

GREATER TWIN CITIES AFGHAN HOUND CLUB presents

Exclusively Afghans



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NEXT MEETING:

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are planning an Awards Banquet for Saturday, April 27th, 2013.

It will be held at Rockwoods Grill near Elk River at 11:30am to about 4pm with a General Membership meeting after the lunch and the Awards Ceremony.

We will be recognizing our members efforts and hard work by handing out medallions to anyone who has earned a new title with their dog in the years 2011 or 2012.

The club will be covering the price of the meal for members. Non-members will be responsible for their meal. Beverages will be extra.

Please RSVP to Lynn LaBahn by Sunday, April 12th. lynnlabahn@yahoo.com or (952) 443-3382



Rainbow Bridge:

Several of us have lost our very special family members over the winter, so we wanted to remember them here.

"Curry" CH Sondymars Imagination [7/27/2000 - 3/1/2013] Lynn & John LaBahn and Al Saiko.

Curry was a very beautiful, sweet, gentle, goofy, elegant boy, that is leaving a huge hole in our lives and our hearts.

Ch Inisfree's Enchantress - "Abbe" owned by Louise & Rick Paulson passed away on 3/4/13. She was 13.5 years old.

Ch Inisfree's Silent Stalker - "Panther" passed away on 4/13/13 at 13.5 years old - owned by Anna Tyler.

Lois Stanfield lost her lovely Stash also at 13 years old.

Nate lost "Joey" a Chandler rescue boy on October 5, 2012 exactly 2 years to the day that he adopted him. He was also 13 years old.

CH Zavin's Vivacious "VV" owned by Barb Church and bred by Steve Cory & Mike Carlson. VV was very special to Barb and very near and dear to her heart. She passed away this winter.

A Poem from your dog when the end is near...

*If it should be that I grow weak,
And pain should keep me from my Sleep*

*Then you must do what must be done
For this last battle can't be won.*

*You will be sad, I understand,
Don't let your grief then stay your hand.*

*For this day more than all the rest,
Your Love for me must stand the test.*

*We've had so many years,
What is to come can hold no fears.*

*You'd not want me to suffer so.
The time has come; please let me go.*

*Take me to where my need they'll tend,
And please stay with me until the end.*

*Hold me firm and speak to me,
Until my eyes no longer see.*

*I know in time that you will see,
The kindness that you gave to me.*

*Although my tail its last has waved,
From pain and suffering I've been saved.*

*Please do not grieve.
It must be you,
Who had this painful thing to do.*

*We've been so close, we two these years.
Don't let your heart hold back its tears.*

Author Unknown

Conformation:

Conformation classes are being held at Nate's (King's Ranch) in Ramsey, Minnesota, on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$11. Of that \$11, the GTC AHC receives \$1 as reimbursement for the use of our mats we purchased in November,

\$5 goes to Nate for the use of his facility, and \$5 goes to the instructor. Pat Champaign is currently instructing. This is a very good training class. Come and join in.

2013 SPECIALTY:

Our specialty show is Friday, August 23, 2013 (pending AKC approval) and will be held at the Washington County Fairground by Lake Elmo, Minnesota in conjunction with the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club all breed dog shows. Susan

Weatherhead is the show chairperson. Our judge is Russell McFadden for regular classes, intersex, and junior showmanship. Leslie Stoffels is our sweepstakes judge.

Theme: Afghans the Fabric of Our Lives
Show Chairwoman: Susan Weatherhead
Hospitality Chairwoman: Anna Tyler
Trophy Chairwoman: Sue Medure
Show Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

A specialty lure coursing trial will be held on August 24, 2013.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS:

Lure Coursing & CAT: We have the dates set for 2013 for our lure coursing trials and coursing ability tests. All events are subject to AKC approval. Please go to our website at www.gtcahc.com for up-to-date information.

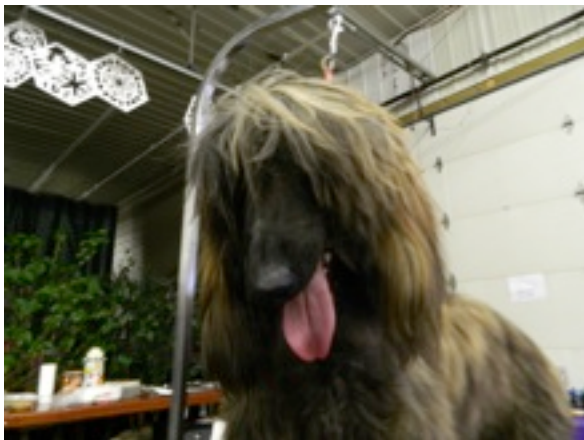
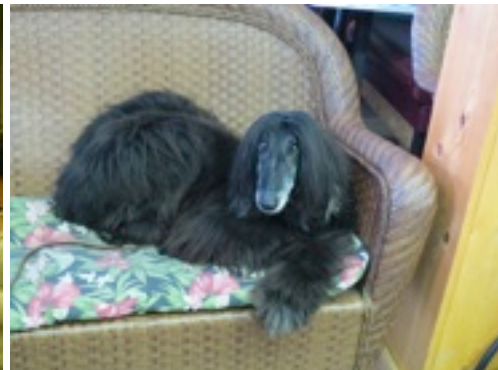
The next events are;

Saturday, May 4, 2013 All Breed Lure Coursing
Location: Kings Ranch, Ramsey, MN
Judge: Bob Gooderl

Sunday, May 5, 2013 CAT
Location: Kings Ranch, Ramsey, MN
Judge: Bob Gooderl

EDUCATION:

The grooming seminar by Beth Collins on Saturday, April 6th was well attended. We all learned so much about taking small steps to fine tune our dogs coats for the show ring.



Membership:

A new member has been approved:

Pamela Ristau, 27072 Platte Lake Lane, Hillman, MN 56338.

Pam has an Afghan Hound named **Inisfree Sirae Duet's Leave To Chance**

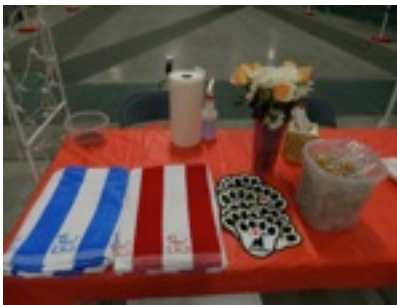
RESCUE:

Rescue foster homes are needed. Contact Susan Weatherhead.

LEGISLATION:

Fun match:

The fun match on **Sunday, April 7, 2013, Was Great Fun!** Our judge was Dr. Camille McArdle.



Trophies



The Ring



Miss Marnee practices High 5's while waiting her turn in the ring.

The winners of the GTCAHC Sanctioned "B" Fun Match are:

Best in Match — Inisfree Sirae' Duet Lady of the Dance — "Willow" owned by Anna Tyler.

Best Opposite in Match — Inisfree Sirae' Duet Take a Chance on Me — "Chance" owned by Pam Ristau.

[photos of the winners will be in next months newsletter]

UPCOMING EVENTS:

****The Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 27th. See the Presidents message.**

**** Lure Coursing Trial & Coursing Ability Test – May 4 & 5.**

BRAGS:

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 27th, after the Awards Banquet.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

2013 SPECIALTY SHOW:	Susan Weatherhead
BREEDER REFERRAL:	Sandy Nelson
EDUCATION:	Lynn LaBahn
MEMBERSHIP:	Sandy Nelson
RESCUE:	Susan Weatherhead
PERFORMANCE EVENTS:	Open
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON:	Open