

February, 2022

BONANZA KENNEL CLUB

AKC Licensed Club

****Next Meeting Notice****

March 1, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Carson City Senior Center

Joshua Tree Room

911 Beverly Drive

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President's Message

It's time for another meeting! This is a reminder that tomorrow night, Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. we will have our monthly membership meeting. A notice was sent out a little over a week ago to notify everyone. We will meet at the Carson City Senior Center, 911 Beverly Drive, in the Joshua Tree Room.

We don't have any answer yet from AKC regarding our Bylaws. Stay tuned for information as it comes in! Last time we changed them, it took about one year to get everything approved. Hopefully it won't take that long this time! We are now in the waiting period!

It looks like the Belgian Malinois club **will** be joining us this fall for some Friday specialties! Nothing is confirmed yet, but things look promising. We have invited the Belgian Laekenois club to either support the entry or to have Friday specialties ~ either this year or in the future. They have not responded yet, but it would be nice to have all of the Belgian breeds here and well represented!

There will be stewarding classes offered one hour before the meeting in May and July, then again before the September meeting. Stay tuned for more information! The board voted to have conformation classes every other week after daylight savings time starts. A \$10 donation is suggested for the classes. More information will be available on these classes soon.

Denise Crites has volunteered to be our Match Chairman for the July 9th B-Match. Thank you!

This newsletter is longer because I found an article about Warren and Vicky Cook that was very interesting. I included that article for you to read. Since we've known them for so long, I thought it was an interesting bit of information to learn about them. Because of all the extra reading, I'm going to cut this short and get it sent out!

We will see you all tomorrow night!

Candy



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YOU CAN USUALLY TELL
THAT A MAN IS GOOD
IF HE HAS A DOG
WHO LOVES HIM.

W. Bruce Cameron





Bonanza Kennel Club

General Meeting Minutes ~ February 1, 2022

Meeting called to order by President, Candy Roper, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Nancy Lovelady, second Vikki Jaramillo, to accept the January 2022 General Meeting minutes as printed in the January newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary reports:

None

Treasurer report:

Lexine Thompson reported the beginning balance was \$34,407.31 with income of \$15.00 and expenses of \$1,064.34 for an ending balance of \$33,357.97.

Committees

Show Committee:

Candy Roper reported Fuji Park is secured for the 2022 show. The rates are increasing, however not as much as was expected. Candy has a question regarding reserving the arena because it is a little over \$400/day. If we don't rent it Parks can rent it out to another group and our parking would be an issue. We don't need to make a decision until the walk-thru in July or August. Elaine Bergenheier asked about judges for the 2022 show. Candy said we have Shalisa Neely, Lee Whittier, Jon Cole, Pluis Davern, Tim Catterson. There are a couple more she can't remember.

The Board approved trophies for \$1,500 for this year. We need members to help with the rest of the costs. Vikki Jaramillo was able to get some pens for placements like Winners Dog/Winners Bitch/Best of Winners. She will still need help with 25 large entry breeds. Nancy Lovelady asked for a list of the breeds. Vikki said she has them and can provide the information. The remaining balance in the trophy fund is approximately \$220.00 which is not going to be enough. Vikki has diamond painting kits for a reasonable cost but they need members to help doing the kits. They take a bit of time. Carolyn Goepner wanted to know how many trophies were left over from last year. Vikki said there is a good amount and those breeds are closed out. Marion Panter will sponsor Smooth Fox Terriers, Thea Tsurumoto will sponsor Aussies. Carolyn asked what placements are being covered. Vikki said depending on the breed, BOB, WD/WB, possibly BOW and some BOS. She will give Candy Roper a full and complete list. Nancy Lovelady asked what the suggested monetary amount would be. It had been discussed that \$30.00 should be sufficient. Vikki talked about Groups and what is needed for sponsors. Carolyn said Papillion club will cover Best of Breed. Candy suggested just giving money for the trophy fund so it can be used where needed. Vikki said if your breed has been closed, she can list your name and that money will go to that breed. Checks for donations need to be written to Bonanza so we can track everything. Lexine Thompson mentioned that previously it was discussed that when there are donations to the club, they are used to drop the cost of trophies, not increase the amount available. Vikki said if anyone has ideas for trophies, let her know. Cindra Smith found a nice tapestry for Russell Terriers at an estate sale.

Candy talked about the new AKC program that allows Juniors to show mixed breeds at AKC shows. It is up to individual clubs whether or not to allow mixed breeds for Juniors. It was decided that Bonanza will opt into the program.

Candy said that one of our judges for 2022, Shalisa Neeley, had an accident that could prevent her from being at our show. Candy or Rick Berger will contact her soon to check on her status. Nancy Lovelady can suggest provisional judges that will come for free or close to free if needed. We could maybe offer \$50 towards gas.

AKC will now allow splitting Bred-By class into Bred-By Puppy and Bred-By Adult. This is a choice for individual clubs. It needs to be published if the club decides to split the class. The winner of each class would be eligible for Winners. Placement in Bred-By Puppy is eligible for both Bred-By medallions and Puppy of Achievement recognition. It would add ribbons but not judges to our cost. Nancy Lovelady asked if we have had a Bred-By Group, which we have not had. Nancy Lovelady said she would prefer not to split Bred-By with our smaller entry. Motion Nancy Lovelady, second Carol Colavecchio, to not split the Bred-By class. Motion passed unanimously.

Elaine Oxborrow discussed parking. We need to decide what we are going to do. Elaine was approached by Bert and Bruce Rettick who did our parking for many years prior to last year. There were problems last year with how it was done, like the parking behind the tree line. Nancy Lovelady asked about difference in cost. Candy said they both charge \$5.00 to \$5.50 per rig. Elaine Oxborrow said perhaps we could talk with Bert and Bruce and let them know why we switched last year and how we want things done. They were going to charge more last year so we decided to switch to Wayne



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Hayes, which saved the club approximately \$300.00. Nancy Lovelady asked what that pays for. Candy said they do layout and parking. We charge \$35/rig which includes electrical. The other issue is electric. The club now has to pay an increased amount for electrical because Parks no longer supplies the equipment. Denise Crites asked why a member doesn't do the parking and Candy said we haven't had members to do it, it's a hard job. Denise offered she and her husband to do the parking. Elaine Oxborrow asked about their show times and if it would interfere with doing parking. Denise said she will only be showing two dogs. Denise said she has done huge campouts for Cal Fire and did all the organization required. Elaine suggested shadowing someone experienced would be better because there's so much to doing parking.

Nancy Lovelady asked what the costs for electric were last year. We got a huge discount last year because of an initial set-up problem, but we won't get that this year. We gave a \$100 gift card to one person for his help and \$300.00 for a few men that helped with set-up. United Rentals would have charged just over \$1000 for the spider boxes and cables but with the discount for problems, it was just over \$400.00. The cost for parking at \$35/rig was discussed. Elaine Oxborrow said we keep it low as an incentive to get people to come to the show. Elaine asked if we are going to ask different prices for dry camping as opposed to having electricity. Motion Nancy Lovelady, second Thea Tsurumoto, to charge \$30/rig for dry camping and \$50/rig to include electric. The motion passed. Carolyn Goepner said that it needs to be stated in the premium that RV's with generators need to have an exhaust pipe in the air. There was discussion regarding where RV parking and where some rigs can leave whenever they want on the south side as opposed to areas that rigs will only be able to come in and leave at certain times. It was suggested that Elaine Oxborrow and Denise Crites meet at the park to discuss this.

New Members:

Dawn Caldwell had her first reading. She lives in Minden and was a teacher for 30 years, then decided to do real estate. She has three rescue dogs. She loves dogs of all kinds and wants to volunteer. Nancy Lovelady said Dawn is good at organization and fund raising.

Unfinished Business:

There was one question on the Bylaws that needs to be resolved. It was first mentioned for members to attend four meetings and board members to attend six meetings in order to be nominated for a board position. Later it was mentioned for both members and board members needing to attend six meetings. Nancy Lovelady asked if they don't comply does that mean they are no longer a club member. Candy clarified it is only to run for a board position. This includes meetings and participating in at least one club function per year. Motion Nancy Lovelady, second Judy Davis, that a member must attend four meetings and board members must attend six meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Candy said if you have not paid your dues, they are delinquent. They need to be paid in early March. Nancy Lovelady asked if we send out a due's notification. Candy said only when they are past due. Nancy suggested adding donation to trophies on the membership application form. If we have a membership renewal form, we can add donation to trophies as well.

The Reno Pet Show and it was discussed in detail. If we don't do the show, there have been donations that will need to be refunded and any fees paid for the booth. Nancy Lovelady asked is this is value added to Bonanza. AKC has requirements for clubs and this qualifies as compliance. Nancy Lovelady suggested a meet the breeds at our show. Elaine Bergenheier mentioned doing things in Carson City. The Nevada Day Parade is an option. Motion Nancy Lovelady, second Elaine Bergenheier, to table to the pet show for this year and discuss it next year. Motion passed.

New Business:

Standing Rules need to be updated from \$10 to \$15 for membership dues.

Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club is having their trial July 15-17 which means we can have our Match on July 9th. Nancy Lovelady asked if there would be value added to work with TMDTC at their trial. Candy mentioned that would mean going to Reno which is no different than doing the Pet Show which was inconvenient for members. Elaine suggested having TMDTC come to our match so people could practice the weekend prior to their trial. No one stepped up to be the match chair at this time. Nancy Lovelady asked if maybe some of the lifetime members could step up.

Motion to adjourn by Carolyn Goepner at 8:03 p.m.



~*~ BRAGS ~*~

I received this from Terri Dickerson 2/20/22. Miniature American Shepherd "Hampton Hills Diamonds in the Sky @ Kickinauss" is officially a Grand Champion at 10 months and a week! And my boy "Quail Ridge Beaucoup Big Bucks @ Kickinauss" with 3 -5 pt majors is a Champion and first champion offspring of my GDCHB Kickinauss Destiny's Muddy Waters Mojo



Elaine Bergenheier's Spinone "Ryker" knows how to chill!



01/31 Terri Dickerson's co-owned Miniature American Shepherd "Beau" ~ Quail Ridge Kickinauss Beaucoup Big Bucks ~ did so awesome at his first real show! He was Reserve the first day and Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best Opposite the second day. Thank you to San Fernando KC & Los Encinos KC and Judges Ms Nancy Bodine (Saturday) and Ms Gloria Kerr (Sunday) .



02/19/2022 Pamela Richardson's Silky Terrier "Quest Y-Knot Rose' All Day" became a new CHAMPION! She finished with a 5 point major at ~ Sun Maid KC of Fresno ~ On 2/20 "Rosie" was Select! **CONGRATULATIONS!**



2/19/22 Nancy Lovelady shared "Aafiq's" win photo from Florida taking Winners, Breed, Breed Owner Handled, & Group 1, now new CH. Almboubin Aafiq who is the first AKC Sloughi in breed history to finish with a Group One!



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NEW STATS • Starting from January 1, 2022 up to and including January 31,



BREED STANDINGS

Year: 2022 Group: Hound Group

Breed: Portuguese Podengo Pequenos

VIEW

2022 Portuguese Podengo Pequenos

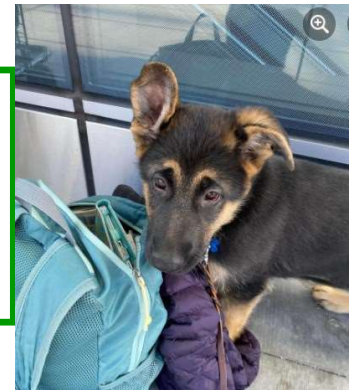
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Jennifer Moxley is starting out 2022 with a bang "Topsy" and I hit the road for 2 long weekend and she's starting out the year #1 in Breed! Thank you for all who have supported and made this possible! Always Breeder owner handled.



01/29/2022 Pamela Richardson and her Silky Terrier Quest Y-Knot Rose' All Day was First Place, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed at Kachina Kennel Club in Arizona! Only one point to go for her Championship!

Sharon White has a new guy in her life, "Yukon" is a Happy Camper! After an epic 4 flight journey, Diane returned with the newest family member! Welcome Yukon! Thank you for entrusting us with this amazing little guy!



2/8/22 Nancy Lovelady had a rewarding weekend in Phoenix.. Her Sloughi *Almaboubin Aamal picked up 5 points, one day going BOB over her brother, AND made the cut in a HUGE group! And *Almaboubin Aaniq, aka "Nicco", co-owned with Libby LaPlace, picked up 3 BOB placements, as well as a Group1 in the BBE group! Not too shabby!





~*~ BRAGS ~*~



Denise Crites Rat Terriers keep getting mail! "Gypsy" got her Puppy of Achievement certificate & "Phin" got his Grand Championship certificate! Congratulations!



So happy to announce at a week over 10 months Ch Hampton Hills Diamond in the Sky @ Kickinauss is a Grand Champion

2/12/22 Carol Colavecchio Good AHBA Day at The Ranch today, "Glee" ~ Ch Aellen a Joyful Adventure PT HSA-s CGC FDC ~ earned her HTAD Level 1 with a Q a placement & a Title on Sheep, "Flash" ~ Aellen Lightning Strikes PT HSA-s CGC FDC ~ qualified for the first time doing AHBA on Goats. Tomorrow is another trial, will bump up "Glee" to level 2 on Goats & hopefully "Flash" will Q & receive his Level 1 title. Fun Day, beautiful weather Great Dogs & their people, fabulous lunch & thanks to Judy for her committed stock handling

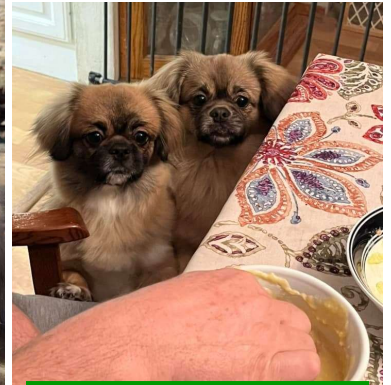
Class ↑	Breed	Reg	Dog	Owner
Belgian Sheepdog Groenendael (6 invites)				
Urban Locating I	Belgian Sheepdog Groenendael	N21/00780	Jousie	Kathay Lovell
Urban Locating II	Belgian Sheepdog Groenendael	N21/00291	Ryder	Patti Sontag
Urban Locating III	Belgian Sheepdog Groenendael	N21/00201	Ryder	Patti Sontag
Belgian Tervuren (7 invites)				
Lost Item Recovery I	Belgian Tervuren	N21/00423	Taz	Ann Pina
Lost Item Recovery II	Belgian Tervuren	N21/00423	Taz	Ann Pina
Shed Dog I	Belgian Tervuren	N21/00364	Maya	Aisin Manning
Trailing & Locating I	Belgian Tervuren	N21/00842	Omaha	Sarah Quade
Trailing & Locating II	Belgian Tervuren	N19/00118	Icebreaker	Debi Lofgren
Urban Locating I	Belgian Tervuren	N21/00744	Maverick	Elaine Oxborrow
Urban Locating II	Belgian Tervuren	N19/00118	Icebreaker	Debi Lofgren
Bernese Mountain Dog (1 invite)				
Trailing & Locating Master Champion	Bernese Mountain Dog	N18/00002	Zoey	Linda Colmar

02-15-2022 Terri Dickerson said this about her Miniature American Shepherd: "Yea! Grand Champion Hampton Hill Diamond in the Sky @ Kickinauss 10 months and one week Thank you to Amy and Dasha who love my little girl dearly

Elaine Oxborrow's Belgian Tervuren "Maverick" is on the 2021 Invitational Qualifiers for Urban Locating. We won't be able to attend this year, but hopefully next year. Good Puppy!



~*~ BRAGS ~*~



JB & Lexine Thompson's Tibetan Spaniel "Archie" checking out relics at the Nevada State Railroad Museum

"Archie" & "Edie" are simply asking for some of JB's lunch!



On 2/25 Cindy Craig shared this photo of new Champion "Jasper"! Congratulations! Not be only did Jasper finish on Friday, on Sunday he took breed with handler Jennifer Bagenstos!



Sharon White shared this photo of her GSD CH "Gunner" in this "Rin Tin Tin" shot by Dianne Phelps. Sharon said, "What a wonderful time we had with the AHBA trials at the 2022 February Valentines Day weekend!! Gunner turned over 9 and he always has the champs helping him - Since NV times... he's trained and judged Terri and Sandy and judged Sue too!" And yes ~ he placed and titled!



WHAT IS A BREEDER?

A Breeder (with a capital B) is one who thirsts for knowledge and never really knows it all, one who wrestles with decisions of conscience, convenience, and commitment.

A Breeder is one who sacrifices personal interests, finances, time, friendships, fancy furniture, and deep pile carpeting! She gives up the dreams of a long, luxurious cruise in favor of turning that all important Show into this year's "vacation".

A Breeder goes without sleep (but never without coffee!) in hours spent planning a breeding or watching anxiously over the birth process, and afterwards, over every little sneeze, wiggle or cry.

A Breeder skips dinner parties because that litter is due or the babies have to be fed at eight. She disregards birth fluids and puts mouth to mouth to save a gasping newborn, literally blowing life into a tiny, helpless creature that may be the culmination of a lifetime of dreams.

A Breeder's lap is a marvelous place where generations of proud and noble champions once snoozed.

A Breeder's hands are strong and firm and often soiled, but ever so gentle and sensitive to the thrusts of a puppy's wet nose.

A Breeder's back and knees are usually arthritic from stooping, bending, and sitting in the birthing box, but are strong enough to enable the breeder to show the next choice pup to a Championship.

A Breeder's shoulders are stooped and often heaped with abuse from competitors, but they're wide enough to support the weight of a thousand defeats and frustrations.

A Breeder's arms are always able to wield a mop, support an armful of puppies, or lend a helping hand to a newcomer.

A Breeder's ears are wondrous things, sometimes red (from being talked about) or strangely shaped (from being pressed against a phone receiver), often deaf to criticism, yet always fine-tuned to the whimper of a sick puppy.

A Breeder's eyes are blurred from pedigree research and sometimes blind to her own dog's faults, but they are ever so keen to the competition's faults and are always searching for the perfect specimen.

A Breeder's brain is foggy on faces, but it can recall pedigrees faster than an IBM computer. It's so full of knowledge that sometimes it blows a fuse: it catalogues thousands of good bonings, fine ears, and perfect heads...and buries in the soul the failures and the ones that didn't turn out.

A Breeder's heart is often broken, but it beats strongly with hope everlasting... and it's always in the right place! Oh, yes, there are breeders, and then, there are *BREEDERS!!*

Author Unknown





LINKS FROM AKC

2022 AKC National Championship Judging Panel Now Available

"The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the judging panel for the **2022 AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin** to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18, 2022." [READ MORE](#)

Bite Wounds

"Biting is often part of aggressive play in puppies but in adult dogs, biting or other aggressive behaviors can have multiple underlying motives or causes." [READ MORE](#)

146TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW ANNOUNCES NEW 2022 EVENT LOCATION AND DATE

"**New York, NY** — The 146th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show presented by Purina Pro Plan is announcing that the postponed January 22-26 events are now scheduled for June 18-22, 2022, at the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, NY, with 19.5 hours of television coverage scheduled across FOX, FS1, and FS2." [READ MORE](#)

Canine Conditioning

"Master Trainer Kathy Santos explains how to keep your dogs in shape." [WATCH VIDEO](#) (3:12)

What Dog Owners Need to Know About Pet Insurance

"I found out in my years of medicine, all pets, like people, get sick or have a medical emergency at some point in their lives.

But unlike with human medicine, many people have not considered, or accurately estimated the cost of care or how they would pay if their pet needed expensive care. Veterinary medicine has come a long way in the past several decades and people now expect the same quality medicine for their pets that they would expect for themselves or their human family members." [READ MORE](#)

The Common Signs and Symptoms of Poisoning in Dogs

"Many dogs will get into anything they come across, from rat poison to dropped medication to antifreeze. And of course, that puts the dog's health at risk. Teaching a "leave it" cue to your dog can be a lifesaver, but you can't watch your pet every minute of the day. It's important to know the common signs of poisoning and how to respond in case your dog encounters something dangerous." [READ MORE](#)

How Do I Get Started in Dog Shows?

"Participating in dog shows can be beyond daunting for newcomers. It's tough to be the new kid on the block, especially when it appears everyone else has been taught a secret set of dance steps while you bumble along, oblivious to the judge's instructions or the rules of competition." [READ MORE](#)

AKC ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES PROGRAM

"The AKC is pleased to announce the expansion of the National Owner-Handled Series by launching the NOHS Levels of Achievement program. Owners and their dogs can obtain Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum recognition by earning a pre-determined number of lifetime NOHS points." [READ MORE](#)

The Importance of a Well-Fitting Dog Harness

"If your dog spends their entire on-leash walk choking against their collar, you might be considering [using a harness](#). Maybe your dog already wears a harness, but it's rubbing their skin or they don't like putting it on. Although there are many potential benefits to using a harness, it can do more harm than good if it doesn't fit properly." [READ MORE](#)

What Is the Best Age to Neuter or Spay Your Dog?

"In the United States, it is now common to have all dogs and cats not meant for breeding purposes spayed (ovariohysterectomy) or neutered (castration). In fact, 78% of dog-owning households have spayed or neutered their canine companions according to the American Pet Products Association's 2019-2020 National Pet Owners survey." [READ MORE](#)



WARREN & VICKY COOK SANTANA SALUKIS

BREEDER INTERVIEW BY ALLAN REZNIK



Where did each of you grow up?

We were both born in California. Warren was raised his whole life there, while Vicky, whose father was a pilot for Flying Tiger, was moved around often, before finally settling back in California. Vicky's first dog was an "Eskimo Dog" that her father traded for a bottle of whiskey when flying in Alaska. Warren's first dog was an Afghan Hound that later gained its championship, CDX, High in Trial Hound and a Best in Show; a learning experience for both he and the dog. We first met at a dog show while exhibiting our Afghan Hounds, and subsequently became "dog show buddies."

Do you come from doggy families? If not, how did the interest in breeding and showing purebred dogs begin?

We were both dog show "newbies." Vicky fell in love with Afghan Hounds while on campus at San Jose State. She saw one running loose that ran into a fountain—suddenly, a lovely dog with really skinny legs! After that, there was never any discussion—Vicky was intrigued with the Afghan Hound and purchased her first while still in college. Warren had originally wished for an Irish Wolfhound while in college, but then strolling around the benching area at the Golden Gate Kennel Club show, he found some lovely and aloof Afghan Hounds, with a sign on the benching that said puppies were available from Shirley and John Handley in Los Altos, which was minutes from where Warren lived in Palo Alto.

Who were your mentors in the sport? Please elaborate on their influence.

For Vicky, Betty Stites and Louise Merrill. They explained the reality of dog shows, and the gamesmanship that ensues. Betty was a great teacher. The Handleys taught Warren the seemingly non-obvious differences that can make one dog a show dog and another not. What they all emphasized was that dog show judges are human, and that breeder-judges will often either over-penalize or overly forgive elements of a particular dog, depending upon issues they, as breeders, are dealing with in their own bloodlines.



BREEDER INTERVIEW – WARREN & VICKY COOK, SANTANA SALUKIS

As for our experience in Salukis, we were married in 1974 and purchased our first Saluki in 1978 from an Afghan Hound and Saluki breeder, Betty Richards of Camri fame. That is when the love affair began. Our exposure to the remarkable Salukis of Dr. Jo Ann Van Arsdale, Chubasco Salukis, and her smooths resulted in an obsession with the breed, its history and its preservation.

The Santana Salukis are widely known, highly successful and well respected. What breeding philosophies do you adhere to?

We have maintained two lines of Salukis: Jen Araby, from Wayne and Marlys Jensen, and Desert Bred Salukis from our Chubasco line, bred from Dr. Van Arsdale to a Saluki bitch imported from the first Desert Storm by a soldier and owned by Lynn and Jim Green in Texas.

In order to be able to register the Desert Breds, there is a process. Our Dual Champion (Open Field champion and AKC bench champion) dog was bred to the import, resulting in Generation One. A Dual Champion dog was bred to a bitch from Gen 1 to produce Generation 2; then a bench champion was bred to a Gen 2 to produce Generation 3. All this was done under the auspices of the Society for the Perpetuation of Desert Bred Salukis, a domestic registry recognized by the Saluki Club of America, which is an AKC Member Club. At each generation, including Generation Zero (the import), an evaluation of the quality of the dogs was made by evaluators approved by the SPDBS: a performance expert, an established and recognized breeder, and an AKC judge, before the dogs were allowed to be registered by the domestic registry. At Generation 3, when approved by the evaluation and the Society, application may be submitted to AKC for regular registration.

There are two immediate results of this process: 1. The dogs that we show today are a direct line from dogs that survived



Vicky and Joan Ludwig in 1983 at Santa Maria Kennel Club. Wouldn't you like to listen in?

in the desert 7,000 years ago; and 2. There are dogs produced that cannot be shown because they occur too early in the generations, so cannot be registered. We have promised these dogs that upon their existence they will always have a home with us or close friends, so for the past 20 years we have had a number of dogs.

How many dogs do you currently house? Tell us about your facilities and how the dogs are maintained.

In part, as answered in the previous question, we have had significant numbers of dogs, many of which reside, day by day, in shifts in the house. We also have a climate-controlled 3,000 square foot building close to the house where those that do not have the "house shift" reside. In this building, we have 12 x 4 foot runs that open up to 1/8 acre paddocks in which the dogs exercise. Additionally, we have 2- and 4-acre exercise yards that they are run in, weather permitting.

Who were some of your most significant Salukis, both in the whelping box and in the show ring?

First and foremost, Ch. Santana Chubasco Hotfoot II, CC, CM, a great show dog and a fierce hunter in the open field. "Hotfoot," when bred to Ch. Santana Chubasco Boojum CC, CM, also a fierce hunter, produced Ch. Santana Chubasco Kish, CC, CM, our first homebred champion and a bitch that we could take to the field to teach young dogs to hunt. From the above explanation of Desert Bred Salukis, we had Gen 1 Booshra, CC, CM, 2003 Top-Winning Dog All-Breed in Open Field Coursing. When "Booshra" was bred to a top-flight OFC AKC champion, she produced a Grand Course winner and two Grand Course Top Ten winners. One of the dogs that the aforementioned "Kish" taught to hunt was Ch. Santana Hoopla Sidon, "James," a smooth, who was Winners Dog and AOM at the 2000 SCOA National Specialty under breeder-judge Mary Ellen Gorske.

Please comment positively on your breed's present condition and what trends might bear watching.

The genetics of Salukis is deeper and more resilient than can be imagined. The dogs that win in the ring are the best dogs there, but not always representative of what the Saluki is. We, the dog show world, have a tendency to reward the spectacular over quiet excellence. However, regardless of statistics, in progressive generations we behold dogs that are quite similar to that



left: Ch. Summerwind Sacre Blue Mist; right: the famous Afghan Hound Ch. Coastwind Gazebo, 'Ezra'

BREEDER INTERVIEW—WARREN & VICKY COOK, SANTANA SALUKIS



Ch. Santana Sirianni License To Chill



Ch. SX4 Santana Wings



Ch. SX3 Wings (Amelia)

of the first Desert Storm. So, what we see is a breed that is, genetically, in good shape, and that exceptions that are “generic show dogs” are unusual—what, in Botany, they would refer to as a “sport.”

The sport has changed greatly since you first began participating. What are your thoughts on the state of the fancy and the declining number of breeders? How do you encourage newcomers to join us and remain in the sport?

The changes are largely a result of declining numbers and a somewhat elitist attitude held by some. When we are at a dog show, if we find someone asking questions about the breed, we have postcards with information on Salukis and contact information to us so that at the end of the discussion they walk away with something in their hands that, hopefully, answers their questions and generates more questions, which may generate more contact.

Dog shows are a discretionary activity, funded with discretionary moneys, and they are in competition with other forms of entertainment. They require devotion, assets and considerable time, with little measurable reward. It is incumbent on

each of us to engage with new persons and “newish” persons, to offer help, information, guidance, unambiguous advice and, mostly, friendship.

How do you juggle your dog showing and your successful dog show photography business?

Work first. Judging second [Vicky is an AKC judge—AR]. Showing third.

We do not exhibit at shows where we shoot, with a couple of exceptions and permission from the Show Committee; we seldom show in areas where we photograph; and unless we are trying to achieve a Grand Champion certificate, we do not show beyond finishing a dog’s championship.

Could you share one great dog show photography story with us?

I was at the Umpqua Kennel Club show in Roseburg, Oregon, one year and a handler had a Smooth Coat Chihuahua up on the table for a win photo. The breed is not always known for its fronts, so as the handler repeatedly and repeatedly tried to put one front foot down straight, then stack the rest of the dog in line with that placement, the judge—the great Anne Rogers Clark—finally spoke up. “Sir! Only God can make a tree! Shoot the picture!”

Where do you see your breeding program in the next decade or two?

We think we have one more Saluki litter in us, providing we have wonderful homes for the puppies. We regret that what we have now was not 20 years ago, but art takes time. The Desert Bred and Jen Araby lines together reinforce the breadth and depth of what the Saluki should be, and we want these dogs to be in the hands of breeders who will pass the torch to the future.

Finally, tell us a little about Warren and Vicky outside of dogs. What do you do to relax and decompress when you’re not showing them or photographing them?

We talk about dogs. We live dogs. We discuss how to photograph dogs. It is our life. It is our joy. They are our moment. But we are also great believers in the importance of giving back. We volunteer as Delegates for two all-breed kennel clubs, have occupied offices in those clubs as well as offices in our breed clubs, and have both been show chairs for breed and all-breed clubs. It is important to make certain that the well that you use is carefully nurtured to continue to provide for the future. ■



~*~ BRAGS ~*~

On 02/24/2022, Terri Dickerson shared news of a litter of 10 Miniature American Shepherds! That's a lot of puppy breath and kisses!



"Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love, they depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog, it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs your heart is very big."
- Erica Jong ~



~~ Our Condolences ~~



Our deepest condolences to Elaine Oxborrow and Carolyn Goepner on the loss of "Tahoe" earlier this month.
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*"The love of a dog is a pure thing. He gives you a trust
which is total. You must not betray it."
- Michel Houellebecq, French author ~*