



Exclusively Afghans

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I want to truly apologize for the lack of newsletters. When I started this endeavor I was unemployed and had all the time in the world. I now have a job that I enjoy. The draw back with the job is sometimes I am required to work 10-12 hour days. I also am now owned by three dogs. So I sadly would like to pass the reigns to be editor of this newsletter to someone who has a little more time available than I have. I have enjoyed working on this newsletter and I will miss it. Please let me know if you are interested in taking over the newsletter at jujant04@yahoo.com and I will send you everything that I have accrued in the past year and a half.

Braggs!

- Indianhead - Best of Breed
- Indianhead - Best of Opposite
- Key City - Best of Opposite
- Key City - Best of Opposite
- Lake Minnetonka - Best of Breed
- Anoka - Best of Opposite
- Anoka - Best of Opposite
- Cambridge - Best of Opposite
- Cambridge - Select
- Duluth - Best of Breed
- Duluth - Best of Opposite
- Duluth - Best of Breed
- Duluth - Best of Breed
- Midwest Afghan Hound Club - Select
- Loraine County KC - Select
- Loraine County KC - Select
- Columbus Afghan Hound Club - Select
- GTCAHC - Award of Merit
- SCVVC - Select
- Rochester KC - Best of Breed
- Rochester KC - Best of Breed / GROUP 3
- Wright County KC - Best of Breed
- Wright County KC - Best of Opposite



NEWS...NEWS...NEWS

We have had a recent application for membership to the club by Michael Quinn. He hails from Chippewa Falls WI and is happily owned by 10 Afghan Hounds! Afghan hounds are his hobby. He is interested in showing afghan hounds in conformation. He does have a stud dog available and has occasional litters.

Until we meet again...



Ch Inisfree Fox Run Seductress - "Angel"

11.2.99 - 2.23.15

My dear little Angel is now a true Angel. She is an important little girl in my life...

Little Angel was the last of the Francis-Flyer litter - a beautiful litter of 8 (6 were Champions) that I am very proud of. Coming down from Prince, Alex, Francis, Flyer to Angel, a Kassan bitch, is a very special legacy for me.

Angel was bred to Roux (who goes back to Taco and Rhythm of the Night - 5 times...) who produced 9 get of which 5 were Champions of record and one

Grand Champion - Rio. Angel has 10 Grandchildren through Rio- we have the beautiful Lizzy - Rio puppies all 10 of them (of which 7 are Champions of record).





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In Memory of Lloyd

Lloyd left the Williams family in the very early hours of Christmas Eve morning. It was sudden and very unexpected. Lloyd was vigorous and energetic. 5 years old with a love of life. In the prime time of life, Lloyd had just been WD at the Minneapolis KC shows. He had 9 points with one major. He was shown by his co-owner, Al Saiko and Lexi Rogers. Most recently he was shown by Rene Saiko at the Minneapolis KC shows.

Lloyd was bred by Kristi Jones.

Sire: DC Kryslaur's Blueprint of Winsong Dam: DC Kryslaur's Almost Absent

Owners: Janet and Michael Williams

Color: Black and Brindle



Lloyd had a "personality-plus" and always a dependable show dog. Even as a puppy in the 6-9 class at Cambridge, when he decided to go backwards around the ring he was still entertaining.

Lloyd is terribly missed by his "people" family, Janet, Mick, Paul, and Ernest and his kennel mates, Vincent, Lulu, Dottie and Captain.

Memorial for: *El Shazaam Icon Cool Breeze "Silver"*
03/10/ 20/14 – 05/28/2015

(El Shazaam Strawberry Jaam x El Shazaam Swiftwind Galactika)

Remembering "Silver"...

On Thursday, May 28th, Dave and I lost our wonderful, sweet "Silver" to Lung Torsion. After surviving surgery on 5/20, with the removal of a right cranial lung lobe, he seemed to be healing well at home. He was struck again by torsion of a lobe on the left side. We rushed him back to the U of MN Veterinary Clinic with a slight cough, lack of appetite and pale gums. The surgeon said he was in good shape to be able to go through another surgery but the chances of having it happen again couldn't be predicted. With no explanation of how or why it happened, we made the devastating decision to let him go.

He was still walking around the exam room, happy and curious. To have him die in our arms is something so unbelievably sad and hard to live with that I can't imagine ever getting over the heartbreak. Dave almost collapsed and the staff called for medical help for him.

I've lost many dogs through the last 50 years of having Afghans but this was the hardest and saddest. Silver was 14 months old. He picked me as his person when his eyes opened, always watching me. He walked across the whelping box and peed on my foot when he was a very small puppy. All caught on video. He was my pick puppy at birth.

Silver had the closest to perfect conformation as any dog I've ever bred, but above all, his temperament was so enjoyable. So smart. He was strong and active, running full speed with abandonment, picking up toys on the fly, retrieving balls and coming when called. Just a happy, healthy puppy.

I was teaching him to say "I love you." as he liked "talking" to me. He would respond in three syllables with inflection in the right places.

Lung Torsion in Afghan Hounds is something I had only heard of when Mary Kelson LeFebvre's (my El Shazaam partner) had it happen to her El Shazaam Marcus of Moornistan in the '70s. He was older at the time. He had surgery at the U of MN and made a full recovery with no recurrence.

Lung Torsion and Chylothorax is seen in Afghan Hounds and other deep chested breeds. Chylothorax is especially scary as Afghans and Sheba Emus are the breeds mentioned as more prone to the disease. The connection between lung torsion and chylothorax is not clear in what I read, but chylothorax seems to be a complication of lung torsion, or the surgery. The lymph fluid builds up in the chest cavity compromising breathing. It seems to be something that can't be prevented, like Bloat. Without warning or tests for it, we can only hope for a medical breakthrough some day. Chylothorax can occur under other circumstances.

I will never see another "Silver" in my lifetime. His short life brought us so much joy. Just watching him made my heart skip a beat. Thank you for being here for awhile, my sweet boy.

Silver was co bred with Janet Williams/Icon.

Barb Strusinski/El Shazaam

[see photos of this beautiful boy on the next page]

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