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Litter announcement..... \$15

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On the cover

Pichou, GrCh Afpint Mighty Aphrodite with her collection of shells

Photo: Paul Doupe

Address change?

Have you changed your e-mail address, phone number or address?

If so, please let the ACA Membership Chair know so they can update the membership list.

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President's Message



Hello everyone.

Spring is beginning to show signs of bursting out in full, at least here in the south. We'll send it on up to you all in the north if we can. Nice to have the windows open again, to venture outside in shirtsleeves.

As I sat down to type this up, a news program was running in the background and I heard the grim statistics that as of one year ago at this time the United States had 19 Covid deaths. We are now over half a million. 500,000+ people that will never see another spring, revel in the summer sun, rake the fall leaves; all are lost to their families forever. We hope that all of you reading this have escaped the touch of this virus, are staying safe, and are looking forward to a better year.

And a better year it promises to be. With vaccines being rapidly distributed and administered, and the CDC advising new, more relaxed guidelines it looks positive for our national this year and for society as a whole to get back to a somewhat normal routine. Just as 9/11 changed many of our practices, particularly about security, we are sure that Covid will have lasting effects on society. The new normal may not be the old normal but it sure beats the heck out last year's normal. So get those vaccines out of the way and make your plans to be in Oklahoma City on July 3rd.

Then a connection between Affens and the pandemic came to mind, about all the people suddenly stuck at home with no companionship, who suddenly thought about getting a pet. Upon investigating all the dog breeds many of them discovered our remarkable little monkey dogs. And the crunch was on.

More people wanting Affens than were available, fewer litters being whelped, travel restrictions preventing the transfer of those puppies that were available, all leading to frustration on the part of breeder and purchaser alike.

And just why are there so few litters being bred? We know that the number of pups to a litter is low to begin with, but we now have fewer litters being whelped according to AKC statistics. In 2019 only 51 registered litters were whelped, producing a total of 129 puppies compared to 136 litters/212 puppies in 1991. Backsliding, no progress showing here in the 28 years between.

Do we want to be in the top 10? Not by a long shot. But do we want to see Affens in America disappear? Absolutely not. We are here to preserve the breed, protect it, and promote its qualities. So what is happening here. Many Affen breeders around the shows boast to spectators that you can't just have one – once you own one, you'll want another, and another.

But if you ask many of them why they are not breeding, they don't reply that there is a lack of good homes. Instead they cite breeding difficulties, whelping difficulties, heartbreak over puppy losses. The heartbreak is the worst. And yes, those things can happen. Yes, your heart can break when things go wrong and a puppy dies in your hands.

Wouldn't it be more fruitful to health test, to share those health statistics, to openly discuss which breeding combinations work and which don't? There are so many educational opportunities open to breeders on social media such as online seminars on different aspects of breeding. And AKC is initiating a Breeder Mentor program for parent clubs to encourage newcomers and guide them through the ins and outs of breeding.

So just as the CDC is saying we can open up our homes and arms to our vaccinated friends and relatives, let's think about opening our arms and welcoming new members to our club. Perhaps the next winner of an AKC national is waiting to be bred by one of them. It could happen if we encourage, educate and support them.

Sheila

Website News

In the next couple months, we will start issuing individual usernames and passwords. When you are added, you will receive two emails, one confirming you have been added and one that has a generic password, please log in and check your information and change your password. If you forget your password, you will be able to reset your password yourself. If you have a household membership, each member will get their own login.

Until you receive your individual usernames please continue to use the current username and password to access past newsletters.

username: ACA

password: Affenpinscher5

The password is case sensitive.

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ACA Board of Directors Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Meeting was called to order by President Wymore at 7:20 pm EST. In attendance were: Sheila Wymore, Cameron Riegel, Paul Doupe, Lisa Carpenter, Sue Magoss, Donna Wolfe, Azalea Alvarez, Karen Mancini and Jo Acton.

RECORDING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Published in Newsletter)

There being no corrections or additions to the November BOD minutes, a motion to accept these minutes was made by Azalea Alvarez and seconded by Cameron Riegel. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY (Sue Magoss)

All minutes are published up to date and are available on the club website

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Paul Doupe)

I sent the following to Sherry for publication in the Jan/Feb Newsletter in order to facilitate meeting registration and the deadline for the forum:

I received an email from our partners at Embark advising of a Breeders forum and Canine Health Summit that they are hosting in February, it is free and of course virtual. The Conference runs Feb15-16 2021.

Here is the link to register and some general information on the event https://embarkvet.brand.live/c/embark-canine-healthsummit?utm_campaign=brd_eng_health_summit_2_20201203_customers%20%28TfcSAb%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=klaviyo&_ke=eyJrbF9lbWFpbCI6ICJmY3BkQGNvbWVhcn3QubmV0IiwgImtsX2NvbXBhbnlfaWQiOiAiTWRLcE5aIn0%3D

The conference will feature topics and discussions relevant to breeders of all experience levels led by well known experts from across the field. As part of Embark and the Westminster Kennel Club's commitment to canine genetic health, the event will run during Westminster's fan appreciation week during the month of February 2021.

I received an inquiry from a Club Member asking to confirm the dates for the 2021 Specialty in Oklahoma City.

I have also received five (5) inquiries from people looking for puppies or an older adult Affen.

Often these inquiries ask that I recommend a breeder which of course I do not do but instead refer them either directly to the Breeder List on the website or to Linda Swartz or mostly both.

I know Linda makes this request frequently but I would encourage anyone on the Breeder List who has puppies available or perhaps may be willing to place an older dog to let Linda know.

I feel very badly for people looking for puppies it seems they are often living alone and have recently lost a dog, and now more than ever they are in need of a good four legged friend. So again, to echo Linda's call, please let her know when you have dogs available.

REPORT OF TREASURER (Lisa Carpenter)

ACA November 2020

	Expenses	Income
Beginning Checking Balance 11/1/2020		\$13,849.04
New Member App (Miodonski)		\$36.00
New Associate Members(Sennet, Gurtler, Price, Galan)		\$88.00
Membership Renewals		\$999.83
Breeder Referral Renewals		\$48.97
Trophy Donation		\$23.97
AKC Club Renewal	\$25.00	
Zoom Subscription	\$119.92	
Purchase of Club Pins reimburse D. Wolfe	\$640.50	

Ending Checking Account Balance 11/30/2020 **\$14,998.90**

Beginning Savings Account Balance 11/1/2020 **\$31,280.21**

Interest Payment .25

Ending Savings Account Balance 11/30/2020 **\$31,280.46**

Total on Deposit 11/30/2020 **\$45,279.36**

ACA December 2020

Beginning Checking Balance 12/1/2020		\$14,998.90
	Expenses	Income
Membership Renewals		\$314.35
New Individual Member (Prickett)		\$36.00
New Associate Member (DeLeon)		\$22.00
Trophy Donations		\$12.00
Breeder Referral Dues		\$23.97
Embark Test Subsidies	\$160.00	
Refund Castro dues overpayment	\$22.00	
Ending Checking Account Balance 12/31/2020		\$14,667.15

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Beginning Savings Account Balance 12/1/2020	\$31,280.46
Interest Payment	.27
Ending Savings Account Balance 12/31/2020	\$31,280.73
Total on Deposit 12/31/2020	\$45,947.88

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AKC DELEGATE (Letisha Wubble)

The December 2, 2020 Delegates meeting was held as a Zoom meeting due to the Covid 19 Virus. Prior to the meeting, was a one-and-a-half-hour Q & A for the 2021 Board of Directors Candidates.

Dennis Sprung noted that conformation events have suffered greatly during the past 6 months however litter and dog registrations have increased.

The delegates running for the four positions for the Class of 2025 are Rita Biddle, Dominic Carota, Patricia Cruz, Thomas Davies, Gregory Pavaza, and Thomas Powers. The election will take place at the March 9 meeting.

The AKC has launched a new Virtual Home Manners (VHM) program. The title may be earned after passing a virtual home manners test. It is like the CGC program. More details are available at the AKC website.

Several issues were voted on including allowing 2020 National specialties which were cancelled because of the pandemic to be held in 2021 in addition to the 2021 National Specialty. This proposal passed and will expire at the end of 2021.

The next meeting of AKC delegates will be held on March 9 hopefully in person in Newark, New Jersey!

BREEDER REFERRAL (Linda Swartz)

I encourage anyone interested in being included on the Breeder Referral List, to please check the criteria on the ACA website and email the Chair.

The Chair corresponded with the following people in November and December searching for an Affenpinscher:

- Kate DiMarco Ruck (11/2/20)
- Sarah Atherton (11/13/20)
- Angela Kuehnel (11/13/20)
- Robin Mason (11/15/20)
- Judi Rothschild (12/3/20)
- Annette Hostoffer (12/7/20)
- Andy Burlingame (12/7/20)
- Johnny Temple (12/12/20)
- Diane Henderson (12/15/20)
- Susan Schaberg (12/15/20)
- Kevin Rosenbloom (12/22/20)

The Chair surveyed all breeders to check for availability. (12/22/20)

Breeder Referral List members Carol Duran, Lisa Carpenter, Kelly Broderick, Cameron Riegel, Kathie Timko, Carol Mann, and Sheila Wymore responded to the Chair's request for availability information.

If you are a breeder on the referral list, please keep in touch with the Chair regarding available Affens. Lisa Carpenter informed the Chair that all Breeder Referral dues have been paid by members currently on the Breeder Referral List.

Lisa expressed her concern that we have been getting so many requests for Affens and have had very little breeding going on by the club members. The board agreed that the club needs to be as supportive as possible of breeders and their needs/ concerns since we are responsible for the preservation of the breed.

MEET THE BREEDS (Donna Wolfe)

No change from my last report. Our participation will depend on when and if dog shows will return to allowing spectators and other events.

HEALTH AND WELFARE (OPEN)

Sheila stated the Health and Welfare should be one of the board's main priorities this year. She stated we need a strong chair for this committee who can work on all facets of health testing: OFA, DNA testing, Embark, and the health survey. Sheila recently attended the webinar given by AKC/CHF where a talk was given by Dr. Anita Oberbauer on genetic testing. Emphasis was placed on gene pools and not narrowing them by eliminating a dog/bitch from the breeding program due to one or two undesirable test results. Sheila hopes to summarize the talk for the next newsletter.

It was suggested that, if possible, we hold a breeder panel at the National instead of, or in addition to, a grooming seminar where all ideas and experiences, etc., can be shared to encourage more people to possibly become involved in breeding.

This committee opening was discussed and it was decided that we also needed someone to oversee the Facebook page for both updates and responses to questions and comments. Sheila will contact several possible candidates for this position.

HISTORIAN (Kelly Broderick)

No report received

INTERNET COORDINATOR (Cameron Riegel)

No report per Cameron Riegel. However, during the meeting, Cameron reported that the committee is going to assemble all of the pieces and parts of the Canine College material that has been gathered so far and make it available to judges. However, the committee still needs videos and pictures, especially movement videos. We need to announce that AKC will be filming at this year's National Specialty and encourage people to bring dogs, entered or not, for the filming.

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Cameron also stated that he needs still photos of good quality demonstrating all other areas that Affens excel in such as agility, rally, obedience, lure coursing, barn hunt, therapy etc.

Several names were suggested for Cameron to contact and a notice will go out in the next newsletter.

JUDGES EDUCATION (Pam Peat)

There really isn't anything new to report since the last JEC report I sent for year end. Shows were cancelled and until I have more information on the National in OK in July I won't have any additional information. I have no idea where or when the show is held so cannot plan for any JEC. I do plan to attend – at this time.

Cameron and I have also worked on the Canine College presentation and have more work to do but nothing really new to report at this time.

LEGISLATIVE LIASON (Melanie Potter)

No report received

MEMBERSHIP (Donna Wolfe)

Since we last met I have:

- Welcomed officially Lucienne Miodonski to the club as an Individual member and one new Associate member, Amanda DeLeon.
- Acknowledged receipt of Lynne Wiesner's application for individual membership.
- Sent Amanda's name and contact information along with a write up on Lynne's pending membership to Sherry for our first newsletter of the new year.
- Continued to work with Lisa to correct member errors when renewing their membership either by their overpayment or underpayment and contacting those members who have yet to renew. Initially we had 60 members who had not renewed. As of January 5 there are 10 members, eight associates and two individual members, for whom membership renewals have not been received. One associate member notified me she did not wish to renew her membership.
- Ordered and received our logo lapel pins with 150 having magnet backs and 150 having a pin/clasp back.
- Sent a notice to be printed in the January/February newsletter about the forthcoming survey. As I reported before, the goal is to find out more about our members and their interest in the Affenpinscher. The survey will ask our members about their interests with their Affen(s), how many they have, their ages, if they are first time owners, are they involved in or own other breeds, and activities with their Affen- such as do they compete in conformation, performance (with all the categories), therapy work, training, companion-do they enjoy hiking, traveling, walking and other activities with their Affens. Would they be interested in knowing which members share their interests? Would they approve of having their activities

interests listed along with their contact information in our member directory? Also there would be a few questions about their interest and willingness to serve or help on a club committee (there will be a list of opportunities with a brief description of each and they could check which ones they would be interested in). The response would not be anonymous for this survey. Help with this survey is welcome.

Azalea moved we invite new puppy/adult Affen owners, or any new rescue people, to have a free associate membership for one year with paid renewal after the first year. This motion was modified to state that we will put a special application on the members only site, allowing members to give out these complimentary associate memberships. Lisa seconded the amended motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Sherry Galagan)

No new report per Sherry Galagan.

Sheila reported that we have two new associate members who have offered to edit articles for the newsletter. If there are members who would like to write about performance and/or other areas that Affens are involved in, but don't think they have the skills to do so, these two members have volunteered their literary skills to help out. A small blurb about their offer will go into the next newsletter.

SPECIALTY LIAISONS

2019 Cameron Riegel - Past Specialty

2021 Oklahoma – Chair position is open

Sheila reported that the logo should be in our hands by this coming Friday (Jan 15, 2021) so that we can begin ordering logo merchandise. Trophies for the supported entry shows and the national have been selected. The premium list information has been submitted to the cluster specialty coordinator. Information has been sent to Sherry to be placed on the web site and was in the current newsletter. We will ask Sherry to put this information in the next newsletter also. Kathie Timko is chairing hospitality. Jo asked that the information for the plaques be forwarded to her so she is prepared to order them when the time comes. There was also some discussion regarding COVID and social distancing, how we would hold the banquet and the show itself depending on the latest COVID and state rules and regulations.

2021 Morris and Essex

Premium list and trophy information has been forwarded to the show committee and we have informed them we are reverting to a supported entry as opposed to a specialty.

2022 Jo Acton (Future Chair) Woofstock

2023 Sandra Lex – Syracuse NY in March

Judge selection for the 2023 National Specialty will take place at this year's National. A notice will go out in the May Newsletter requesting nominations.

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE (Judie Rivard)

No new report per Judie Rivard

WAYS AND MEANS (OPEN)

WEBMASTER (Sherry Galagan)

No new report per Sherry Galagan

AD HOC COMMITTEES

SPECIALTY MANUAL (Azalea Alvarez)

STANDING RULES (Carol Duran)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Lynn Wiesner's application for membership was presented to the board for review and a vote. She is sponsored by Susan Prickett and Dan DeBruin. Motion made by Jo Acton to accept Lynn as a new member pending her name and application information being published in the newsletter for review and comment by the membership. The motion was seconded by Karen Mancini and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherry Galagan sent a note with her response and I'm including that here:

"One note to discuss at board meeting, is maybe to assign someone to monitor the Facebook account and answer questions, mostly Lisa and I do it, but not consistently. It would be good to have someone monitor it regularly, do regular posts to increase engagement and maybe generate more interest in joining the club as Facebook has a bigger reach as more than members like the page. We have just over 1,500 followers, basically untapped."

We actually discussed the Facebook page under Health and Welfare and Sheila will be contacting some members to see if they might be available to help.

Paul Doupe received the following email and Sheila has asked that this be included in new business:

My name is Christine Dresser and my mother and I had Affens back in the 80's, having gotten our first from Jerry Cushman and breeding under our kennel name, Dress Circle. My mother, Patricia, recently passed away. We had talked before her illness about what she would like done with her extensive collection of dog art and she desired that it be donated to each breed's national club to be used for trophies or for raffles to benefit health and rescue. If this is something the Affen club would be interested in pursuing, please let me know. I am planning on packing all her things for shipping at some point to close out her estate unless there is someone nearby (Medina, OH) who could arrange to pick it up. Please let me know.

Thank you.
Chris Dresser

The board discussed and approved accepting the donations from Chris Dresser with a very appreciative thank you note! Sheila has a sister who lives near Medina who may be able to pick up these donations and store them until a club member is able to retrieve them. Paul will let Chris know and put Sheila in touch with Chris to finalize the pick-up.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Tuesday March 9
Tuesday May 11
Tuesday July 13
Tuesday September 14
Tuesday November 9

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm. A motion for adjournment was made by Azalea Alvarez and seconded by Cameron Riegel. Motion passed unanimously.



This is how a little monkey stays warm.

Crisanda Mickey's Monkey Business and Alpine Mountain Heavenly Belle.

Photo: Pamela Percival

Membership

New Individual Member Application

Barbara Barth

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Sponsors: Cindy Fortin and Jackie Stacy

Barbara started her conformation career in 1970 showing a Shar-Pei. She served on the Boards of the Centennial Shar-Pei Club and the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America. Barb acquired her first Affenpinscher from Troy Cashman and later added two Tamarin Affenpinschers to her family. She loves showing Affens and may consider breeding a litter in the future. Barb is also interested in volunteering with the club.

Cindy Fortin has known Barb since July 2017 and has visited her home. Cindy says Barb loves her Affens very much, takes great care of them and spoils them!

Jackie Stacy met Barb many years ago when she was judging Barb's Shar-Pei and Barb's granddaughter was showing an Affenpinscher. Jackie says Barb was so interested in learning more about Affenpinschers and getting advice on how to get her Affen to show better. Jackie was happy to help her and Barb's interest continues to grow and flourish. Barb is modest, ethical and a good sport. Jackie believes Barb's experience and skills will be an asset to our club.

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MEET-A-MEMBER:

Jeff Wickersham & Harley



Harley

In 2007, Jeff and his wife were out and about and wandered into a recently opened pet store. They looked at puppies and one named Tazz caught their attention. They found out he was an Affenpinscher. Jeff kept thinking about him, did research on the Affenpinscher, liked what he read and went back the next week for Tazz. They were best friends and inseparable. Tazz was always happy, wagging his little docked tail and gave his family such

love and joy. Tazz passed away December 19, 2020. He is missed terribly and will remain forever in their hearts.

Right after New Year's Day, they drove to Pennsylvania to pick up Harley from Dan DeBruin. Jeff says "Harley is a hot mess, but a good boy so far." Jeff is rediscovering the whole puppy thing from teething, house training, high energy bursts followed by long naps! In 2000 after 24 years as an Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, Jeff retired and currently works as a software engineer. He looks forward to helping the club in any way he can. Jeff and Harley live in Valdosta, Georgia. Jeff's email is jeff@wickersham.cc



Harley

Titles and Awards

Champion

CH Baker's Acres Woolly Bully Monkey

Dog Black #TS44254501

DOB: 25-Jun-19

Titled: 27-Nov-20

Sire: GCHB CH Lakewood's Mambo Man

Dam: CH Lakewood's Once Upon A Moon

Owned/bred by: Linda V Baker

CH Enjoi One Myt Wild Winna

Bitch Black #TS42073603

DOB: 23-Jan-19

Titled: 06-Nov-20

Sire: CH Zelfine's Monetique To The Top

Dam: CH Zelfines One Myt Can You

Hear Me Now

Owned by: Lynne Wisner & Susan

Eastman Prickett

Bred by: Susan Eastman Prickett

CH Donnybrook Truly Julie

Bitch Belge #TS41271502

DOB: 09-Jan-19

Titled: 18-Jan-21

Sire: GCHB CH Tamarin Tanner

Dam: CH Tamarin Truly At Donnybrook

Owned by: Stevie Bernhard & Susan Ptacek

Bred by: Thomas Langston & John T Ward

CH Donnybrook's Miraculous Andy Swift

Dog Black #TS42075701

DOB: 24-Mar-19

Titled: 16-Jan-21

Sire: CH Yarrow's Hi-Tech Time Traveler

Dam: CH Donnybrook Truly Sunshine

Owned by: Lisa A Swift & John T Ward &

Richard Swift

Bred by: John Thomas Ward & Thomas

Langston & Terran Langston

CH One Myt Gilty Pleasure Of Edan Hill

Bitch Belge #TS32996203

DOB: 11-Dec-16

Titled: 14-Jan-21

Sire: GCH CH Yarrow Hi-Tech Stuck On

You At Edan Hill FDC THDN CGCA

CGCU TKP ATT VHMA

Dam: CH Edan Hill's Life Is But A Dream

THDN CGCA CGCU TKA

Owned by: Susan Eastman Prickett

Bred by: Dani L Rosenberry & James

Underwood

CH Shente's Fiesta Five In A Row

Dog Black #TS43044401

DOB: 17-Feb-19

Titled: 21-Jan-21

Sire: CH Fiesta's Firecracker

Dam: Fiesta's Tip Top

Owned by: Carol Duran & LeRoy Duran

Bred by: Margaret R Brown & Olga Gagne

CH Sunlight Bluz CGC

Dog Red #TS40559901

DOB: 22-Jun-18

Titled: 15-Jan-21

Sire: Severin Iz Doma Kunets

Dam: Tsaritsa Kleopatra Iz Doma Kunets

Owned by: Ken Stowell

Bred by: T S Fedorova

Grand Champion

GCH CH Hooray Henry V. Tani Kazari

Dog Black #TS37655201

DOB: 14-Jan-17

Titled: 05-Nov-20

Sire: GCHG CH Banana Joe V. Tani Kazari

Dam: Bonny Bamboo V Tani Kazari

Owned by: Judith Epperson & Bradley

Phifer

Bred by: Mieke Cooymans

GCH CH Tamarin Tansy

Bitch Black #TS41428803

DOB: 19-Jan-19

Titled: 08-Nov-20

Sire: CH Tamarin Type Cast

Dam: CH Tamarin Two Step

Owned by: Barbara Barth

Bred by: Tamarin Knl

Grand Champion Bronze

GCHB CH Circle Legend Monkey Zico

Dog Black #TS36531201

DOB: 10-Dec-16

Titled: 24-Nov-20

Sire: Coco Vialatte Jp Monkey Magic

Dam: Miss Lizy V. Tani Kazari

Owned/bred by: Jin-Woo Lee

Rally Novice

Minsmere Moor Of Venice RN CGCA CGCU TKN

Dog Black #TS29593801

DOB: 23-Mar-16

Titled: 20-Nov-20

Sire: GCH CH Tamarin Towntalk Nyteflyte

Dam: CH Rheingold Olympia

Owned by: Ken Stowell & Alison Fackelman

Bred by: Dr. Azalea A Alvarez & Monica

Alvarez

Rally Novice

Bernadette Ter'Avalon RN CGCA

CGCU TKN

Bitch Black #TS39013701

DOB: 07-Apr-18

Titled: 22-Jan-21

Sire: Kiss Magic Best

Dam: Filosofia Iz Doma Kunets

Owned by: Alison Fackelman & Ken Stowell

Bred by: Olena Liubnytska

Rally Intermediate

CH Edan Hill's I Dreamed A Dream RI

FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKP ATT

Bitch Black #TS17062701

DOB: 21-Apr-13

Titled: 13-Nov-20Sire:

CH Nim Chimpsky V. Tani Kazari RI

FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKP ATT

VHMA

Dam: CH Yarrow Hi-Tech Dream A Little

Dream

Owned/bred by: Dani L Rosenberry &

James Underwood

Open Agility

Ferlin Coobler's Top Drummer Boy

RN OA OAJ NF BCAT CGC

Dog Black #TS38519001

DOB: 28-Dec-17

Titled: 01-Nov-20

Sire: GCH CH Tamagotchi Vom

Reichsgraf Zu Herrenheim CD BN RE

NA NAJ TKN

Dam: Sienna Gold Ima Pepper 2 Winsalot

Owned by: Paula Scott & Linda Ferris

Bred by: Linda Ferris & Evelyn Shoemaker

Titles and Awards

Farm Dog Certified

**GCHB CH Aberdeens Monkey Man RN
FDC CGC TKN**

Dog Black #TR90342201

DOB: 20-May-09

Titled: 29-Nov-20

Sire: CH Aberdeen's Marvin

Dam: CH Aberdeens La Belle

Owned by: Kara Hickey

Bred by: Ann MacIntosh

DCAT

**Ferlin Coobler's Top Drummer Boy
RN OA OAJ NF DCAT CGC**

Dog Black #TS38519001

DOB: 28-Dec-17

Titled: 09-Dec-20

Sire: GCH CH Tamagotchi Vom

Reichsgraf Zu Herrenheim CD BN RE

NA NAJ TKN

Dam: Sienna Gold Ima Pepper 2 Winsalot

Owned by: Paula Scott & Linda Ferris

Bred by: Linda Ferris & Evelyn Shoemaker

Trick Dog Novice

**Baker's Acres Howler Monkey BCAT
CGCA TKN**

Dog Black #TS44254503

DOB: 25-Jun-19

Titled: 25-Jan-21

Sire: GCHB CH Lakewood's Mambo Man

Dam: CH Lakewood's Once Upon A Moon

Owned by: Paula Scott

Bred by: Linda V Baker

**Ferlin Coobler's Top Drummer Boy
RN OA OAJ NF DCAT CGC TKN**

Dog Black #TS38519001

DOB: 28-Dec-17

Titled: 12-Jan-21

Sire: GCH CH Tamagotchi Vom

Reichsgraf Zu Herrenheim CD BN RE

NA NAJ TKN

Dam: Sienna Gold Ima Pepper 2 Winsalot

Owned by: Paula Scott & Linda Ferris

Bred by: Linda Ferris & Evelyn Shoemaker

Trick Dog Intermediate

**Ferlin Coobler's Top Drummer Boy
RN OA OAJ NF DCAT CGC TKI**

Dog Black #TS38519001

DOB: 28-Dec-17

Titled: 25-Jan-21

Sire: GCH CH Tamagotchi Vom

Reichsgraf Zu Herrenheim CD BN RE

NA NAJ TKN

Dam: Sienna Gold Ima Pepper 2 Winsalot

Owned by: Paula Scott & Linda Ferris

Bred by: Linda Ferris & Evelyn Shoemaker

Trick Dog Performer

**GCH CH Edan Hill's If Dreams Come
True THDN CGCA CGCU TKP**

Bitch Belge #TS32589501

DOB: 09-Dec-16

Titled: 22-Dec-20

Sire: GCH CH Yarrow Hi-Tech Stuck On

You At Edan Hill FDC THDN CGCA

CGCU TKP ATT VHMA

Dam: CH Edan Hill's I Dreamed A

Dream RI FDC THDN CGCA CGCU

TKP ATT VHMA

Owned/bred by: Dani L Rosenberry &

James Underwood

**CH Rita Chiquita V. Tani Kazari FDC
THDN CGCA CGCU TKP ATT**

Bitch Black #TS22453901

DOB: 13-Nov-13

Titled: 22-Dec-20

Sire: GCHG CH Banana Joe V. Tani Kazari

Dam: Bonny Bamboo V Tani Kazari

Owned by: Dani L Rosenberry & James

Underwood

Bred by: M.W.A.H. Coymans

AKC Temperament Test

**CH MACH6 Ferlin's Black Jaguar
MXG2 MJG2 CAX DCAT CGCA CGCU
ATT**

Dog Black #TS18303405

DOB: 24-Aug-13

Titled: 16-Dec-20

Sire: CH Coachlight Frolicn Highwayman

Dam: CH Ferlin's It's All About The Journey

Owned by: Sharon Rafferty & Linda M

Ferris

Bred by: Linda M Ferris & Sharon Boyd

Master Century Agility 2

**CH MACH6 Ferlin's Black Jaguar
MXC2 MJC2 CAX DCAT CGCA CGCU
ATT**

Dog Black #TS18303405

DOB: 24-Aug-13

Titled: 16-Jan-21

Sire: CH Coachlight Frolicn Highwayman

Dam: CH Ferlin's It's All About The

Journey

Owned by: Sharon Rafferty & Linda M

Ferris

Bred by: Linda M Ferris & Sharon Boyd

Master Century Jumper 2

**CH MACH6 Ferlin's Black Jaguar
MXG2 MJC2 CAX DCAT CGCA CGCU
ATT**

Dog Black #TS18303405

DOB: 24-Aug-13

Titled: 02-Jan-21

Sire: CH Coachlight Frolicn Highwayman

Dam: CH Ferlin's It's All About The Journey

Owned by: Sharon Rafferty & Linda M

Ferris

Bred by: Linda M Ferris & Sharon Boyd

Advanced Canine Good Citizen

**Baker's Acres Howler Monkey BCAT
CGCA**

Dog Black #TS44254503

DOB: 25-Jun-19

Titled: 01-Dec-20

Sire: GCHB CH Lakewood's Mambo Man

Dam: CH Lakewood's Once Upon A Moon

Owned by: Paula Scott

Bred by: Linda V Baker

CH Sunlight Bluz CGCA

Dog Red #TS40559901

DOB: 22-Jun-18

Titled: 16-Jan-21

Sire: Severin Iz Doma Kunets

Dam: Tsaritsa Kleopatra Iz Doma Kunets

Owned by: Ken Stowell

Bred by: T S Fedorova

Titles and Awards

Canine Good Citizen Urban

CH Sunlight Bluz CGCA CGCU

Dog Red #TS40559901

DOB: 22-Jun-18

Titled: 17-Jan-21

Sire: Severin Iz Doma Kunets

Dam: Tsaritsa Kleopatra Iz Doma Kunets

Owned by: Ken Stowell

Bred by: T S Fedorova

Virtual Home Manners Adult

CH Edan Hill's I Dreamed A Dream RI FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKP ATT VHMA

Bitch Black #TS17062701

DOB: 21-Apr-13

Titled: 24-Dec-20

Sire: CH Nim Chimpsky V. Tani Kazari

RI FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKP ATT

VHMA

Dam: CH Yarrow Hi-Tech Dream A Little

Dream

Owned/bred by: Dani L Rosenberry &

James Underwood

CH Nim Chimpsky V. Tani Kazari RI FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKP ATT VHMA

Dog Black & Tan #TS07972701

DOB: 17-Feb-11

Titled: 30-Dec-20

Sire: Kyleakin Space Cowboy

Dam: Orlock Divinity Drake

Owned by: Dani L Rosenberry & James

Underwood

Bred by: Mieke Coymans

Watermark Back To The Beginning At Edan Hill RA FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKP ATT VHMA

Bitch Belge #TS12069402

DOB: 14-Aug-12

Titled: 12-Jan-21

Sire: CH Watermark Bayshore Artful

Dodger

Dam: Watermark Bayshore Divine Ms M

Owned by: Dani L Rosenberry & James

Underwood

Bred by: Phyllis Giroux D.V.M. & J Frank

Baylis

GCH CH Yarrow Hi-Tech Stuck On You At Edan Hill FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKP ATT VHMA

Dog Belge #TS23846404

DOB: 09-Sep-14

Titled: 12-Jan-21

Sire: CH Yarrow Hi-Tech Thrills N Spills

Dam: CH Yarrow's Hi-Tech Dreamweaver

THDN CGCA TKP

Owned by: Dani L Rosenberry & James

Underwood

Bred by: Dr. William Truesdale & Dani

L Rosenberry & Zoila A Truesdale &

Letisha Wubbel-De La Torre



Nikko

MEET-A-MEMBER:

Caryle Glazer-Lord & Nikko

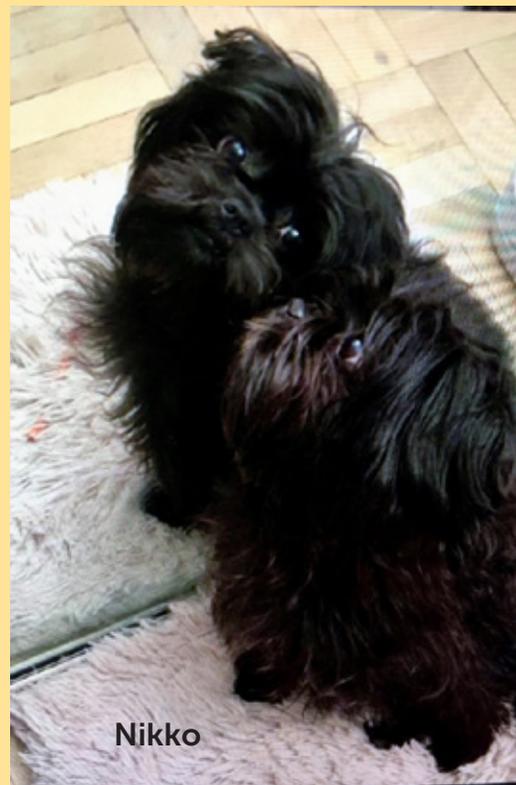
Caryle has been an Associate Member since August 2019. She has loved monkeys all her life and through the years has collected anything monkey related. About 20 years ago she heard about a “monkey dog” and found the Affenpinscher. At the time she had two yorkies and lived in an apartment that was not really too pet friendly. She put the thought of finding an Affen on the back burner. She remarried and her Yorkies passed away; however, she traveled with her husband who was an entertainer. She kept her dream of having an Affen alive with books and a video and knew one day it would happen. After her husband passed away Caryle joined Affen Facebook groups and through networking met breeders. She met Tom and Billye Ward who were so instrumental in helping her find an Affen. They invited her to attend the Progressive

Dog Show where she was introduced to many Affen fanciers and breeders. A week after Westminster Caryle picked up the love of her life, Yarrow Hi-Tech Nobody's Fool, “Nikko” from Beth Sweigart. Caryle and Nikko took to one another immediately.

Nikko who is almost two, enjoys sleeping in bed on her pillow and likes to put gifts of whatever he can find in her lap. He is very comical, entertaining, playful and social although with COVID they don't get around too many people these days. He loves to admire himself in the mirror and frolic in the snow.

Caryle now understands the joy, laughter, devotion and love Affens give and that once you own one you just keep wanting more!

Caryle and Nikko live in Fort Lee, NJ. Caryle's email is slick5134@aol.com



Nikko

MEET-A-MEMBER: Amanda DeLeon & Allie



Our family of three humans and two cats relocated from Florida to Chicago in July 2020 and began our search for a pet dog. I spent hours researching popular pet breeds and contacting breeders about puppies. Every lead that was promising ended up at a puppy mill, I found many responsible breeders had closed their wait lists due to the COVID dog rush.

One morning, after four months of fruitless searching, I phoned our friend in the pet industry in frustration. He suggested going to the AKC list of breeders and calling and asking about adult dogs.

Well, the very first on the list was the Affenpinscher. I read about the breed and watched Youtube videos featuring these adorable scruffy little scamps and was in love. I found a listing for Coachlight Kennels and Sheila and I connected like old friends. She matched us with Allie, one of her adults and two weeks later my husband flew to Arizona to pick her up.

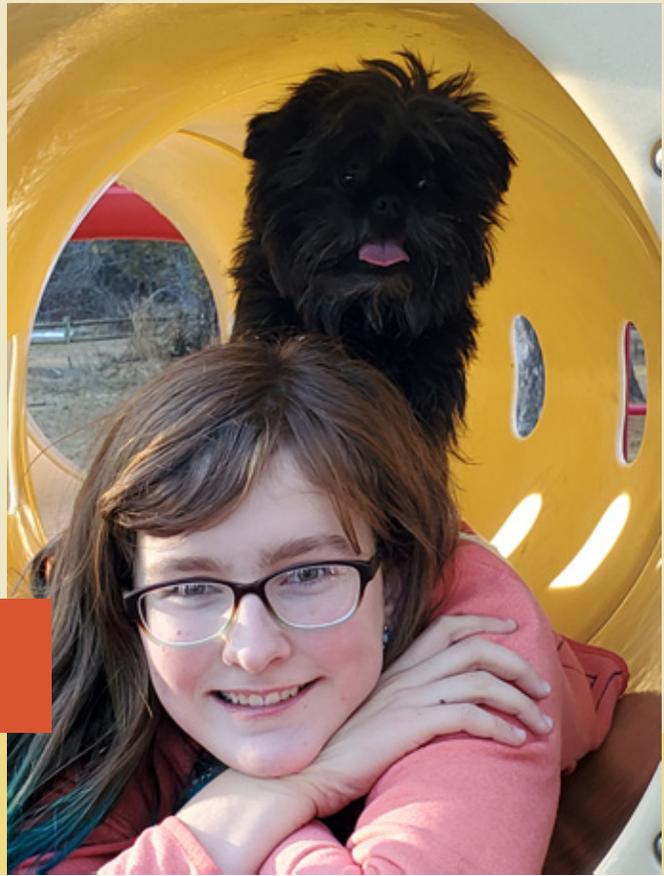


Allie transitioned seamlessly into our family and we are so grateful to Sheila and Monte for sharing her with us. She snoozes through pandemic homeschool at the side of our seventh grader and greets my husband after long days working in a hospital during a pandemic with an excited bark and lots of kisses and tail wags. She loves to say hello to all the neighbors and even in bitter cold will not turn around until we've checked if the owner of the hardware store is around with a piece of kibble in his pocket. She spends many hours in our picture window supervising the comings and goings of the street and either passing silent judgement, giving a warning growl or a few barks if you've committed the crime of a pompom stocking cap or stepping on the porch. We look forward to our years of love and laughter with her and being part of the Affenpinscher community! Amanda and Allie live in Chicago Illinois. Amanda's email is amandadeleon12@gmail.com

Sarah Wolfe and her Affenpinscher Baker's Acres Diesel Power Monkey.

This exhibition examines Hollywood history from the perspective of its four-legged canine stars, and explores dogs in film from the very first piece of cinema up through the "Golden Age of Hollywood Dogs".

Announcing the Hollywood Dogs Virtual Tour! Join us for a FREE virtual tour of this exhibition! Just reserve a free "ticket" and you will be emailed a link to the tour. No donation is required, but always appreciated.



2021 Specialty Update



The 2021 Affenpinscher Club of America National Specialty will be held in Oklahoma City in conjunction with the Summer Canine Olympics cluster. Details on the cluster can be found at their web site (oksummercanineolympiics.com), or on their Facebook page under SummerClassicCanineOlympics. The Cluster is comprised of the OKC KC, Mid-Del Tinker KC, and Lawton Dog Fanciers.

The shows will be held Wednesday, June 30 through Sunday, July 4, 2021 in at the Bennett Event Center on the OK State Fairgrounds. There is extensive onsite parking and RV parking. There will be an Affen grooming area near our ring.

The Cluster currently plans to hold five all breed shows and during normal times they also hold Agility, Obedience, Rally, Barn Hunt, Weight Pulling, Lure Coursing and Dock Diving and well as numerous health clinics. Keep an eye on the AKC web site for event information as nothing has as yet been posted, but we are hoping that all will go as planned, Covid notwithstanding.

The ACA supported shows will be Friday and Sunday. The annual meeting and specialty will be Saturday, July 3rd, with Mrs. Helen Stein judging breed. Judges for the weekend are:

Wednesday, June 30: Beverly Capstick, breed; Allen Odom, group

Thursday, July 1: Elaine Lessig, breed & group

Friday, July 2: James Reynolds, breed; Johan Becerra, group

Saturday, July 3: Helen Stein, breed; Dani Rosenberry, Sweepstakes; Michael Canalizo, group

Sunday, July 4: Allen Odom, breed; Helen Stein, group
Onofrio is superintending

Host hotel is the Best Western Plus Saddleback Inn and Conference Center, 4300 South West Third Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73108, offering complimentary full hot breakfast buffet (Covid permitting), with microwaves, refrigerators, and coffee makers in all rooms. There is a full-service restaurant and the Rustler's Saloon on the premises, with room service available. A free airport shuttle is also available. A block of rooms has been reserved for the ACA at the rate of \$84.99/night. Call direct to (405) 947-7000 and tell them you are with the Affenpinscher Club of America.



Source: Google

Oklahoma City is served by the Will Rogers World Airport (code OKC) which is 7 minutes to the hotel and 14 minutes to the show site. American, Alaska, Allegiant, Delta, Frontier, Southwest and United all fly into OKC. Oklahoma City is at the crossroads of three major interstates – I-40, I-44, and I-35 – to make driving easy.

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Chloe Turns 12!

by Linda Pollack

“Where’s the Birthday Girl?” My sister’s voice rang out from North Carolina. “I want to sing to her!”

It was 7:35 a.m. and the Birthday Girl, instead of watching the sun rise over Biscayne Bay as originally planned, was in the service section of a neighborhood car dealer. Daddy’s electric car had completely and utterly gone black the night before on the entrance to I-95, a terrifying place in daylight in a fully functioning car. At night, well, let’s just say we’re all grateful he made it home.

On this unusually frigid Miami morning, Chloe and I had just delivered an undamaged Daddy to the Medical Center where he would begin yet another day double-masked and shielded. For Chloe, a trip to Daddy’s job on her birthday was almost too much for which to hope. We would pick him up in eleven hours.

My sister sang “Happy Birthday to You,” the lovely girls working at the dealership cooed birthday wishes to Chloe, and Chloe took it all in princess-like stride. This birthday was a milestone and Chloe wants everyone to know: resilience is all you need to get so far. Chloe is full of resilience. Life throws curveballs—she keeps chasing them. Eventually everything works out and she can take a nap by the window.

Chloe’s usual birthday celebration includes a trip to the toy store. Chewy.com safely solved that ritual and delivered on time. Chloe’s birthday celebration is not supposed to involve four different eye drops five times a day, but when a noninjury,

age-related issue appears, you deal with it for the necessary two weeks. Chloe deals.

After a rocky start, the birthday celebration was on track. Chloe’s birthday is about fun! Hugs from her favorite UPS driver! Pancho, the Lab puppy, barking out “Happy Birthday, Chloe!” on command. A long walk in the neighborhood and then off to a three park tour, another ritual that has continued for twelve years.

First stop, Matheson Hammock, a tropical retreat. Dogs aren’t allowed, but who is going to complain about a six pound dog that is sometimes mistaken for a cat? No one. And no one did.

Next on the agenda, Pinewood Cemetery. It’s not exactly a park, but walking among the beautiful oaks and resting pioneers is usually only a weekend outing, so to go during the week qualified as a birthday treat.

Finally, Merrie Christmas Park, a park Chloe used to frequently visit when a puppy. Watching her take it in, wondering if she remembered playing there years ago, thinking how much has changed since those days (with the park, the world, us) and how much is exactly the same, I knew it was only the same part that mattered. Chloe’s coat may be streaked with pewter, she may need eye drops, but her essence, thankfully, remains eternally Chloe.

After a few sniffs of the grass, she looked up at me. Time for a nap by the window. Time to recharge that resilience battery. Time to get ready to chase any kind of ball that might come her way.



Affenpinscher Rescue of America



An Affenpinscher Rescue of America Update

Thirty-nine people contacted ARA wanting to adopt an Affenpinscher in 2020. Many were experienced Affen owners who had lost their Affen to old age or illness. Unfortunately for them, ARA did not have any available Affens for adoption. If they were willing to consider an older Affen or interested in talking with a breeder they were referred to the club's breeder referral list and to Linda Schwartz, the club's Breeder Referral Chair.

We have been working with a hospice social worker whose client owns an Affenpinscher and wants to make sure his Affen is taken care of when he no longer can and also with another owner who is having to relocate and cannot take her Affenpinscher with her. Both owners are not quite ready to release their senior Affens, but they know we are here for them when they are ready.

Our M. A. D. Fund program to help owners keep their Affens in their homes began accepting applications in 2020. Our initial funding came from a bequest from Mae Aspinall Dell, long time rescue supporter, lover of Affenpinschers and breed club member. The program is named in her honor and memory. We were pleased to help three owners provide needed medical care for their Affens.

Our 2021 Rescue Calendar, AFFEN FUN IN THE SUN was popular and almost sold out! There are two calendars left! We will start accepting photos for our 2022 calendar soon.

ARA is excited to announce Sue Jeffrey is our new Rescue Coordinator! Sue has been an Affenpinscher fancier for many years, loves and cares for the breed deeply. Many of you may know Sue. She has been a club member off and on since 1996-most recently since 2016 and has served as club secretary. Sue volunteered with Affenpinscher Club of America's Rescue Trust when Sarah Simpson was alive and the rescue group was active. Affenpinscher Rescue of America is very fortunate to have her join us!

We thank everyone for your continued support!

Donna Wolfe, President
Affenpinscher Rescue of America

ASSIST PROGRAM: M.A.D. FUND

Helping Owners Keep Affens in Loving Homes

Our M. A. D. Fund helps Affen owners facing the choice of compromising on care, giving up or euthanizing their cherished Affen because they are unable to afford unexpected expenses such as emergency medical care or costs of routine preventive care due their own personal illness or circumstances beyond their control.

The program's initial funding came from a bequest from Mae Aspinall Dell who was a long time Affenpinscher fancier and supporter of Affenpinscher Rescue of America. This program is named in her honor and memory.

Because funds for this program are limited, applications are considered on an individual basis including but not limited to financial need and the veterinary procedures and care needed. We will require an applicant provide documentation of their financial situation, information about their Affenpinscher's needed medical care, their veterinarian's contact information and their authorization to have their Affen's medical history released to Affenpinscher Rescue of America. If you know anyone who is in need of assistance, they should contact us at affenrescue@verizon.net or apply online <https://affenpinscherrescue.org> under ASSIST PROGRAM.

Should help be needed in providing food for an Affenpinscher, there are many organizations across the county which either individually or in partnership with other organizations supply dog food to their clients who need it for their pets. A list of possible resources to contact is available on our website under Assist Program.

Special Note: ARA helped three owners provide needed medical care for their Affens through our M. A. D. Fund in 2020



Reggie - 5 weeks
Photo: Jude Daley

Nightmare, Bad Dream, Happy Ending

by Sheila Wymore

Thank you AKC Reunite

There is nothing like a phone call at 1:00 AM to get the adrenalin going. Jumping out of bed to grab the receiver before it rang too many times, fumbling to turn on the light, and hoping it wasn't a bad news call, I answered with a foggy "Hello". Someone identified herself as "AKC" and relayed something about a found dog, hit by a car in Los Angeles, registered name Coachlight Anastasia. Then while I scrambled to find a pencil and paper she gave me a name and a number to call and we hung up. (Note to self: put a pad of paper and a pen by the bedroom phone.)

Now for some background first: we had been getting phone solicitation calls at the rate of about one a week, during the middle of the night. My first reaction was, this is certainly a new twist on a scam. So before dialing the number I had been given, I checked caller ID, googled the number that came up, and sure enough it was AKC. AKC Reunite to be exact. Well, that certainly clears the fog from your head in a hurry.

While I hurriedly punched in the number she gave me my mind was frantically searching slowly awakening memory banks for the name "Anastasia", which would indicate a bitch. Have very seldom sold a bitch, haven't sold one to southern California. What the heck?

The number I dialed was answered by a very nice lady with a rather thick Hispanic accent. I have always been bad at understanding dialects, and am even worse at it in the middle of the night, so I was very grateful that she didn't mind my asking her to repeat some of the information. She explained she had found this dog on her way home from work, hit by a car, laying by the side of the road obviously injured.

She had taken it to the nearest veterinary emergency center but they refused to treat the dog without the actual owner's permission, even though she had asserted she would pay the cost. Luckily they did agree to check for a microchip, lo and behold found one, and called AKC Reunite to report a found dog. AKC does not give out your information; they take information from the person who found the dog and then contact the owner on record. Hence the 1:00 AM call I received from Reunite.

I asked this good Samaritan for the phone number of the emergency vet, then told her I would call her right back. After reaching the vet, I was told that I had to be there in person to sign release papers in order for them to treat the dog. At this point I still had not identified "Anastasia". Dead end.

Next step? Call AKC Reunite back to clarify the information I had written down during the "fog" stage of this adventure. A very nice woman confirmed she had been the one to call me,

and went over the information they had on file one more time. Turns out "Anastasia" was actually Coachlight Aff-ter A Night At Duffy's, otherwise known as "Knuckles" (how he got the name's another story altogether).

Well, that rang all kinds of bells. Knuckles had been a pick puppy placed at 10 months with a lovely older New Zealand couple now living in LA after one of his ears went up and the other stayed down, a bite went off, and a tongue started to creep out the side. They turned him into the mascot of their AirBNB, gave him a business card, and his own Facebook page under "Knuckles the almost perfect dog." Yeah, really.

I called our good Samaritan back with an update that I had identified the owner and would she mind staying put while I tried to reach them by phone. We had stayed in touch through the years so I had cell and home numbers on my cell phone which I immediately started dialing. Second number brought me to the daughter who was already out in the car searching for Knuckles. Turns out they had returned from a short trip away to find the dog sitter had left the yard gate unlatched and Knuckles had gone on a "walkabout". She immediately took down the number of the good Samaritan and said she would call me back with an update later.

Well, of course by now we were wide awake. No going back to sleep for us until we got word of the outcome. About an hour later, we received word that Knuckles – apparently being part cat – had sacrificed one of his nine lives but would live to try for another "walkabout" someday. He had a concussion, several broken teeth, and a good case of aftershock but would be fine. He stayed overnight with oxygen and fluids and went home the next day.

God bless good Samaritans. And God bless AKC Reunite. Moral of the story: microchip those precious puppies before they go to new homes. And register those chips to yourself so they will always get found when/if they get lost. I still get chills thinking about what might have happened if little Knuckles didn't have a registered chip, but all's well that ends well. He's home and happily barking at the mailman again.



Knuckles



CH Sunlight Bluz CGCA CGCU TKN (aka: Eddie)
(Severin Iz Doma Kunets X Tsaritsa Kleopatra Iz Doma Kunets)

Hail from Perm, Russia

Thank you Judge Ms Carol Pyrkosz



Everything You Need to Know about the Canine Health Summit

<https://tinyurl.com/utwy3zsw>

There is a link to this seminar on affenpinscher.org under Health & Welfare.

BACK TO BASICS...

IT'S TIME

BY JACQUELINE L. STACY

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Near perfection for head and expression; Eye shape, color, set, nose, lower lip line. Neat but shaggy appearance.



Eyes, round, full, medium size, not prominent.

Time? Yes, it's time to step back and take a good, long, hard look at the Affenpinschers that are being shown in the rings today. What is being bred, shown, promoted, and rewarded today will influence the direction the breed takes tomorrow. We must, as breed preservationists, objectively evaluate that direction. All breeders, exhibitors (handlers included), and judges must have the strength and courage to maintain *BREED TYPE* and reverse the direction the breed is currently taking. We are moving away from moderation and forward to exaggeration. We must ensure that "Affens" stay looking like Affens, not caricatures of Affens.

MODERATION is repeatedly stated—seven times, actually—in the AKC breed Standard, approved June 12, 2000, and the descriptions provided in the Standard sets the breed type. References made include forequarters, hindquarters, chest, and front/rear angulation. The tuck-up is described as "slight." Exaggeration is now seen frequently in these areas and is, unfortunately, being rewarded. It is erroneous and detrimental to this breed to promote exaggeration as this corrupts breed type.

Here are just a few examples to illustrate this point regarding moderation as referenced in the Standard:

Chest: Is moderately broad and deep; ribs are moderately sprung.

Forequarters: Front angulation is moderate. Shoulders—with moderate layback.

Hindquarters: Rear angulation is moderate to match the front. Hind legs straight when viewed from behind. From the side, hind legs are set under the body to maintain a square appearance. Hocks—moderately angulated.

From this, one should deduce that this makes for a short LEVEL back, which can still have a barely perceptible curve at the croup.

In an over-angulated front (more than moderate layback of shoulders), the whole front assembly moves away from Affen type. Choosing exaggerated angles and layback for the breed allows for a longer neck while bringing the humerus further back under the body. This puts the elbows in conflict with the rib cage, and can lead to a wider front and elbows that must move out to avoid the ribs, making for unsound gate. The longer neck, coupled with exaggerated shoulder angles, prevents the presence of the "short vertical neck" as described in the Standard.

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Remember, movement is to be light and free, sometimes described as jaunty. Neither excessive reach and drive nor hackneyed gaits are called for in the Standard.

When hindquarters are exaggerated, the dog will have a sloping topline, standing with the hindlegs stretched out behind the rear. Or they may appear to be standing on their hocks rather than on their feet, moving with hocks so over-angulated they look as if sickled. When this exaggerated rear angulation is coupled with a moderate front, the rear must swing around to avoid interference with the front legs when the dog is in motion.

Remember, movement is to be light and free, sometimes described as jaunty. Neither excessive reach and drive nor hackneyed gaits are called for in the Standard. Assessing movement matters. Affens can and should be SOUND. When they are bred to the Standard they will have "light, free, sound, balanced, confident [movement]...legs move parallel to each other [and]...converge toward a midline as speed increases. Unsound gait is to be heavily penalized." A fast, ground-covering gait is not compatible with breed type, and should not be rewarded.

Connecting the dots from the Standard thus far, we have a "squarish" appearing, sturdy, compact Toy dog with medium bone, with MODERATION asked for seven times. Not once is an attribute described as exaggerated.

Now, onto coat and presentation. Yes, style is style and may well be just a current fad, BUT when is enough *enough*? NOW! We know the hair should be dense, rough, and harsh on the body and shoulders, about an inch long, and somewhat shorter on the tail and rear, with furnishings longer and less harsh. According to the Standard, which sets the breed type, in the mature adult a cape or mane of strong hair is to blend into the back coat at the WITHERS. This is where the current problem with breed type in grooming begins. Where does the Standard speak to building up a long-arched neck starting at the middle of the back; backcombing, spraying up much like a Poodle all the way to the back of the skull? I have looked and looked and can't find it anywhere. So, back to my point about Back to Basics—the Affen itself (and in its appearance) should be MODERATE in every way. I agree that this presentation is somewhat attractive, but what it creates in the overall view and outline is in direct conflict with the Standard. It may give the appearance of a short back, but also promotes a ski sloped topline, a long neck, and great exaggeration.

On a positive note, coat color, tails, and ears have improved. It's so nice to have the essence of the monkey-like expression present and rewarded very often. The distance between the eyes is to be approximately the length of the muzzle; a well-defined stop, finishing-off to a blunt nose, with open nares set straight and tipping neither up nor down. The nose and eye rims must be BLACK. To achieve the monkey-like expression, the eyes themselves must be medium in size, round, dark and brilliant, and set in the middle of the skull without corners or set obliquely. A prominent lower lip line is the icing on the cake. Color is a near non-issue now. Breeders are more interested in color and

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Priorities of Type

- Monkey like expression
- Preferred height
9 1/2 inches-11 1/2 inches
- Square appearance, bitches may be longer
- Hindlegs set under the body
- Substance - must be sturdy
- Temperament is comical, inquisitive
- Gait is sound, tracking 4 square converging with speed
- Coat is harsh, neat but shaggy



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Proper profile as shown in the Affenpinscher Club of America, Inc. Illustrated Standard. Illustration by Anne M. Hier

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BACK TO THE BASICS...IT'S TIME



Left: An example of good body-length to leg-length to depth-of-body. Right: A bitch with a well maintained shaggy but neat appearance. This correct coat needs little grooming to blend the various lengths of hair.



No. This is exaggerated in many ways. Excessive rear angulation, sloping topline; front assembly far too forward; groomed to excess



Less than ideal; over-angulated rear; severe underline; short on leg; front heavy; over-groomed.



No. Such an appealing image. Correct? No, note exaggerated rear angulation

accept that color continues to change on the “dogs of color” over their lifetime. Most judges have accepted color, as well they should, since the Standard does not discriminate against it.

The grooming of heads on most is really improving; there is less backcombing, hair spray and product used. Leaving the hair more natural rather than so “done up” does help get to the oxymoron in the Standard that says they should have a “neat but shaggy appearance.”

Don't be misled with what I have written. When I judge, I must see the entire outline of the dog, its shape, make, head

and expression, and groomed—but not over-groomed to the point that it affects breed type. I agree that “fancy” is very, very appealing, but it is wrong, wrong, wrong for an Affen. Let's revert a bit so the unique features of the Affenpinscher will prevail. This breed is amazing and, if we leave well enough alone, it should flourish for many, many years to come. Please jump on this train!

One of the great beauties of the breed is its unique features. Please help us to preserve them. ■

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