

2012 Championship Show Judges

Helen Furber (Furbari) Dogs



Furbari is the oldest Afghan Kennel in Australia still active in the breed.

Together with Helen's husband the late Dr. James Furber, they purchased their first Afghan Hound bitch from a litter of 9 puppies, a litter which took Australia's population of Afghan Hounds up to 49.

This puppy was a finely built, lightly coated "desert" domino cream bitch. A year later they purchased a grandson of

4 English champions. He was a heavier built well coated gold "mountain" type dog. The blending of these two Afghans was successful and became the forerunner of numerous Furbari top champions winners. Two of the earlier top Afghans were Aust/New Zealand Ch. Furbari Ulysses who was a one time Australasian Top Dog of the Year, and, Aust. Ch.. Furbari Shalakhon who was Best in Show at a Sydney Royal Show.

Two imported male Afghans had a major influence in the Furbari breeding program. Firstly Aust Ch Furbari Kusan Kabul (Crown Crest Leo Kabul X Morelia of Carloway). Although Kusan scored 14 Best in Show wins, his forte was really as a sire. From the 30 litters he produced, there were 60 champions, 20 of whom were Best in Show winners, he is the Australian top champion producing

Afghan Hound sire. Secondly, they flew to England Am Ch Cahari of Scheherezade mated to Tribesman of Scheherezade where she whelped in quarantine. From this litter, Furbari Foreign Affair joined the Australian Furbari Kennels. He also was successful as a sire, from the 14 litters he produced, besides numerous Best in Show winners, he produced at least one Best in Hound Group from every litter.

On the judging side, Helen Furber is an International All Breeds judge, having judged in all states and territories in Australia including officiating at 3 prestigious Australian Royal shows. Overseas she has judged in the U.S.A., Canada, Britain, South Africa, Ireland, Finland Sweden, India, Philippines, Kuala Lumpur and New Zealand. Highlights included judging Afghans at Crufts and the National Afghan Hound Club of America.

Jacky Harnett (Tianze) Bitches



I have had a long and enjoyable association with the Afghan Hound which began with a puppy "Bronze" Cassanorr Shebaniah in November 1974.

He was a Christmas present from my parents. I had a holiday in USA where I first saw this beautiful breed, when I got home that's all I could talk about.

Mum and Dad made contact with a breeder Miss Joyce Fagg of Canterkan Afghan's who helped them find a nice show puppy. Joyce was very helpful in the early years teaching me to handle

and groom and encouraged me to show Bronze.

His first show was Dover and Deal Open show 6th July 1975 he won Best Puppy, that was it I had the bug. I had a lot of success and learned plenty from Bronze, but unfortunately he broke his leg at 17 months chasing a cat up the garden, so that was end of his show career, but he did live to the grand age of 13 years.

I have enjoyed much success in the show ring taking three Afghans to their UK titles, my first and home bred was the handsome "Oliver" Ch Tianze Kalvados, then "Delbert" Ch Harlentan Mad Mullah and "Ruth" Ch Tianze Be Witched.

We migrated to Australia in September 1995 (wow we have been here that long) bringing nine of our four-legged family with us that was an experience in itself; one I would not like to repeat, but our dogs are family first and we wouldn't have come without them.

I have owned and titled 19 Afghans in Australia. Three from England, ("Delbert" Aus Ch & UK Ch Harlentan Mad Mullah, "Olivia" Ch Tianze one Shining Moment and "Wispa" Ch Tianze Night Shade)

I have also taken three dogs to their Grand Champion, my beautiful Lhasa Apso "Rose" Grd Ch Myiky Simplee Bette, "Charlie" Grd Ch Karakush U Giv Me Reason and "Magik" Grd Ch Tianze Power of Magik.

I am truly honoured to be invited to judge for the Afghan Hound Association, thank you all for this wonderful opportunity, I am looking forward to catching up with friends and seeing new dogs.

The last time I was in the UK was in 2001 when I judged dogs at the Hound show, I can imagine there has been changes since then, not too many I hope.

My last two judging appointments were in South Africa and New Zealand and I was delighted with the quality of the dogs shown.