committee of the NSC for the well run show. All Classes were well announced and seem to proceed without problems. In the interval there was Parade of Rescued Dogs proceeded by a Parade of Champions. Each participant, in the later, was given a special sash. A bring and share buffet was held at this time. Free coffee, tea and juice was available all day. With lots of Saluki trade stands, there was a little of everything for everyone.

BOB, BCC for her first CC went to Mrs HJ Cornock's Mumtaz Sea Breeze. She was born on the 27th August 2005 and her breeder is Mrs Z Rawson. Her sire is Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW and her dam Ch Mumtaz Desdemona. RBCC was Mrs M Parker's Ch Khalils Rama of Classicus (imp)ShCM. DCC for his 2nd CC was Mr AJ & Mrs VE's Daxlore Asiqa at Kainai with the RDCC to Ms SA Steer's Fernlark Midori. Best Puppy was

Dr JA & Mrs EJ Hudson's Glenoak Jazmyn, with Best Veteran to Mr & Mrs K M Allan & Mr & Mrs Mahon's Ch Jazirat Zakiyyah. Best Group was our own, Kasaque. Well done all!!

Helen Williams

SALUKI BREEN NOTES WEEKENDING 24TH APRIL 2009.

Alan Lucas, secretary for the Saluki Welfare has sent the following:

We are very sad to inform readers of the death of Jean Williams on Monday 13th April 2009 after a long battle with cancer. I understand she died at home, where she preferred to be, thanks to the Macmillan nurses. As of yet we have no details of the funeral arrangements.

“Saluki Welfare News : The AGM of the Saluki Welfare Fund was held on the 5th April 2009 at Weston-on-the-Green, Oxfordshire, to consider the year 2008. The Chairman thanked the many people who had raised funds or supported Welfare in any way and of course, the dedication and hard work of the Welfare Wardens.

The Officers report showed that 37 dogs had come in and 39 were placed. They were very concerned about the ethics of ‘fringe breeders’ and Internet puppy sellers, as to the health of their dogs’ and where they may eventually end up. The Treasurer reported that while finances were still good, expenses had exceeded income. The Chairman added that many rescue organisations were in deep trouble and it was difficult to anticipate what problems may have to be faced.”

The Hound Association of Scotland Championship Show was held last Saturday. The judge for Salukis was Dr John Hudson. BCC,BOB for her first CC was Mrs K Webb & Mrs D Copperthwaite’s Al Caliphs Nuray. She was born on the 26th April 2006 and her breeder is Mrs D Coppethwaite. Her sire is Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW and dam, Al Caliphs Zanubiya. RBCC was awarded to Mr & Mrs K Allan & Mr & Mrs P Mahon’s Ch Jazirat Zakiyyah. DCC for his first CC went to Mrs M Bryce-Smith’s Fargaze Persian Punch of Saruk. He was born on the 3rd January 2005 and his breeders is Mrs J Ziman. His sire is Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW and dam Fargaze Lapsana. RDCC went to Mrs M Bryce-Smiths’ Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk, JW. Best Puppy and Reserve Best Puppy in Show was Mrs S Cronin’s Sufeina Jebel Ali. Well done all.

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SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 10th APRIL 2009

Joan Davies has kindly sent the following: “It is with great sadness that we much report the death of Peter Naylor-Fibbens. A new member of the Saluki fraternity showing great dedication to our breed and having great fun showing his Lusaki Ya Yusef. Joan Davies has sent the following but we hope to have a full obituary later Peter was driving Heather and her puppy to show training last week. There had been torrential rain and going along one of their narrow lanes his car became stuck in some thick, deep mud. He telephoned the AA and was told that it would be at least an hour before they could

get to him. As they had not driven very far Peter walked Heather and Arnie home, returning to sit in his car to wait for the AA. When the AA arrived they thought he had gone to sleep. Sadly he had died. It was a shock to us all.“

I have heard that Brent Miller has passed away. His first love was the Afghans but was on our A1 list of judges and judged us at Windsor a number of years ago I think he did at one point own a Saluki.

In last week's paper I reported that there will not be tickets for the luncheon at the Northern Saluki Championship Show. Well, I was incorrect and there will be tickets given to people bringing culinary contributions. All other will have to pay for the luncheon. Also I have again included the Committee members for the SGHC; they are: Committee are Michael Williams (Chairman), Brendan Austin, Tony Quick, Tania Stevens, Daphne Tovey, Ian Veal, Jenny Ziman, Lindsay Harkett.

Earlier this year, in the dog press, there have been articles about the merle Chihuahua. While the colour may be attractive the gene carries problems and the Kennel Club and all other Kennel Clubs except the AKC, have banned registration of any Chihuahua with this colour patten. We in the Saluki world are being challenged by a similar situation with the breeding of "brindles". Fortunately the writers of our Saluki Standard were convinced that pure-bred Salukis did not have this colour pattern. Our standard states: "Any colour or combinations of colours are permissible, other than brindle." It is important that we all uphold this view by what ever means are necessary.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 27TH MARCH 2009.

In Bill Bunces' American Cocker Spaniel column, I have picked up some information regarding new requirements for Kennel Club registration. Bill states that the new regulation was effective from 1st March and it is relating to litter registrations. At present, applications to register a litter is not accepted where (a) the dam has already whelped six litters (b) the dam is 8 years old, or © the dam was under one year at the time of mating. There is now an additional prohibition and this is (d) where the offspring are the result of any mating between father and daughter, mother and son, or brother and sister, save in exceptional circumstances or for scientifically proven welfare reasons. He further states that information is available on the KC website.

Further updates on Brian Duggan's book "Saluki The Desert Hound and the English Travelers Who Brought it to the West". I have just checked the Amazon site and they now have the book on sale for about £36.00. Geoff Banyard purchased a copy at Christmas for Jan but has yet to receive it. They have contacted Amazon who have said its not yet available, so if anyone has actually had a copy through their door could they please let me know. Thanks.

Last Sunday, 15th March, the SGHC held their AGM. The meeting was opened with a minute of silence for Terry Thorn, Sylvia Harms-Cooke, and Tony Sissons all whom had died in 2008/2009. Vice President, Marie Bryce-Smith was in the chair. New President of the Club will be Mr Peter Yardley. Members gave thanks to the out going President Mr Philip Browning for all the hard work he has done, on behalf of the Committee, during a period that has been very difficult, for him personally. Members of the new Committee are Michael Williams (Chairman), Brendan Austin, Tony Quick, Tania Stevens, Daphne Tovey, Ian Veal, Jenny Ziman, Lindsay Harkett. Ballots for the Club show are: Limit 2010, Avril Lancashire, Open Show 2010, Frank Cain and Martin Green with Avril Lancashire as referee. On the second ballot for Championship Show 2011 (in alphabetical order) are Reina Clark, David Perkins, Paul Shimmin, Daphne Tovey and Jean Watts.

Daphne Tovey announced that the Health Committee had organized heart testing by Dr Serena Brownlie. It will take place at the Championship Show which will be held on 1st November at the KC's new facility, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. Each owner will be given a raffle ticket to have their stock tested. There will be a charge for this service but it will be subsidised by the Club.

Tessa Abbott voiced her concerns as a long member of the Saluki community that now that coursing has ceased and our borders are open, the Saluki we have known may be changing. We will be discussing more in future Breed Notes and I am sure in communications from the SGHC. One of the last items on the Agenda was Special Classes at the Championship Show. We wrote previously about our concerns on how they we conducted at the last Championship Show. For this year, the Club will be having Special Open Classes for Smooth and different colours. This will give the exhibitor the opportunity to enter their Saluki in a colour class and/or a regular class and if they are unbeaten compete for the CC. These special classes will not qualify Dogs for Crufts.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 20TH MARCH 2009.

SGHC held their Limited Show on Sunday, 1st March. The venue was easily found in the middle of a village. There were a few lovely stands selling interesting Saluki orientated items. Brendan Austin and his team were doing a brisk business selling cakes and other delectables in the kitchen. Our judge was Mr Tevor McCrory. Best in Show was Mr & Mrs N Stanmore's Altaya Summer Night, with the Reserve Best In Show to Mr & Mrs B. Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco, Best Puppy went to Dr & Mrs E Hudson's Glenoak Jazmyn with Best Veteran to Mr & Mrs J Fitzgerald's Al Caliph Ajmal.

Alan Lucas, Hon Sec of Welfare has sent the following:

“On behalf of Welfare, may I thank the Show Manager and Committee, plus of course all those who in any way, supported the Welfare Stall at the recent SGHC Limited Show at Steventon. It proved a very pleasant day surrounded by Salukis, what more could you ask for!!

The Welfare AGM takes place on Sunday 5th April at Weston-on-the-Green at 2.00pm and some other advance diary dates for you. This year's Fun Day will be held near Newbury on Saturday May 16th, there will be lure coursing courtesy of the BFSA, a fun dog show and of course a 'bring and share' picnic. Rosie and Chris Lewis have earmarked the Saluki Rally at Audlem, for the weekend of July 11/12th, which is a week later than normal. Further details will be available in 'Snippets', the Welfare magazine.

If you would like to receive 'Snippets' or need to renew a subscription, please contact Daphne Parnham on 01621 772092. The cost is £6.00 per year (£5.00 for Senior Citizens) for two issues a year.”

Well Crufts has come and gone. Its always an exciting day but a hard day for dogs and exhibitors probably ditto for the judge. This year it was very much an International affair. Our judge was Mrs ZenaThorn-Andrews. DCC, BOB for his 1st CC was Mrs S De Decker & Mr Van Thienende Decker's Gideon Djaal Lhilal JW from Belguim. He was born on 30th May 2007 and he was bred by Van Thienen De Decker. His sire is Int/Est/Fin/ Ch Amiyat Anakin and his dam Int Ch Caitlyn Djaal Lhilal. RDCC went to Mrs A Ham & Mr K Hadfield's Ch Baghdad Foreign Affair of Lokhander (imp). BCC for her 1st CC went to Mr PJ Ash's Barakisch Qashang Axtar (imp Swe). She was born 25th January 2005 and her breeder is Mrs E Andersson. Her sire is Int/Swe/Nor Ch Volantes Zirocco and dam, C'est Esmera Harmony of Barakisch. RBCC was awarded to the Van Thienen & De Decker partnership from Belguim's Caitlyn Djaal Lhilal. Best Puppy was Kasaque Neeka owned by CM & HV Williams, D Tovey & R Redfern's . She was born on 8th January 2008 (in the UK) and her breeders were Michael and Helen Williams. Her sire is Ch Kasaque Jimna ShCM and her dam Caspians L'Aliq avec Kasaque. Well done all!!

At Crufts we were given a handout about Brian Duggan's new book “Saluki, The Desert Hound and the English Travelers Who Brought It to the West”

This leaflet says the book may be ordered from McFarland & Company Inc., Publishers, Box 611, Jefferson, North Carolina 28640 for \$45.00. If you go on the Amazon site they are offering the book at £42.00. This does not make much sense to me as of writing these notes the US dollar and pound sterling are not of the same value. I have put this to Brian and he is going to see if he can send a quantity of books that can be distributed here. Hopefully they will be signed so we can all have our “first editions signed copies.” I will update these notes when I receive addition information.

I have a request for photos at Crufts. If anyone has any photos of Mr P. Ash's Barakisch Qashang Axtar (imp) winning the Bitch CC or with the judge after the BOB allocation, could they please let me know at kasaque@aol.com and I will forward it

on. The same goes for Best Puppy. Unfortunately our photos of Kasaque Neeka are not usable and would love a photo to remember the day. Thanks.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEK ENDING 13TH March 2009

Southern Counties Championship Show will be judged by Mrs G.M. Mitcham-Geringer. As this will be her first time judging Salukis in this Country, Angela Cavill, secretary of the society, has forwarded this brief C.V. : "I showed several dogs of Srinagar breeding. In my breed judging, I have been privileged to have had some of the world's finest Saluki's in my ring. I have judged in 24 countries, several of them multiple times and have had exceptional dogs in Sweden, Macau and the US. In my group judging, Salukis have frequently placed first or second. As not being a breeder judge, I have been honoured to have been on the ballots to judge several specialty shows only to lose out to a breeder judge, which is truly understandable. One of my other main breeds is whippets."

. [Saluki: The Desert Hound and the English Travelers Who Brought it to the West](#) by Brian Patrick Duggan is now available!! Brian said he has not actually had his own copy but has been told that it is on the bookshelves in some parts of the USA. It can be obtained here through Amazon.

Doreen's Blog: "We got back last night (Saturday) with everything as we left it. Louise wanted us to baby sit yesterday while she got a job finished otherwise we would have left in the morning. Non of the threatened fires happened in our area but we still have to be alert.

The ABC news this morning says it is going to be bad on Tuesday and advise we leave again tomorrow (Monday) and although we would not have gone until the evening we are needed at Pauls first thing in the morning to allow the stumpers into their house as they are both out so we will be off again at the crack of dawn.

The two dogs we have with us have been so good but a bit difficult with them each side of me on a blow up bed! I had to wait for Paul to get up one morning to release me from it, was funny really.

Hope this is all going to finish soon as I am exhausted.

You can keep up to date with the fires on this site. Fires closest to us is listed as Kilmore East-Murrindindi Complex South Fire.

http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/incidents/incident_updates.htm#1478303658959 "

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 6TH MARCH 2009.

These notes will come out just in time for Crufts so we wish everyone that will be attending a good day whether showing or observing. With the prediction of the anti-dog lobby attending in force we have to see what is in store for us. As time goes on it seems that the activities we will be allowed to participate in, by those in power, will be limited to one hobby and that is shopping. Imagine receiving a clandestine telephone call or visiting secret web sites to find out where we can secretly meet, to hold a dog show, without the authorities knowing that we are carrying on this forbidden pastime. Possibly in the future we can anticipate a total ban, similar to the way coursing has gone.

This all sounds rather extreme but unfortunately there are people who have such unbelievably strong anti- dog views that they make my comments seem almost rational.

We have received the latest copy of the KC "Breed Records Supplement" which is always very interesting reading. This particular record is for October to December 2008. There were four litters registered making 20 Saluki puppies. Total amount of puppies registered in 2008 was 131 puppies compared to 73 in 2007 and 104 in 2006. This quarter saw the Importation of four Salukis: Baghdad Bamjoeh Deva (imp Aust) owned by Mr S & Mrs A Ham, Baghdad Karim (imp Aust) owned by Mr S & Mrs A Ham, Mesdames M Elliot-Ross & P Brockman-Chato, Khalils Usaym (imp Swe) Owned by Miss A Barrett, and Ulmarra Salib (IKC) owned by Messrs WT Albert & MD Western. There were four Export Pedigrees, two to Saudi Arabia, one to Germany and one to USA.

The critique for 2006 Southern Counties Saluki judging is now on Higham Press web site. For quick access please go to <http://www.dog.biz/cgi-bin/JudgingCritiques.cgi?strFunction=Display&ID=522>.

We have received comments regarding Doreen's diary on the bush fires in Australia. We are continuing with her latest letters:

24th Feb 2009

It's now Tuesday evening and Warburton remained safe and we are back home for a few days. Not sure if it was the fire break holding or the weather conditions not being what was expected. Several new fires broke out in other areas, no fatalities or homes lost but sadly many sheds and live stock gone. These fires have all been contained. Several fire fighters where injured and one of their takers destroyed. Sadly today it was the funeral of a fire fighter who lost his life last week. What great people they are, risking their lives for us.

Paul is taking a day off work tomorrow to fit up a sprinkler system under our veranda as Friday is going to be a much higher risk day than Monday was. We had not thought of this sprinkler system until Sunday and too late to organise properly. Paul had wanted to come here on the Sunday to fight the expected fires but as we had already decided to

move out we loaned our petrol pump to a friend who was staying. They had a safe place to go if things got out of control and although Paul was very upset with us for giving the pump away (he had worked hard to set it up for us) we did not want him here on his own.

Hoping Friday will be the last of it, looking forward to March when the weather should start to cool down, hoping for some much needed rain.

Before next summer we hope to have a better system in place, seems with the climate change this could happen more often than it has in the past

22nd Feb 2009

Liz arranged with us last week that if we went to our Saluki Club Open Show which was yesterday, she would bring four of the dogs to visit with us. It was our intention that we would bring them back home because we did not want them to be stressed. It was great to see them but apart from a few wags of the tail and a slight put from Ester to get to me, I don't think they were that bothered to see us! They were looking in excellent condition and obviously bonded to Liz very well. Sadly for us, we had to let them return with Liz & Julian as Friday night we were issued with the warning that the towns of Healesville & Warburton are on High alert for tomorrow & again on Friday with temperatures of 34 & 36 with a North wind which is very bad news.

There have been 400 fire fighters, 52 bulldozers and 10 helicopters working on the two areas north of us They have been putting a fire break across the southern area which blocks the fires off from us. When this is secure they want the two fires to join up as there is just too much area to control. This is all mountain forest, no properties and a few days ago the American special fire crew was dropped into the mountains by helicopter. These areas are inaccessible which has caused much havoc.

We are getting ready to move down to Paul's tonight and probably not allowed back for a while but I will be able to keep in touch via web mail.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 20TH FEBRUARY 2009.

In last week's Breed Notes we published the criteria for the New Breeder's Competition. Debbie Copperthwaite has kindly contacted us to say that is not entirely correct. Debbie has quoted from the new update on the website <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/1983> . She has pointed out the second paragraph from the KC site, which appears to be in a question and answer format, which is of interest and may cause some thought before entering the competition.

“Q. There must be four dogs in each breeder's group. Must there be four handlers?”

No - with some breeds fewer handlers may be possible. The important thing is that the judge can see the dogs properly and that the safety of dogs and people be maintained. So for big breeds it is likely that four handlers will be necessary but for smaller breeds three, two or even one handler may be acceptable. If, in the opinion of the Show Management, there are insufficient handlers to show a particular team safely, further handlers may be insisted upon or a team may be excluded from competition

The breeder will need to be careful as to whom he/she asks to handle the dogs. Any one selected should be asked whether they are to judge within the next 12 months, as the dog they are to handle cannot be exhibited under them within the previous 12 months to the judging appointment. F(1)30a(11).”

For the next couple of years, until all the wrinkles are ironed out, the Breeder's competition will be keeping the show secretaries on their toes.

A delighted Clair Chryssolor has informed me that her dog, Tadj Mahal Emrani Izan (imp) has qualified for his Show Certificate of Merit.

With the fires ranging in Australia our hearts have gone out to Doreen and Eric Stansfield who are living their worst nightmare: We have contacted them and Doreen sent the following:

Sunday 8th February:

“To put you in the picture as to our situation. Most of Victoria is in serious trouble, the worse fire situation in history and we are surrounded by fire. It is very difficult to decide which is the best thing to do for the safety of us and our hounds.

A friend who boards dogs in another fire prone area phone this morning to see how we were, she told me someone from yet another area north of us had taken her baby to her mothers before taking her dogs to my friend, while this was happening her home burnt down. They had two horses back at their property and were not allowed to get back to see how they were. Sadly there are many animals dying, I dread to think of the devastation. On the TV news one lady said they had 100 dogs at their property which they had to leave behind, not sure if they were a public kennel or what! You might think me mad but I could not leave my animals! Yesterday was the hottest day ever, 46 plus in the suburbs but it is said in our area it neared 50, it was terrible. The skies darkened mid afternoon from the surrounding fires which are probably about an hour North, East & South of us and embers started to fall on us about 4.30 pm but they were not hot. There have been 210 thousand hectares burnt in the Northern districts. Two towns areas where I had looked at buying before deciding on this place, have been destroyed but no fatalities. As I write there are 35 known deaths, many of these have been people fleeing the fires and burnt in cars. 100's of homes are lost and 80 or so roads closed

Monday 9th February .

Thankfully it has cooled down considerably today, we just need some rain. There is a fire approx. 2 ks down the road close to the H'wy west of us, this would be our only road out. We are being advised to stay put as visibility on the roads are bad but to watch for embers which start small fires. At the moment we feel this is why we have to stay as we can fight these type of fires.

The area we live is in a valley with the foothills of the Great Dividing Range North & South of us. It is the North side that we would have to worry about as there are thousand of hectares of National Forest and as long as these don't catch, we should be safe. There are community refuges centres but most can not take animals. There is one of these that take animals 30 ks away but this is open ground so not a place one can spend many hours with nine dogs. Once you leave you have to be prepared not be able to return to home.

Our son Paul was here today and has our roof downpipes blocked with our gutters filled with water, it is embers getting under the eaves that cause most of the home losses. We have the radio on which gives us a continuous update of the problem areas so if there is a major threat then I am not sure where we would go. Many fires are caused from fire bugs (arsonists), I know what I would do to these people, sadly there is not enough deterrents and very difficult to prove who starts them.

At this moment we are getting a shower so Ann you must be dancing!!!!!!!!!!!! (she is referring to Ann Blake who promised to do a rain dance)

The current news is on now and it is heart breaking. One farmer was seen destroying his horses and cattle because he could not save them. Seems the death toll is at 65 known with an estimated total of over 100 with 700 homes gone. Burnt out cars on the roads, a very sad time. Many of the houses burnt because the owners left them and many of those who died burnt in their cars when they were fleeing! A couple of people have been charged with lighting one of the fires. Latest report says one fire South of us is travelling North so we are keeping our fingers crossed.

Wednesday 9th February

Last night some very kind Saluki people, Liz & Julian Guthrie (Elarabie) who live on the West side of Melbourne drove a 280 kilometre round trip to take four of our Salukis so we are in a better position especially if we have to leave home. They have taken Ester who is the one in season, Miriam, Noah & Jacob so this makes life easier with only 5 left to manage. Liz & Julian had gone through fires in 1983 and lost their kennels including two of their Salukis so they were very particularly worried for us.

Liz wanted to come back and help us but felt they have done enough. Tonight they are talking about the two fire to the north & south of us joining up but they think we have a few days grace depending on the weather. We have all our papers together and

hopefully we will be OK tonight and we will try and get a few things together tomorrow. We will take it to Paul & Louise in Borina and move out of here as soon as things look grim. If you can't get hold of us or don't here from us, don't worry as I will take my computer with us, so much info on it!"

(In my last email from Australia, Liz Guthrie had returned to Doreen and Eric's house and taken 3 more dogs. That left them with two dogs so if they had to leave, in short notice they could. Doreen was suppose to be packing up her treasures so if they need to evacuate quickly they would be prepared.....there was hope that the fires were now becoming under control)

Liz came and took three more of our dogs yesterday leaving us with just the two that need special care so we feel in a better place.

After much concern from various people we decided to move some of our treasures. Stan Green (Akhdar Salukis) came and took as many of our paintings that we could get sorted in the time of notification of collecting and has offered to come back, the walls look very bare and the house very quiet. Several people have offered us accommodation, the Saluki people here have been great.

We attended a community meeting late night, people were frantic disrupting the meeting as they just did not seem to understand that they have to look after themselves and decide whether to either leave or fight. They wanted to be told where there would be a refuge but as the fire is spread over such a large area, it is the weather that determines where the safe places are and this can not be pre-determined.

Anyhow the CFA have heavy shifting machinery and were putting in a fire break along the area that is a concerned from the Bunyip fires and today will be doing the same on the Healesville side to stop theses fires meeting which has been putting us in immediate danger.

The Fire fighters from New Zealand, Canada & America have not arrived yet but hopefully will be over the next week. The weather is on our side at the moment but we have been warned that these fires will be going on for weeks. Sadly now, apart from the arsonists and now looters I have to say the majority of people have been great with huge amounts of money flowing in from everywhere, the red cross has received \$77.000.000 so far.

Good news for us, the ladies I have been trying to contact had their landline transferred to their mobile and I spoke to them this morning. They had to leave their home on Saturday and are in Healesville now which already has a problem but they got out of that really bad one.

Many of you have said, why do people live in areas where there are so many explosive trees. I can tell you that when I bought this property there was cattle grassing and we only had two trees on the land. When the house was starting to be built the cattle was

removed and when we got here nine months later the land was covered in Tee Tree & Eucalyptus between 4/6 foot high. Some said to us to hurry up and clear it as if it got to a certain height we would not be allowed to remove it. We got someone in to bulldoze it down and I bought a ride on mower and have maintained it ever since. Councils have been lobbied to allow people to cut down trees but have been refused.

A chap has phoned the local radio to say he was fined \$100.000 because he broke the law and cut his trees down to secure his property from fire which has just saved him & his families lives. People are very angry with the local shires, things have got to change to control the fuel levels. The Aborigines had it right and the people passing these stupid laws have to back off, country people are the best ones to know what to do.

Well I think this has brought everyone up to date so we will carry on with the packing!

We can only hope and pray for Doreen, Eric and their canine family. Hopefully by next week we will have better news.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 14TH FEB 2009

Alan Lucas, Secretary of the Welfare Fund, has sent the following: "The Annual General Meeting of the Saluki Welfare Fund will be held at Weston-on-the-Green Village Memorial Hall, Nr. Bicester, Oxfordshire, on Sunday 5th April 2009 at 2.00 pm. The village is situated just north of Oxford and sign posted from both directions of the A34 dual carriageway. The meeting will receive reports from the Chairman, Treasurer, Welfare Officers and consider the accounts. All current Officers and Committee Members are automatically due to retire, but are willing to stand for re-election. Items for the agenda, plus any nominations for Committee should be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting, at the following address :- 'Fircroft', 7 Ashley Drive South, Ashley Heath, Ringwood, Hants, BH24 2JT, . Any nomination must be proposed, seconded and signed with agreement from the nominee to stand. Saluki Club members and rescue owners will be most welcome "

Most members of SGHC will have received a posting including the Yearbook, information on the AGM and its agenda. There will also be voting slips for the election of President and a reminder to those who have not paid their annual subs. If you do not receive the pack please contact Trevor Prior, Hon. Sec.. on telephone no 01304 823546 or email: thaidogmurillo@yahoo.co.uk, to see where it may of gone astray.

Ann Birrell has let me know that she still has copies of the various 'Books of Saluki Champions'. The first book is virtually unobtainable unless you can find it second hand. The rest of the books are priced at £10.00 except for the latest which is £15.00. For anyone wishing to purchase a set they will get the Blue Book (1981-1985) free

otherwise Ann is selling it for £3.00 or £4.00. Unfortunately, because of an undiagnosed knee injury, Ann will be unable to attend Crufts. Her email address is annbirrell@hotmail.co.uk

Helen Williams

Kasaque@aol.com

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 6TH FEBRUARY 2009

SGHC Limited show will be held on Sunday March 1st at Steventon Village Hall. Entries are as below. Daphne Tovey will bring DNA kits from The Animal Health Trust. As previously mentioned in the Newsletter, The Animal Health Trust has agreed to maintain a Saluki DNA Database which will enable them to undertake research into problems we may encounter in the future. It is important that we build up a strong Database including all our Salukis. A swab kit can be obtained at the Limit Show for £5.00 but to make sure you can obtain one we suggest you contact Daphne on 01245 472692 or email tovey@peewits.fsnet.co.uk Daphne Tovey PRO for the SGHC has sent the following: "The entries for the SGHC Limited Show are as follows:- 41 dogs making 47 entries plus 20 NFC which is quite a good entry. We look forward to seeing you there."

Brendan Austin has sent the following regarding the new Breeders Competition that started at Manchester. "At Manchester this year the Kennel Club launched the new Breeders' Competition. There are full details on <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/1961> To précis an enormous amount of procedures; the competition is open to UK breeders at ALL Championship Shows, including shows without cc's. Judging will take place immediately after Best of Breed and Best Puppy have been declared. There is no fee and you enter on the day with the Ring Steward.

The criteria is that all dogs to be bred by the same breeder or breeder partnership. No combinations of different breeders are permitted. You must also have 4 dogs in a team, and all bred by the same person(s), at any one show. You can change the teams from one show to another providing they are bred as above. Naturally, 4 dogs need 4 handlers and you must have consent from the owner to have the dog as part of your team.

You are awarded points; 1 for Best Breeder in Breed; 4 for Best Breeder in Group; 3 for 2nd place in Group; 2 for 3rd place in Group; and 1 point for 4th place in Group. Once you have reached 20 points then you are exempt from further competitions and go through to the final at Crufts 2010. There may be a need for semi finals.

To take part you need a Record Book (£1.50) from the KC, 0870 606 6750 ext 278, or online from the KC Shop. There is a limited supply from the Secretaries at General and Group Championship Shows. The SGHC will hold its Breeders Competition at this years Championship Show in accordance with the guidelines set out by the KC. "

Helen Williams

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Best of Breed & Dog CC: Mrs M Bryce-Smith Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW

Res Dog CC: Dr J Hudson Mrs E Hudson Glenoak Inqi JW

Bitch CC: Mrs A Faber Ch Sufeina Pastel JW

Res Bitch CC: Miss S Harms-Cooke Ch Mumtaz Greta Garbo of Timellie

Best Puppy: Miss S Harms-Cooke Mumtaz Khamsin of Timellie

Minor Puppy Dog (3 entries) Abs 0

1st Mr S J & Mrs J M Macro's Nefisa Jeevun: Smart puppy with good topline everything is in place but needs time to grow into his body.

2nd Mr K Ham, Mrs A Hadfield's Bamjoeh Al Fea; Cream dog with good reach of neck, correctly angulated, elegant head

3rd Miss B Biggs, Miss N Quadling's Kasra Tareef with MalenkhaiPuppy Dog (6 entries)
Abs 1

1st Miss S Harms-Cooke's Mumtaz Khamsin of Timellie: Strongly built red dog everything flows correctly from neck to tail, moved effortlessly

2nd Mr B & Mrs A Buckley's Mumtaz Sirocco: Cream puppy less mature than one, but we all grow at different rates don't we.

3rd Mr P Naylor – Fibbens' Lusaki Ya YusefJunior Dog (2 entries) Abs 0

1st Mr B & Mrs A Buckley Mumtaz Sirocco

2nd Mr P Naylor – Fibbens Lusaki Ya YusefYearling Dog (1 entries) Abs 0

1st Ms S A Steer's Fernlark Midori: Red & white parti, good reach of neck, topline and angulation.

Graduate Dog (3 entries) Abs 1

1st Ms S A Steer Fernlark Midori

2nd Mr P R & Mrs E A Kelly's Indira Bahraini Bey Del Sharjar: Cream dog feeling the heat so did not do himself justice Post Graduate Dog (5 entries) Abs 2

1st Ms S A Steer's Daxlore Bishir of Fernlark: Mature looking dog angulation at rear really good.

2nd Mrs C Cargill's Hadiyyah Najeeb: Red and white parti, classic head well filled in chest

3rd Mrs C Jeffery's Bamjoeh Baleno von Khrisjan Limit Dog (8 entries) Abs 0

1st Mrs V & Mr T Prior's Cranstal Quema: This is a mature looking red; everything about him was correct neck flowing into topline and good angulation, moved with great freedom

2nd Ms S A Steer's Daxlore Amir of Fernlark: Cream dog rather flat topline but good front

3rd Mr N F & Mrs D F Tovey Caspians Lancelot of Tirzah Open Dog (6 entries) Abs 0

1st Mrs M Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW: This is a handsome dog good depth of brisket classic head and moved with great enthusiasm

2nd Dr J Hudson Mrs E Hudson's Glenoak Inqi JW: Such a handsome boy everything where it should be, moved with freedom. If there had been a prize for temperament this dog would have won he never flinched when a loose Basset appeared in the ring.

3rd Mr & Mrs Tovey & Mr & Mrs Williams' Kasaque Jimna Sh. CM Veteran Dog/Bitch (5 entries) Abs 1

1st 4 Mrs K Webb's Manzemar Mahdi: Still a fit dog long neck flowing into good topline, good tailset, moved strongly.

2nd Mr S J & Mrs J M Macro's Ch Nefisa Samr: Very hard to choose between one & two – one won out on movement.

3rd Mrs D F Tovey's Kasaque Imran

Minor Puppy Bitch (7 entries) Abs 0

1st Mr M J & Mrs S M Oakley's Bedu Amelie Caspians: Pretty puppy good neck brisket and angulation but has a bit of maturing to do

2nd Mr D R & Mrs P Everton's Kasra Tabina: Such a pretty red in lovely condition good neck and depth of brisket moved well covering the ground

3rd Dr J Hudson Mrs E Hudson's Kasra Tahira Glenoak

Puppy Bitch (5 entries) Abs 0

1st Mr A Rawson's Mumtaz Monsoon: Beautiful puppy good front not always a plus with many Salukis moved well

2nd Mr M J & Mrs S M Oakley's Bedu Amelie Caspians

3rd Dr J Hudson Mrs E Hudson's Kasra Tahira Glenoak

Junior Bitch (2 entries) Abs 0

1st Mrs M E Parker's Khalils Phaedra of Classicus (imp Swe): What a stunning bitch everything in the right place from the tip of her nose to the end of her tail, moved effortlessly and I am sure will go places.

2nd Mr A Rawson's Mumtaz Monsoon

Yearling Bitch (2 entries) Abs 0

1st Mr A E & Mrs E A Quick's Daxlore Calisha at Jorjenjo: Red and white parti – classic head good reach of neck, has to mature

2nd Ms S A Steer's Fernlark Cointreau Graduate Bitch (4 entries) Abs 1

1st Mr C M & Mrs H V Williams' Caspians L'aliq avec Kasaque: Smooths should look like feathered with the hair but sadly they do not always do, but this pretty girl did, lovely topline & front

2nd Ms S A Steer's Fernlark Cointreau

3rd Mrs J Banyard's Kasaque Laila

Post Graduate Bitch (7 entries) Abs 1

1st Mr N & Mrs E S Stanmore's Cottonore Savannah at Altaya: Well feathered cream, good neck, depth of brisket and moved well.

2nd Mr C M & Mrs H V Williams's Kasaque Luzhana JW: Slighter built than one which made her look less mature. Moved well and I am sure will mature into a good bitch.

3^{rs} Miss S Harms-Cooke's Sufeina Parador of Timellie Limit Bitch (9 entries) Abs 1

1st Mrs F J Minns' Sufeina Phantom JW: This is the sort of Saluki bitch I admire, everything where it should be, looking like a good huntress and mother, moved strongly.

2nd Mr D R & Mrs P Everton's Kasra Nadirah: Another classic bitch, these are the type we should be breeding hard to choose between one and two, one won out on movement

3rd Mrs E A Macdonald Mabrooka Janina Open Bitch (8 entries) Abs 1

1st Mrs A Faber's Ch Sufeina Pastel JW: Bitch I have admired for a long time, lovely topline & depth of brisket. moved well.

2nd Miss S Harms-Cooke's Ch Mumtaz Greta Garbo of Timellie: Red and white parti colour, not as flowing in movement as one

3rd Mr C M & Mrs H V Williams' Kasaque Jarvah

I felt very lucky to go over a lot of Salukis who fit the standard and although we do have problems with breeding what I consider dogs who do not look like the early Salukis, things are not as dire as some would have us believe. Study the Book of Champions.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 23RD JANUARY 2009

Mrs Daphne Tovey, PRO of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club has sent the following: "The closing date for entries to the SGHC Ltd Show is Tuesday Jan 20th. Steventon Village Hall, OX13 6AA. It is easily reached from the M4 or M40 via the A34. Last year we found the venue very pleasant with good parking, so we hope we shall have a good entry. Your young puppies 4-6 months can be entered 'Not For Competition', so it is a good chance to socialize them, and an opportunity for your other salukis to get some practice in before Crufts.

Brendon is kindly doing the catering again. There will be bacon rolls and tea or coffee, and he is asking for donations of home made cakes to help the day along. Please support the Welfare Stall – Daphne and Tony will be pleased to receive items for the stall and the tombola and Raffle Prizes will also be welcomed.

We are very grateful to Brendan Austin for offering to become the next Show Manager. He will take over from Diana Allan for the Open Show.

There is another good piece of news. Anne Shimmin has become our new newsletter editor and she would be pleased to receive articles you would like included in the next edition, due out in the Spring.

At the South West Hound Club Show on the 13th April the judge for salukis is Mrs Sue Finnett and the SGHC are sponsoring rosettes. We hope she will get a good entry."

Helen Williams

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 16TH JANUARY 2009

On Monday 29th December we attended the service and cremation for Sylvia Harms-Cooke. It was a very cold and damp day, as seems to be usual for funerals but the chapel was full of family friends and colleagues. When leaving the chapel there was a collection plate with contributions to be sent to Saluki Welfare. For anyone wanting to send further donations, they can be sent to Daphne Parnham, South Green, Maldon Road, Steeple, Essex CM0 7RT. We have been asked to include an address for cards to be sent, which is Mrs A Faber, Monks Meadow, Ireley, Winchcombe, Glos GL54 5PA.

On behalf of Buzz, her sisters and the entire family we would like to thank everyone for the kind cards and messages sent to them. They have been very much appreciated at this difficult time.

LKA seems such a long time ago, now but hopefully not too long ago for the results. The judge was Mrs Pauline Kendall and they are as follows: DCC, BOB Mesdames F. Zampini, H. Graham, S. Streer's Daxlore Amir of Fernlark. RDCC Mrs Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni, JW. BCC, Mrs Mary Parker's Khalils Rana Of Classicus (Imp) Sh.CM with the RBCC to Mr Don & Mrs Pauline Everton's Kasra Tabina. Best Puppy was Heather Naylor-Fibbens' Lusaki Zai Za'Faraan. Well done all!!

A reminder for the SGHC Limited Show. It will be held on Sunday 1st March 2009 at Steventon Village Hall, The Green Abington, Oxon OX13 6AA. Entries close on Tuesday 20th January (first class post). The judge is Mr T McCrory. For further information please contact the Show Manager Mrs Diana Allan on Tel 01234 708658. Catering will be provided by Brenden Austin.

Helen Williams

We are very sad to inform you that Tony Sissons has lost his battle with cancer. He was suppose to have judged at the Northern Saluki Club's Championship Show last April but had to withdraw because of poor health. He exhibited mainly in the 70's and made up one champion, Ch Tahawi Tamasar; though he was probably better know on the coursing field. Thankfully he died with his family at his side. Unfortunately by the times these go to press it will be too late for his funeral details but as soon as we hear we will let you know where donations in his name can be sent. .

Daphne Tovey, PRO, SGHC has sent a reminder for the SGHC Teaching Seminar to be held on 16th November this year at Bradfield Village Hall, Bradfield Southend, Reading RG7 6EY. Entitled 'Fit for Function'.it should be a very interesting day. Entry forms and further details from Mary Bryce Smith. tel: 01342 327573.

She has also states that if you would like to include your personal Christmas Greetings in our next newsletter, coming out at the beginning of December - this service is free - please contact our guest editor for this issue, Tony Quick on 01702 306460 or tonyquick306@hotmail.com .

Jenny Macro has contacted us to let us know that she attended the Liskeard DCA Open Show at the County Showground in Cornwall. They had one class for Salukis so Jenny decided to give Shaam (Jeevun) some practice. There were 959 dogs entered in the entire show. Shaam won BOB, under judge Clari Cross (Gilari Afghans) than Group 1 and BIS under Mr K Savage (Kington). Well done to Shaam and Jenny. Jenny says she and the Nefisas hope to get to a few shows next year.

Khalils Rana of Classicus (imp) owned by Mary Parker has now qualified for her Show Certificate of Merit in only four shows. Well done to Shaam and Rana.

SALUKI BREED NOTES 17TH OCTOBER 2008

The Saluki 2009 calendar will be on sale at the Club Champ. Show priced at £6.00. If you feel that you could take 5 or more copies, to sell amongst your friends, then I am happy to do this on a sale or return basis, if collected at show only. After the show you may order copies by telephoning Brendan on 01932 788040 (please leave a message), priced £7.25 inc p + p or you can email at brendanautin@aol.com

Vikki-ann Tompkins has sent the following "James Alexander Tompkins was born on Friday 19th September weighing 6.9. He is a very good baby and consuming so much people will be thinking we are fattening him up for Christmas! Also..... I was at Lochaber open show on Sunday and Lia (Tasia Emilia at Sivendra) won Best of Breed and the Hound Group under judge David Patterson (Gwaihir Whippets and Huskies) We took James in later once it had quietened down, so he was at his first show aged 16 days!!"

Daphne Tovey, PRO for the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club has sent the following: "Discover Dogs organised by The Kennel Club at Earls Court 2 will soon be with us on the 8th and 9th November. Nicola Quadling has kindly agreed to organise our stall and she is asking for help, especially for Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and midday. Please ring Nicola on 02085 908457 if you can help. It is a very interesting day and good fun."

Last Saturday we went to the Royal Academy of Arts to view an Exhibition of Miro, Calder, Giacometti and Braque. The four artist were grouped together because they all were friends of Aime Maeght whom owned a gallery in Paris at the end of the Second World War. We were delighted to find included in the collection of the Maeghts was Giacometti's Le Chien. Giacometti said of the sculpture that it reminded him of himself;

a solitary figure wandering the streets of Paris at night. It is very beautiful and well worth a visit. The exhibition is on until 2nd January 20

"SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKEING 10TH OCTOBER 2008

Mary Parker has rung to say her Rana, (Khalils Rana of Classicus (imp Swe))Has reached the dizzy heights by going Best in Show at the Coulsdon OpenShow. There were no Saluki Classes so Rana won AVNSC and Hound Group under judge Mrs A Birrell and Best In Show under Mr A Allcock MBE.

In reference to a letter we included a couple of weeks ago, we have received the following from David Graham:

"As the judge at Bournemouth, I feel that I must respond to Debbie Copperthwaite's comments concerning my judging (Breed notes 26th September). I thought long and hard about my critique and especially my comments on unsporting behaviour. Of course, these comments were not directed to ALL Bournemouth Saluki exhibitors. They were directed to one particular exhibitor and I felt so strongly about it that it needed to be said. The entry might have been ' the lowest for several years' but I was told by the Secretary of Bournemouth that I had a good entry of Salukis and that the Society was pleased, given the present economic climate.

Prior to Bournemouth, I judged Salukis at Blackpool (June '04) and Windsor (July '06) and while I am aware that one's judgements in the ring on one occasion can effect subsequent entries both postively and negatively, I fail to understand the relevance of her comment about 'this slow maturing breed' unless this was a veiled reference to my giving the CC to a dog under 18 months of age.

As a judge, one can only judge the dogs entered and how they perform on the day and hope to explain in one's critique the reasons for one's placing. "

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 3RD OCTOBER

The South Eastern Hound are holding a seminar on Saturday 11th October at The Jurgens Centre in Egham Surrey. There are spaces for KC Hands on Assesment between 10am and 12 noon There is a lunch if anybody should want to buy one. Liz Dunhill in the afternoon How to Get the Best out of your Dog anybody with problem please speak to Sue Piggott who is organising the Seminar. Tel 01892662842 or email susiep@deerhound.fsworld.co.uk

Last Sunday Driffield Championship Dog Show was held at Wetherby Racecourse and they were blessed with good weather. We understand that the whole show was very well laid out. Our judge was Mrs Avril Davies but unfortunately she was unable to fulfil her assignment so instead John Walton Haddon officiated. BOB, BCC and Hound

Group 1 was John and Lisa Hudson's Kasra Tahira Glenoak JW with the RBCC to Caryna Calisto owned by Denise Garratt & Sue Oakey. DCC for his first CC went to Karen Smith's Caryna Zenith. He was born on the 23rd October 2002 and his breeder is Mrs D Garratt. His sire is Ch Mabrooka Jayid and dam Ch Caryna Hera. RDCC went to Sheryl Steer's Fernlark Alsace. Best Puppy was Sheryl Steer's Kirman Bashaar at Ferlark (imp). Well done all!!

Some updates on the SGHC Championship Show which will be held on Saturday the 18th October Royal Canin has kindly offered to be our sponsor. The entries are 66 dogs and 77 bitches. We will be putting in further information closer to the date of the show.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 26TH SEPTEMBER 2008

We are asking all Saluki people to be extra vigilant at this time as there seems to be a lot of activity regarding stolen and missing hounds. In spite of the ban on coursing, and it is now illegal to course hounds, there is a element of society that seems to be restocking their hounds for the upcoming coursing season. We suggest that you do not leave your dogs unattended in cars and keep a keen eye on them when exercising them.

Chris Ormsby has just had key-hole surgery on her knee which has been quite painful for the last few months. With it over she is looking forward to walking her Whippet and hopefully attend the SGHC Championship Show in October.

Daphne Tovey, PRO for SGHC has sent the following: "The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club will be holding a seminar on Sunday 16th November at Bradfield Village Hall, Southend, Reading. RG7 6EY.

Entitled 'Fit for Function' the day will include a talk on the Breed Standard, a panel of speakers, lunch and plenty of 'hands on' experience. For further details and to book a place, please ring Marie Bryce Smith on 01342 327573."

Alan Lucas, Secretary of Welfare has sent the following: "On Saturday 13th September, The Late Summer Walk took place at Wilverley Plain in the New Forest. Some 19 dogs brought 24 owners along on a warm and sunny day, which after the relentless weeks of rain, was very much a bonus. Thanks to all the hard work of Alison Crane and Barbara Lucas, we enjoyed a picnic, a quiz, a walk with clues (rather like a treasure hunt), some fun games, plus a silent auction. The day was primarily intended as an informal and relaxing get together, but with the auction and donations, £200 was raised for Welfare, which will be very much appreciated.

When most of us say 'walkies', we probably don't mean to go out for over 26 miles, but once again Christina Campling has volunteered to undertake The Beachy Head Marathon in aid of Saluki Welfare. This will be on Saturday 25th October, over what can only be described as challenging terrain.

Christina is determined to complete the course for the third year in a row and we obviously wish her well on the day. If you would like to sponsor her courage and effort, any contributions to the Saluki Welfare Fund can be made to Daphne Parnham, South Green, Maldon Road, Steeple, Essex, CM0 7RT."

As we did not attend either Bournemouth or Darlington Championship Shows Debbie Copperthwaite has kindly sent us the following: "Two shows that never will be forgotten for their mud are Windsor 2007 and Darlington 2008. At Darlington there was a queuing for over half an hour to access the showground, followed by a long walk in to negotiate the ruts left by the tractors to reach the benching tent only to find liquid mud. Luckily the weather stayed dry as in the event it had rained the covered wet weather area was unusable. So exhibitors camped out around the ring in the field. Although having uncut grass and being on a fairly steep slope at least it was not one of those with a bog in the middle! No doubt our judge, Mrs Gina Simpson, saw quite a variety of Saluki movement as the hounds picked their way through the ring surface.

The experience at Darlington threw into disbelief that the judge and some Saluki exhibitors at Bournemouth Championship show saw fit to complain through Our Dogs Breed notes because their expectations of conditions provided in the wet weather accommodation were not met. As an exhibitor I can only say my £23 entry fee charged for both shows was far better spent at Bournemouth. Having spoken to Bournemouth Committee members to assure them not all Saluki exhibitors agreed with the views printed I learned that several satisfied Saluki exhibitors had also taken the trouble to contact them. I understand the £23 entry fee does not even cover the cost per dog exhibited and this is subsidised by other income.

In my personal opinion it is unfortunate and unjustified that Bournemouth Saluki exhibitors have received such damning, ongoing criticism since the show and some of them are expected to take on board blame for the findings of the judge. The Saluki entry this year was the lowest for several years and this possibly was contributed to by the judge accepting to award CCs in this slow maturing breed three times since June 2004."

Results from a very muddy Darlington Championship Show where Mrs Gina Simpson was judging was BOB, DCC was Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW with the RDCC to Clair Chryssolor's Tadj Mahal Emrani Ezan (imp). BCC went to Kelly Lauchlan and Sylvia Pass' Ch Devineerace Anya with the RBCC to Ian and Denise Rogers Ch Labakan Chantilly. Best Puppy was Sheryl Steer's Kirman Bashaar at Fernlark (imp) Best veteran,

Best Veteran Hound and Rest Best in Show Vetern was Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW. Well done all!

Clair Chryssolor has written to say that recently she attended the Westbury Open Show entering Tadj Mahal Emrani Ezan in AVNSC Hound which he won The judge was Sue Rabey Wilkinson. Later he went on to win Hound Group 1. Clair said she has just returned from the States where she was judging at the Huran Valley Show in Chelsea

Michigan. She was pleased that she had an excellent entry of 124. After the Show she flew up to Canada to visit with a Saluki friend. While there she received a message that the airline Zoom had gone bust so she had to find a alternative flight home.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 19TH SEPTEMBER 2008

The Saluki of Gazelle Hound Club is holding their Championship Show on Saturday 18th October at The Sports Connexion, Ryton-On-Dunsmore, Coventry. Judging dogs is Mr I Veal and bitches, Mrs J Jaques with the referee, Mrs E Shard. Entries can still be made by entering online at www.fossedate.co.uk The Club will be having their usual raffle so please have a lookout for suitable items.

Jan Banyard has sent us the following regarding the September issue of Dogs Monthly. As a feature there is an interesting article entitled "Grace and Favoured" about Salukis and their origins. The writer of the article is, John Bezzant, a working hound/terrier man. He presents an interesting and slightly different slant on the Saluki history. He relates his theory as to why our hounds have such a "superior" attitude!

Tuesday 23rd September, Bonhams at their New Bond Street auction house will be having a sale of British Ceramic Design from 1860 including Doulton And Clarice Cliff, including the Edelberg Collection. Lot No 150 is entitled Doulton Prototype. A prototype dog study circa 2000. Estimated to be sold for £800-1000. It is a running Saluki on a green pedestal.

Mud, mud, not so glorious mud was the Richmond Championship Show, last Friday. And we think we had the best day of the weekend. We are not sure what our judge thought of all the water but it is England after all. Judging us was Mr Espen Engh of Norway. BCC, BOB was Mrs Phyllida Cooke's Kasaque Lydia. She was born on the 1st March 2004 and her breeders are Helen & Michael Williams. Her sire is Fin/Nor/Ch El Hamrah Mehrab-Khalifa (imp) and her dam Kasaque Jarvah, with the RBCC to Mrs Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliph Shushma DCC went to Mrs Deborah Coppethwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW. RDCC went to Mr K Hadfield and Mrs A Ham's Ch Baghdad Foreign Affair of Lokhandar. Best Puppy was our own Kasaque Miracle. Later Lydia went Hound Group 4 under judge Mrs Shirley Rawlings. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKEND 12TH SEPTEMBER 2008

Officially with the Start of City of Birmingham Championship Show it is exactly twelve months from the commencement of our Festival. Where has the time gone? And what a wonderful week it was for Salukis and Salukiphiles. Now, back to the present, our judge for this year's show was Mrs Jillian Knight-Messenger. BCC, BOB for her third and

qualifying CC was Mrs Mary Parker's Khalils Phaedra of Classicus (imp) . She was born on the 13th January 2005 in Sweden and her breeders are Mr B Fossberg & Mrs E Kallin Fossberg Her sire is Swe Ch El-Ubaid's Genesis and her dam Swe/Nor Ch Khalils Gaziya Gabas. The RBCC to our own Ch Kasaque Luzhana JW. DCC went to Mrs Marie Bryce-Smith's Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW with the RDCC to Mrs Deborah Copperthwaite's Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni JW. Best Puppy was our own Kasaque Miracle.

Sunday was the turn of Southeastern Hound Club with their annual show and picnic Our judge was Dr. Ron James. For BOB and later became Best in Show was Mrs Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Zofeyah with the Res Best Dog to the partnership of Mrs Copperthwaite and Mrs Hall's Al Caliphs Raman Shabali. Best Puppy was our own Kasaque Miracle. Not surprisingly, the weather was not very good so we all sat under the gazeboes and partook of an excellent bring and share picnic thanks to everyone. It was a very enjoyable day!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 26TH DECEMBER 2008

Very sadly we must report the death of Sylvia Harms-Cooke. She died most unexpectedly on Saturday 13th December at home. She was due to attend LKA in her capacity of assisting the Committee but on Friday she was not feeling well so did not go. At this time the family is awaiting reports to find out exactly what did cause Sylvia's death.

Sylvia had a passion for dogs and other animals which she shared with her family. The "Timellie" affix which Sylvia used, was inherited from her parent, who were well known for their famous Great Danes. Sylvia judged Great Danes along with Pointers. Latterly she became smitten with the Saluki and campaigned some lovely dogs to the highest level. She was so proud of her Daisy, (Int. Irish Ch, Ch Mumtaz Greta Garbo of Timellie) and her achievements, never minding another trip to Ireland, for that last final point or award. Last October in spite of not feeling well Sylvia fulfilled what was to be her last assignment at Midland Counties, judging the Salukis. Our sympathy to her son Charles, her sisters, Buzz, Eleanor, Carole and Geof.

The funeral will be held at 10 am on Monday December 29th at the Cheltenham Crematorium, Bouncers Lane, Cheltenham, Glos. GL52 5JT

Annette Buckley has contacted us with the news that Mumtaz Sirocco won BIS at the Crystal Palace Open Show last month under judge Mr Jim Peach. The Buckley's have received their conformation from the KC that he has Qualified for his Show Certificate of Merit.

Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW owned by Marie Bryce-Smith is keeping the family flag flying. At LKA he competed in the Pedigree Petfood Sponsored Champion stakes and won. It was the last chance in 2008 to win the prestigious competition. Oz, as he is

more affection ally known at home, had also qualified for the Pedigree Veteran Stakes. Well done to Nick who exhibited Oz and to the dog himself.

We wish all our readers a happy and safe holiday.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 19TH DECEMBER 2008.

Happy Birthday to "The Saluki". In 2009 the magazine will be 40 years old and to commorate this momentous event the magazine Committee is planning to celebrate with a party. The party will be a very special year of magazines and all are requested to join in the festivities; therefore there will be extra time for ads in the upcoming issue. Kathy Webb request that you just reserve space at this time. Her telephone number is 01737 353279

Sadly we must report the death of our Fin, Nor, Ch, Ch El Hamrah Mehrab-Khalifa at 12 years of age of oral cancer. He was a quiet and gentle soul loving nothing better than a piece of cake. Khalif came to us through the Balai program so he never, fortunately, had to endure quarantine. He was very successful in the show ring and also excelled at producing top winning daughters; a few that comes to mind are the two Sufeina Champions sisters, Pastel and Phantom. Pastel has been Top Saluki Bitch for quite a few years and prior to her another daughter, held that spot, that was Ch Bedu Mot Juste. Our own Ch Kasaque Luzhana JW, with limited showing was reserve top bitch on two occassions. Another daughter Lydia won BOB and Group 4 at Richmond this year. We are thankful for the years we had with him and we are looking forward to seeing his progeny and believing that he made a difference.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 12TH DECEMBER 2008

If you have not had your Saluki 2009 Calendar yet, or if you are looking for a nice and practical Christmas gift then contact brendangaustin@aol.com or phone 01932 788040 and leave a message. £7.25 inc p+p. Calendars will be at LKA.

With 2009 show season not far off, we thought it would be a good time to publish the judges for next year. Manchester, no CCs judge Miss D Spavin; SGHC Limited Show, Trevor McCrory; Crufts Mrs Z Thorn-Andrews; Hound Assoc of Scotland, Dr J Hudson; WELKS, no CCS Ms A King, NSC TBC; National Birmingham Ms VE Stephen; SKC Jenny Startup; Southern Counties GM Mitcham-Geringer USA)*; Three Counties Mrs Z Rawson; SGHC Open Show, Dogs Pamela Hargreaves, Bitches Dibby Derfield, Ref Ann Barrett; Blackpool, Dr G Bodegard (Swe); Windsor, Frank Farrar; South Wales (Moved to new date in Oct, Mrs D Kenis-Pordham; East of England Mrs M Spavin; Hound Assoc, Janette Cotterill; Paignton, Ute Lennar's (Ger); Bournemouth, Ben Reynolds-Frost; Welsh Kennel, Daphne Tovey, City of Birmingham, Deny Simpson; Richmond, Karen Hedberg (Swe), Darlington TBA; Driffield Jerry Robertson, SGHC Ch Show Dogs Pauline Everton, Bitches Michael Williams Ref Owen Davies; Midland Counties MW Fulcher; LKA Helen Williams

* We have requested a CV for Mrs Mitcham-Geringer as she has never judged Salukis in this country to our knowledge. We will pass it on as soon as Southern Counties Secretary has it available.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 28TH NOVEMBER 2008.

We have received the following note from Di and Ken Allan. “After a great deal of thought I have decided to cease publication of Saluki International from the last edition, to take a break and seek other creative outlets. It’s been a long and enjoyable journey; 16 years of producing a independent breed magazine has been quite an achievement and I am proud of the contribution it has made to the breed. I would like to thank all subscribers for their support and also to those who contributed editorial matter over the years; it has been greatly appreciated.”

We wish Ken and Di good luck in their future ventures and thank them for the many years of enjoyment we have had reading “Saluki International”

Sheryl Steer has asked us to put a correction in these notes. She has stated that Kirman Basheera at Fernlark won 1st Puppy Bitch at Midland Counties, not as stated.

We are sad to let you know that Daphne and Nick Tovey have lost their dear “Immy” or more precisely Kasaque Imran in his eleventh year. One of his yearly duties was to attend Discover Dog where he never tired of being petted He was a great ambassador of the breed and while at home he was the Tovey’s big clown. In his younger days he did fairly well In the show ring gaining a Stud Book number along the way.

Last Sunday the SGHC held a Teaching Seminar entitled “Fit for Purpose” Thankfully, most of our Salukis are fit for purpose as up until the ban on coursing, many of our hounds were show/coursing dogs. It is important that new people learning to judge our breed recognise that they are multi functional so that they remain a healthy breed. The attendance was good with about 27 people .

Programme started with a video of the Saluki than we had an in-depth look at our breed standard. Questions were taken from the participants regarding this. A panel of judges discussed fronts, hindquarters and top lines pointing out correct type and in some cases demonstrating what is not desirable for the functional hound. Next we went outside and all participants were split into groups to discuss a dog with a breed judge. At this point we were all thanked for bringing along such lovely dogs to be assessed. One person’s comment was that usually only poor quality dogs are brought along and the hopeful judges do not have the opportunity to go over good dogs. There was a welcomed lunch break than as the weather was becoming cold and wet we stayed in for the assessment of 3 specimens by two judges. Everyone else did the same and notes were compared.

At the very end we had tea and everyone thanked each other for coming. We hope they learned something and we learned from their questions and the experience.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 21ST NOVEMBER 2008.

Sadly we must report that Shakir (Mumtaz Centaurus) has lost his battle with his illness. Annette and Brian Buckley are deeply upset but would like us to pass on a note of thanks to those friends who have sent cards and emails with their condolences.

No notes last week as we took a break and visited Cornwall. When looking for a hotel to stay, we were pleasantly surprised how dog friendly Cornwall is. Many of the hotels we researched welcomed dogs. Even though hotels would accept dogs we were sceptical of what one would do with them when we visited a local attraction like the Eden Project. The problem was solved as one of the first signs we saw when entering the Eden Project was directions to the kennels. Even the pubs seemed to allow canine customers. Maybe next time we will take the dogs along. The dogs would love walking along one of the lovely beaches.

Mary Parker has informed us that her Khalils Rana of Classicus (Swe) is the youngest Saluki Champion for 38 years. The youngest Saluki champion ever, was Hope Waters' Burydown Xenia. Her record still holds

Brendan Austin would like us to remind you that If you have not had your Saluki 2009 Calendar yet, or if you are looking for a nice and practical Christmas gift then contact brendangaustin@aol.com or phone 01932 788040 and leave a message. £7.25 inc p+p. Calendars will be at LKA.

Making its debut at the SGHC Championship Show was "The Saluki, Championship Show Edition 2008" This publication of the SGHC is always warmly received. There are numerous ads, articles and show reviews. The highlight of this magazine for us was "The Grand Dames of the American Salukis" written by Sue Ann Pietros. In the introduction, Sue Ann writes that the aforementioned ladies are Anna Marie Paterno (El Retiro) and Esther Bliss Knapp (Pine Paddocks). She states" they did more to establish the Saluki in America than perhaps anyone else then or now. Their profiles reflected absolutely amazing women. Their legacy is carried on today in the whole Saluki world. Pretty amazing, since they were born almost a century ago. " The article is accompanied by numerous photos of the ladies and their Salukis.

Karen Fisher, has asked us to remind readers that she would like reflections, stories or anecdotes on the late Terry Thorn. She is planning on compiling a tribute to him in the next edition of "The Saluki". The editorial for the next magazine closes on the 10th December, 2008. Please remember your ads are due about the LKA time. Booking for ads can be placed with Kathy Webb on 01737 353279, email advertising@salukimagazine.co.uk or mkwebb@onetel.net.

Copies of the Magazine are available through the treasurer, Val prior on tel 01304 823546 or email sales@salukimagazine.co.uk.

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKING 7TH NOVEMBER 2008

Annette Buckley has sent us the following regarding the illness of her Shakir (Mumtaz Centuarus): " Shakir has always been a beautiful gentle boy and a pleasure to own, so we want to fight on his behalf to show him our appreciation of his company this last six years and hopefully into the future. He is trying his best to get better, bless him. Through your column in 'Our Dogs', I should like to thank the Saluki fraternity for their helpful advice and genuine concern for Shakir; it has been a great support and comfort to Brian and myself to know that others care so much. Advice and sympathy for his condition has come from a Saluki owner as far away as Canada, and we have sent a case history of his illness to the Saluki Club of America Health and Genetics Committee in the hope that the information may just help in their research for an early diagnosis of this devastating disease. Shakir was misdiagnosed for the first three weeks with a suspected heart condition known as cardio-myopathy, but when he failed to respond to the specialist's medication programme, we asked to be referred to the Royal Vet College, who gave us an urgent appointment that night. We found ourselves travelling through the night to Potters Bar and expected Shakir to stay there for three days for tests, but on our way home in the early hours of the morning, I received a phone call to say that they had found haemangiosarcoma in his spleen and liver. We asked for further tests only to be told that the condition was inoperable due to the rapid spread of the cancer, which, being a painless condition, is called 'the silent killer' as it only manifests itself when the illness is in its late stages.

Shakir had won RBOB at an Open Show just three days before he fell ill and at that time was in peak fitness from his outward appearance. Symptoms of tiredness and in appetite were vague and could have been attributed to several different problems. After taking an ECG and Ultra-sound scan, he was diagnosed with possible primary cardio-myopathy and sent to an heart specialist in Cranbrook. Although he could only find a slight arrhythmia in his heart beat, he thought that the vetmedin and fortekor tablets had stabilised his condition and advised more of the same, plus a beta-blocker. He seemed to improve slightly for a while, but then suffered a relapse one weekend so we asked for a third professional opinion. Looking back, we did notice that this summer, he didn't seem to be able to take the heat as well as our other two boys, but we thought that dogs are like humans who can either take the heat well or not. We also remarked to each other that he seemed more needy of late and wanted to be close to one or the other of us all the time, but there was nothing that indicated he was suffering from an illness. The vet said that it could have been underlying for a year and most likely suffered the first bleed from the rupture of the spleen the first day he went off his food; because it is a cancer of the red blood cells it is rapidly sent around the body attacking all the major organs. Unfortunately, as I have said, we were sent along the 'cardi-myopathy' path because of his irregular heart beat, but it so happens that arrhythmias are a symptom of haemangiosarcoma, and it was only when another dog owner said to 'look outside the box' that we thought that it could be cancer and sought top professional help after researching saluki cancers on the net. Our serious concerns were confirmed by the Royal College in just half an hour. I am not blaming our local vets, as they did all they could to find the problem with Shakir's ill health, taking complete blood tests, ECGs and ultra sound scans, but nothing showed up other than

the tachycardia of the heart.

I feel very strongly that saluki owners, particularly those fairly new to the breed, should be made aware of the range of illnesses to which salukis can be prone, particularly haemangiosarcoma and cardio-myopathy, as researched by the American Saluki Health Research, Inc. of which MaryDee Sist DVM is the President, and has posted her research on a website www.saluki.fi/congress/health_marydeesist.pdf The early symptoms for both diseases are similar - in appetite and extreme fatigue - but one needs to be alerted to the fact that vets struggle to diagnose the difference as their scanners are just not sensitive enough to always be able to pick up this cancer and indeed the blood tests for Shakir came back 'unremarkable'. It was only when the outward signs of the disease had progressed three weeks, that the state-of-the-art machines at the top hospital were able to identify the problem. My advice is to check any slight abnormalities with your saluki, such as intolerance to warm/hot weather or 'off colour' symptoms, with your vet immediately, look 'outside the box' when given the first diagnosis and investigate the most likely causes of saluki mal-health, then push to be sent to a top professional vet hospital that has the most up-to-date equipment.

Always take out top grade insurance as to date we have spent over £2000 on investigations, and if an operation and chemo had been an option, it would have cost in the region of £8000, with a prognosis of a possible extra four or five months of life expectancy in the case of this cancer, which, by the way, often attacks male salukis in their middle years after the age of six. Shakir is six years and two months. Other breeds are susceptible to this cancer, namely German Shepherds, Deerhounds and Golden Retrievers. What is the best measure that I can take to inform saluki owners in this country to be on the look-out for both cardio-myopathy and haemangio cancer - am I right in thinking that Daphne Tovey and Jenny Ziman are the Health Officer for the SGHC. I wish I had been 'illness aware' when searching desperately for an answer to Shakir's poor health. He has been reprieved for the short term but realise that his condition is 'an accident waiting to happen' as the vet has put it."

We thank Annette for sharing this information with us, totally understanding the difficult situation the Buckley's are in. SGHC Health sub-committee is looking into health related issues regarding the Saluki Any information presented to them will be treated in strictest confidence. Also there will be an article in the upcoming Newsletter regarding heart testing and establishing an DNA database for our breed. .

Alan Lucas, Hon Secretary of the Welfare has sent in the following report: "Early on Saturday 25th October, Christina Campling set out with three of her salukis, Takha, Zena and Taurie for a walk. Just over 9 hours and a little over 26 miles later, they had completed the Beachy Head Marathon. The next day, would you believe, they all went out for yet another walk, not quite so far this time. As Christina said "after 18 miles, there was the prospect of a further 8 miles of the Seven Sisters roller coast paths still to come" and all this was done in aid of Saluki Welfare. We are needless to say extremely proud of Christina and can only thank and congratulate her on a wonderful achievement, which fully justified a medal of completion.

If anyone would like to add to the sponsorship for her event, any contributions, however small, can be sent on behalf of Saluki Welfare to Daphne Parnham. Very well done Christina.”

Last Friday, Midland Counties held their Championship Show. Judging us was Miss Sylvia Harms-Cooke. BCC, BOB for her third and qualifying CC was Mrs Mary Parker's Khalils Rana of Classicus (Swe). She was born on the 2nd November 2006 and her breeders and Mr B Forsberg & Mrs E Kallin Forseberg. Her sire is Swe Ch El Ubaid's Ignas Indian Knight and dam, Khalils Kaida Bint Dakila. RBCC was awarded to Mrs Kathy Webb & Mrs Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Nuray. DCC for his first CC was Lusaki Sola Sharif of Adhari owned by Ms Toni King (Moore). He was born on the 30th July 1999 and his breeder is Mrs J.A. Davies. His sire is Lusaki Farah Falan and dam Lusaki Zephyr. RDCC went to Ms JS Forte & Mr P Ayrton's Chisobee Bachen Goch of Allievo. Best Puppy was Ms Toni King's Lusaki Zai Zayid of Adhari. Well done all!!

SALUKI BREED NOTES WEEKENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2008

Mike and Susan Oakley after 30 years at Upper Lodge Farm have moved to Caspians Lodge, Rag Hill, Aldermaston, Reading RG7 4NX. Their new telephone number is 01189712173. Email: mike@caspians.fnet.co.uk

We have received the following sad note from Joy Sanghera “Bob and I have lost Miskanda's Moonlight Bay at Sitana at 19months from Auto Immune Disease. Manni died from complications of a Thrombocytopenia attack. As you can imagine we are both devastated and would ask people to respect that we don't want to talk about the sudden loss of Manni. This is the first time in many years that we don't share our lives with a saluki and the house is not the same without the naughty saluki antics.”

The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Championship Show was held last Saturday at the Sports Connexion, Ryton on Dunsmore. There were two rings of ample size with a few stands around the outside selling Saluki related items plus Club trophies, Welfare stand, “The Saluki” stand with the latest edition of the Club magazine. Judging dogs was Mr I Veal, with bitches Mrs J Jaques and Referee Mrs E Shard. Coincidentally both the dog and bitch judges now reside in France. BIS for her first CC was Mrs Deborah Copperthwaite's Al Caliphs Nephele. She was born on 26th April 2006 and her breeder is her owner. Her sire is Ch Al Caliphs Zobeyni and dam is Al Caliphs Zanubiya. RBIS, RBCC went to Mrs J Pyatt's Miscanda Cara Mia. DCC, for his third and qualifying CC went to Mr. Zampini, Mrs Graham and Ms Steer's Daxlore Amir of Fernlark. He was born on the 8th August 2001 and his breeder is Mrs H Graham. His sire is Aziz Pahlavan at Daxlore (imp) and dam Daxlore Solitare at Fernlark. RDCC went to Ms Sheryl Steer's Fernlark Alsace JW Best puppy in Show was Charrioak Samphire owned by Mrs B

Gitting Jones and Best Veteran in Show was Mr & Mrs T Parnham & Mrs D Copperthwaite's Ch Aliya Rasmi of Amirah.. Well done All!

After the judging of the Best in Show "the specials" trophies were then judged. To put it mildly the proceedings dropped to a shambolic level; classes were rushed through and the proceedings were not given due consideration. Exhibitors were not notified that the classes were on and there was confusion on which classes were to be judged, when. A couple of exhibitors were told to take trophies without the challenging process taking place. In one case a new exhibitor was beckoned into the ring to challenge and no one even explained why or what they were challenging for. Presenting these trophies is not a new event so one should expect these proceedings to be carried out in an organized fashion. Either these special classes should be judged properly or they should be dispensed with. There must be something else we can do to keep these club shows interesting and varied perhaps a bring and share lunch. We have written our comments to the SGHC Committee and possible improvements.

Making its debut at the show was "The 2009 Calendar". Compiled and designed by Brendan Austin. It is beautifully put together with excellent photographs. We usually send calendars for Christmas presents to friends throughout the World, we will send them with pride. Orders for copies can be made by telephone Brendan on 01932 788040 (please leave a message) or email at brendanautin@aol.com. They are priced at £7.25 including package and posting. Brendan plans to attend LKA with some calendars for sale.

Daphne Tovey, Pro has sent in an amendment for the free insertion of a Christmas Greetings in the newsletter, which will be coming out at the beginning of December -the contact is still our guest editor for this issue, Tony Quick on 01702 306460 or tonyquick306@hotmail.com. Please have all greetings by the end of October as Tony and his wife are off on a well deserved holiday.

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