

## History and development

The Azawakh is an African sighthound of Afro-Asiatic type. The original homeland of the Azawakh is the endless arid region of the south Sahara and Sahel, which encompasses the countries of Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso. Azawakh means "land of the north," and the breed is named for the Azawakh Valley. They are the guardians, hunters and companions of the Tuareg and other ethnic tribes of the region.

The Azawakhs are called, "idii 'n illeli," which means "sighthound of the free people." Other sighthound-type dogs, called Afazo or Abaikor, are common to the region, but the differentiation is important. These dogs do not attain the nobility and type of the "idii," whose prototype sets the standard.

The breed was first imported to Yugoslavia in the early 1970s by Dr. Pecar, a Yugoslavian diplomat stationed in Burkina Faso. However, the dogs could not be bought. Dr. Pecar received his male as a gift from the nomads. In exchange for a female Azawakh, he later bartered his services as a hunter by killing a bull elephant that had been terrorizing the tribe. The French military and civil servants also played a significant role in exporting the Azawakhs to Europe. France is the patron country of the Azawakh.

The Azawakh has a show history in Europe that begins very soon after its original importation. They were first shown in the early 1970s under FCI rules as a variety of Sloughi. On January 1, 1981, they were accepted as a bonafide breed and were referred to as "Sloughi-Azawakhs." In 1986, the Azawakh was finally recognized as a distinct and different breed when the "Sloughi" prefix was dropped.

The Azawakh made its debut in America in the mid-1980s. The first litter was whelped on October 31, 1987. These first American Azawakhs were all red or fawn

with white markings. The first brindles came to America in 1989, with the first brindle litter whelped November 27, 1990. In the mid-90's, a parti-color male was imported from Burkina Faso. In 1997, a mixed parti-color and sand litter, which had been bred in Mali, was whelped in Alaska. It is hoped that an even larger selection of colors will find their way to the US from Africa in the near future.

In America, the Azawakh is recognized by the AKC Foundation Stock Service, the United Kennel Club (UKC), the International All Breed Kennel Club of America (IABKCA), the American Rare Breed Association, and many other smaller registries. The American Azawakh Association is the parent club for the breed in the U.S. Their history as show dogs is in its infancy, but their natural regal presence demands recognition.

## Lure coursing in the U.S.

As with most sighthound breeds, many Azawakhs love to lure course or open field hunt. The American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) has given Provisional recognition to the Azawakh beginning January 2000. Full recognition of the breed should occur in 2001.

Prior to 1996, Azawakhs were frequently seen at field trials running as test dog and at practices. In 1996, they were finally recognized to run in the newly created Miscellaneous stake. The first Azawakhs to be certified to run at an official trial were Dayyat 'n shat-ehad, CGC, TT, Therapy Dog and Tezma Kel Soulleret.

At the '96 International Invitational in South Carolina, the Azawakh was named the official breed to run as test dog for the first time in ASFA history. Dogs that ran at that trial were: Dayyat 'n shat-ehad, Amastan Kel Air, Kel Simoon's Cinnamon, Celie, Djenaba, and Diallo.

In that same year, Deb Kidwell and

*Above and opposite: BISS UCI Int. Natl. Ch. Kel Simoon Essari, FCC.*





*Multi SBIS UCI Int. Natl. Ch.  
Kel Simoon Cinnamon, FCC.*

Rhonda Mann gave a very well received breed presentation to the Annual Convention of Delegates in Houston, TX. Azawakhs present at the ACOD were Kel Simoon Afella (Kesia) and Amastan Kel Air, both owned by Deb Kidwell.

In 1999, after running in the Miscellaneous stake for three years, three Azawakhs were awarded the newly created Foundation Coursing Champion certificate. Those three were: Multi. BISS UCI Int. Natl. Ch. Kel Simoon Cinnamon; SBIS ARBA Grand Ch. Kel Simoon Celie; and BISS UCI Int. Natl. Ch. Kel Simoon Essari, who is Cinnamon's daughter. Essari was also the first Azawakh to run officially with recognized AKC breeds for the President's Cup in Virginia (a non-regular Best in Event).

Of the three dogs that were awarded the FCC certificate, only Kel Simoon Essari is still actively competing. Kel Simoon Celie sustained a serious back injury during the 1997 I.I. in Kentucky, when she fell and hit her back on a pulley in the first course. She can no longer run competitively, but still enjoys outings to coursing practices. She had earned her FCC prior to her injury. Kel Simoon Cinnamon was killed in a tragic accident in early 2000.

During the Provisional year of 2000, several Azawakhs from different breeders finally appeared on the scene and are listed in the Top Ten standings. Those are: Tagalas, Kel Simoon Essari, WNS Ketoto Mateeka, Al Hara's Lafia Lo, Talempt Al-Ifriqiya, WNS Magic Mirth, Fada Faranda Bohemia and P'Akasha de Garde Epee.

The Azawakh is also recognized by the National Open Field Coursing Association (NOFCA) as a rare breed. There have also been supportive offers for recognition with the National Oval Track Racing Association (NOTRA); however, at this time, no Azawakhs are participating in this sport.

### **General breed characteristics**

The Azawakh is an active breed with incredible endurance. They should have a large yard or open area where they can stretch their legs on a regular basis. More importantly, however, they need interaction with the owner or another dog to encourage them to exercise. Finding a securely fenced ball field is perfect for play excursions. This breed will become fat and lethargic or hyper and destructive without proper energy outlets.

When discussing the temperament of an Azawakh, consideration should be given to individual personalities and contributing backgrounds, both genetic and environmental. However, there are several general characteristics common to the breed. Azawakhs are gentle and affectionate with those they are willing to accept. They constantly solicit physical affection. However, they may be distant and reserved with strangers, and could even be savage or aggressive. Generally, they distribute their affection and seek to be recognized as a member of the family; therefore, they are not kennel dogs. Interestingly, in their countries of origin (COO), the Azawakh prefers not to be touched by strangers, however, is not aggressive. Unprovoked aggression toward a family member or guest would never be tolerated.

Described in *Dog World* as a "warrior class dog," they have the intelligence and heart to protect. When approached on their own turf, they will usually bark ferociously. In situations where their duty as guardian is not necessary, their reactions may range

from friendly and exuberant, to mildly curious, to arrogantly indifferent.

Although generally not outgoing, several of the breed in the U.S. and Europe, are making social contributions as therapy dogs in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers.

They seem to possess an uncanny combination of total loyalty and independence. Each new situation presents the potential for the struggle between the dog's natural desire to please his owner and his prideful desire to do things his own way. A firm, fair hand is called for.

### **The Azawakh with children and other dogs**

Much discussion has been given to the guardian nature of the Azawakh, but we must remember that this is a sighthound. As a rule, they seem to accept other dogs, though sometimes grudgingly, as protected members of their own pack.

The Azawakh is a very dominant breed. Within a household pack, they will almost always aspire to the alpha dog position. If there is an existing dominant dog in the pack, this can sometimes cause conflict within the pack.

No one can predict the individual personalities of all dogs in any breed. There are some situations that should be avoided with guardian and sighthound dogs of any breed. Children playing together sometimes squabble, and it is natural for a guard dog to protect "his" child from their playmates.

Chase or prey behavior is another situation that can be a problem. Children or other pets running away from the hound can activate the prey drive. The hound may try to "take down" the child or other pet from behind, as they would prey while hunting.

Because comparatively few generations have been removed from the need to hunt daily for personal and family survival, the

hunting instinct is very strong in this breed.

A good rule of thumb is never to leave the Azawakh with children while unsupervised by an attentive adult. There are individual dogs of all breeds that do not like children.

The Azawakh, as a breed, with care given to the situations mentioned, should fit well into any family structure.

### **Obedience training**

The Azawakh is easily trained, using positive training methods. They respond very well to gentle, yet FIRM corrections and are usually food-motivated. Extreme dominance-type training, such as alpha rollovers, is NOT the training method of choice for this breed. The Azawakh has an amazing amount of dignity and must be treated with mutual respect and honor. Rough treatment and training can result in a hound that is either broken in spirit or very aggressive and impossible to handle. An Azawakh broken in spirit is a sad sight indeed!

Many Azawakhs can be reliable off lead. This characteristic makes the breed an enjoyable companion for people who like to run, hike, camp or just hang out!

### **Health and nutrition**

The Azawakh is generally a healthy breed. In medical treatment of the hound, natural, holistic methods work very well. They heal amazingly well from cuts and scrapes. However, the Azawakh is a natural, primitive breed whose immune system could be compromised by the injudicious use of chemicals and over-vaccination.

The Azawakh, as a breed, does have several health issues. The most common of these health concerns are hypothyroidism, spondylosis (a degenerative spinal disease), seizures, and several autoimmune-mediated diseases, such as eosinophilic myositis, and



*SBIS ARBA Jr. Grand Ch. Amastan Kel Air (German import)*

autoimmune thyroiditis.

Cardiac problems, though not common, can be found in the breed. Bloat and gastric torsion, though rare, have been known to occur. Hip dysplasia is virtually unknown in the Azawakh because of its upright, open-angled structure and high hip profile. There are no known eye diseases in Azawakhs at this time.

Weight maintenance of Azawakhs is an important area to consider. They should be slim. In proper weight, some ribs and vertebrae, and the hipbones should be visible. It's not to say they should be skeletal, but Azawakhs are structured to be on the thin side. Overfeeding will adversely affect the joint structure of the hound, especially in puppies. Azawakh puppies should never be fat and roly-poly. Keeping them slim as they are growing permits the joints and other body parts to grow properly, without additional stress, wear and tear. Slim pups are less prone to growth plate problems.

### **General impressions and key points of the breed standard**

Azawakhs are elegant, tall dogs of proud

bearing. The appearance of the dog is marked by its slender, rectangular form, with dry muscles and moderate limb angulation. This sighthound presents itself as a rangy dog whose body fits into a rectangle with its longer sides in a vertical position. The length of the body is 90% the height of the hound. This ratio may be slightly higher in bitches. This "format" may seem extreme when compared with other sighthound breeds.

The height for males ranges from 25-1/2" to 29", females from 23-1/2" to 27". Weight ranges from 33-55 pounds. Life expectancy ranges from 12-15 years.

The narrow head, with its pendant ears, is carried loftily atop a slender, gracefully arched neck. The big, dark and almond-shaped eyes appear quite expressive through darkly pigmented rims. Its tail is proudly carried above the line of the back. The skin should fit tightly over the whole body. The coat is short and fine.

The height of chest is 40% the height at withers. Well developed and deep, the chest should not reach the elbow in a mature specimen. The brisket may be rounded or angular, but should rise abruptly to an extremely tucked up and muscular belly.

The back is short, with a flat topline or it may have a slight rise over the loin. The hips must always be at the same level or higher than the level of the withers. *It is a fault to have hips lower than the withers.*

The forequarters and hindquarters should exhibit very open angles. The shoulders should be at about 130 degrees, the hindquarters at about 145 degrees.

Their movement is spectacular to watch, always very supple and elastic. At the trot, they are light, feathery and floating; the gallop is leaping, and they cover ground in great strides. At the trot, the forelegs should not extend beyond the level of the hound's nose.

*The movement is an essential point of the breed.*

The FCI standard admits only sand to dark red and black brindled. In the U.S., the American Azawakh Association recognizes all colors that naturally occur in the Azawakh's countries of origin. These other colors include: white, black, gray, blue, dilute brindles, grizzle, parti-color and all shades of brown, to include chocolate. The hound should have the requisite white markings to include a white bib and white brush at the tail tip. Each of the four limbs must have compulsorily a white "stocking," at least in the shape of tracing on the foot.

### FCI standard eliminating faults

Lack of type (in particular translating as a recent crossing with another breed).

Size deviating from more than three centimeters (a little more than an inch) from the norms of the standard.

Prominent non-accidental anatomical deformation.

Non-acquired disabling anomaly.

All spotted crippling defects.

Ribs curving in reverse at the bottom of the chest which gives the aspect of a "violin case".

Overshot or undershot bite.

Harsh or semi-long coat.

Coat not identical to the standard.

Absence of any white marking at the extremity of one or more limbs.

Light eyes; ie. bird of prey eyes.

Timid character, panicky or aggressive to the point of attack.

### Sources and resources

The American Azawakh Association, Inc. (AAA) is the parent club for the Azawakh in the U.S. The AAA was founded on February 7, 1988. The club's goals are to promote the pure Azawakh and guarantee the breed a permanent future in the U.S. Further information may be obtained by writing to the:

American Azawakh Association, 30083 Rows Mill Road, Rhoadesville, VA 22542 or e-mail [dayyat@aol.com](mailto:dayyat@aol.com). The club publishes a quarterly newsletter, The Azawakh Aegis, which is available by subscription to interested persons.

There are also several books that have small sections about Azawakhs, or deal with the nomads who breed them in the countries of origin.

Dog's Best Friend: Journey to the Roots of an Ancient Partnership. Ursula Birr, Gerald Krakauer, Daniela Osterlander

The Pastoral Tuareg: Ecology, Culture and Society. Johannes & Ida Nicolaisen

Der Azawakh: Windhund der Nomades in Mali (in German)

H.J. Strassner, E. Eiles

Wind, Sand and Silence: Travels with Africa's Last Nomads. Victor Englebert

*BISS ARBA Grand Ch. Kel Simoon Celie, FCC.*



ABOVE: HARKINS. TOP: B. EWING.

## Miscellaneous Large Top Twenty

1996

total competing: 15

1. Sloughi, A'ssissa, Assisa Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	30-0-0
2. Sloughi, Bouty, Bouthayna Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	27-0-0
3. Sloughi, Amir, Amir Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	22-0-0
4. Sloughi, Aswad, Aswad Shi'Rayan, ORC, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	17-0-0
5. Sloughi, Balsam, Balsam Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	16-0-0
6. Sloughi, Badir, Badir Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	15-0-0
7. Sloughi, Chamisa, Chamisa Schuru-Esch-Schams, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	12-0-0
8. Azawakh, Cinnamon, Kel Simoon Cinnamon, Sessoms/Mann	10-0-0
9. Azawakh, Celie, Kel Simoon Celie, Kidwell/Mann	9-0-0
10. Azawakh, Dextor, Kel Simoon Djenaba', D. Kidwell	8-0-0
11. Azawakh, Dayyat, Dayyat'n Shar-ehad, D. Kidwell	5-0-0
11. Sloughi, Rif, Ri'f de Moreau, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	5-0-0
13. Sloughi, Dounia, Dounia Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	2-0-0

1997

total competing: 17

1. Sloughi, Balsam, Balsam Shi'Rayan, Dr. D. C. de Caprona	27-0-0
2. Azawakh, Cinnamon, Kel Simoon Cinnamon, Sessoms/Mann	24-0-0
3. Sloughi, Amir, Amir Shi'Rayan, ORC, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	22-0-0
4. Sloughi, Bouty, Bouthayna Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	21-0-0
5. Azawakh, Celie, Kel Simoon Celie, Kidwell/Mann	16-0-0
6. Sloughi, Aswad, Aswad Shi'Rayan, ORC, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	15-0-0
7. Sloughi, Chamisa, Chamisa Schuru-Esch-Schams, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	10-0-0
8. Sloughi, Bassel, Bassel Shi'rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	9-0-0
9. Sloughi, A'ssissa, Assisa Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	6-0-0
9. Sloughi, Badir, Badir Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	6-0-0
11. Sloughi, Dalal, Dalal Shi'rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	4-0-0
12. Sloughi, Dounia, Dounia Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	3-0-0
13. Azawakh, Essari, Kel Simoon Essari, R. Mann	1-0-0
13. Azawakh, Dextor, Kel Simoon Djenaba', R.K. Barrow	1-0-0

1998

total competing: 20

1. Sloughi, Fahad, Fahad Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. Crapon de Caprona	27-0-0
2. Sloughi, Fahel, Fahel Shi'Rayan, JOR, Dr. D.C. Crapon de Caprona	26-0-0
3. Azawakh, Essari, Kel Simoon Essari, R. Mann	22-0-0
4. Sloughi, Chamisa, Chamisa Schuru-Esch-Schams, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	21-0-0
5. Sloughi, Badir, Badir Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	20-0-0
6. Azawakh, Cinnamon, Kel Simoon Cinnamon, Sessoms/Mann	17-0-0
6. Sloughi, Bassel, Bassel Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	17-0-0
8. Azawakh, Erou, Kel Simoon Erou, Kidwell/Mann	12-0-0
9. Azawakh, Delta, Ch. Kel Simoon Djenne', Daniels/Kidwell	9-0-0
10. Sloughi, Balsam, Balsam Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	8-0-0
10. Azawakh, Celie, Kel Simoon Celie, Kidwell/Mann	8-0-0
10. Sloughi, Dounia, Dounia Shi'Rayan, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	8-0-0
13. Sloughi, Bouty, Bouthayna Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	7-0-0
14. Sloughi, Dalal, Dalal Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	6-0-0
14. Sloughi, Amir, Amir Shi'Rayan, ORC, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	6-0-0
16. Sloughi, Aswad, Aswad Shi'Rayan, ORC, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	4-0-0
17. Azawakh, Conga, Wind'n Satin Magic Mirth, Child/Schmidt	2-0-0
18. Chart Polski, Chesty, Chesty, Osborn/Operskalski	1-0-0

1999

total competing: 23

1. Sloughi, Fahel, Fahel Shi'Rayan, JOR, GRC, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	87-0-0
2. Sloughi, Balsam, Balsam Shi'Rayan, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	80-0-0
3. Sloughi, Bouty, Bouthayna Shi'Rayan, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	71-0-0
4. Sloughi, Chamisa, Chamisa Schuru-Esch-Schams, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	61-0-0
5. Sloughi, Amir, Amir Shi'Rayan, ORC, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	50-0-0
6. Sloughi, Aswad, Aswad Shi'Rayan, ORC, GRC, SGRC, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	31-0-0
7. Sloughi, Rif, Ri'f de Moreau, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	19-0-0
8. Sloughi, Dalal, Dalal Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	15-0-0
9. Sloughi, Dounia, Dounia Shi'Rayan, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	14-0-0
10. Azawakh, Essari, Kel Simoon Essari, R. Mann	10-0-0
11. Sloughi, Fahad, Fahad Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	9-0-0
12. Sloughi, Badir, Badir Shi'Rayan, ORC, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	8-0-0
12. Azawakh, Tagalas, Tagalas, Kidwell/Mann	8-0-0
14. Azawakh, Conga, Wind'n Satin Magic Mirth, Child/Schmidt	5-0-0
14. Azawakh, Lafia, Al-Hara's Lafia-Lo, R. Spurling	5-0-0
16. Azawakh, Delta, Ch. Kel Simoon Djenne', GRC, Daniels/Kidwell	4-0-0
16. Azawakh, Cinnamon, Kel Simoon Cinnamon, Kidwell/Mann	4-0-0
18. Azawakh, Mateeka, Wind N'Satin Ketoto Mateka, Smith/Spivey	3-0-0
19. Sloughi, Europa, Filfil Shi'Rayan, A. Walters	2-0-0
19. Azawakh, Killy, ind N Satin Killian Red, M. Childs	2-0-0

## Miscellaneous Small Top Twenty (all IGs)

1996

total competing: 14

1. Allie, Lorac Crescent Moon, Dickinson/Roddy	12-0-0
2. D, Whirlwind Blew By You, T. Dickinson	11-0-0
3. Mark, Ch. Whirlwind Tip Of The Iceberg, T. Dickinson	7-0-0
4. Rudy, Reckless Rudy, Nelson/Knigge	5-0-0
5. Topo, Topo B Feisty, Siegel/Heger	3-0-0
6. Joey, Ch. Sir Joseph Of Dancelot, J. Carper	2-0-0
6. Robin, Dierking's Prince Of Thieves, CD, J.M. Mackey	2-0-0
8. Roman, Mancol's Roman Candle, S. Vaccaro	1-0-0
8. Fudge, Justa Ficianado, Jensen/Mason-Nails	1-0-0
8. Clay, Ch. Viva's The Dance, M.A. Smart	1-0-0
8. Kevin, Ch. Whirlwind's The One And Only, CD, T. Dickinson	1-0-0
8. Dan, Ch. Wharries Wild About Red, CD, Patterson/Ezzell	1-0-0

1997

total competing: 21

1. D, Whirlwind Blew By You, T. Dickinson	18-0-0
2. Disney, Ch. GDM Trickie's Wall St Player, Wagner/Snoble	10-0-0
3. Mark, Ch. Whirlwind Tip Of The Iceberg, T. Dickinson	8-0-0
4. Lumen, Chitwan's Modhu Lumen, Mendol/Hines	5-0-0
5. Odo, Chitwan's Devi Odo, Mondol/Hines	4-0-0
6. Emma, Orion's Emma, C. Moothant	3-0-0
6. Mickey, Ch. Wags-GDM The Animator, Wagner/Snoble	3-0-0
6. Rocket, Marchwind Blue Monk, D. & M. White	3-0-0
9. Rudy, Reckless Rudy, Nelson/Knigge	2-0-0
10. Oscar, Oscar Wildeman, C. Moothant	1-0-0
10. Allie, Lorac Crescent Moon, Dickinson/Roddy	1-0-0

1998

total competing: 28

1. Nilo, Vertragus Nilo, C. Turnbull	70-0-0
2. Poe Poe, Laynes Quoth Poes Raven, L.C. & K.S. Crouch	29-0-0
3. One, Whirlwind Viva Sweet One, Dickinson/Smart	24-0-0
4. D. Ch. Whirlwind Blew By You, T. Dickinson	23-0-0
5. Oscar, Oscar Wildeman, C. Moothant	20-0-0
6. Nitro, Ch. GDM's D'ble Xposure Bella Can I, Hudson/Snoble	16-0-0
7. Rudy, Reckless Rudy, Nelson/Knigge	14-0-0
8. Emma, Orion's Emma, C. Moothant	11-0-0
9. Domino, Bella Cani's Domino Effect, M. Hudson	10-0-0
10. Vinnie, Ueveni Delpino D'Hood, A. Acheson	9-0-0
10. Odo, Chitwan's Devi Odo, Mondol/Hines	9-0-0
12. Lumen, Chitwan's Modhu Lumen, Mondol/Hines	8-0-0
13. Disney, Ch. GDM Trickle's Wall St Player, Wagner/Snoble	7-0-0
14. Diamond, Ch. Vogue's Truth Or Dare, M. Hudson	5-0-0
15. Bill, El Mar's Blue Bayou, E. & K. McNamee	5-0-0
16. Joey, Ch. Sir Joseph Of Dancelot, J. Carper	2-0-0
16. Rocket, Marchwind Blue Monk, D. & M. White	2-0-0
16. Chai, Chitwan's Chora Chai, M. Johnson	2-0-0
19. Chase, Ch. Whirlwind's Cur To The Chase, N. Fontaine	1-0-0

1999

total competing: 23

1. Bill, El Mar's Blue Bayou, E. & K. McNamee	24-0-0
2. Kody, GDM Kodachrome, M. Manning	19-0-0
2. D. Ch. Whirlwind Blew By You, T. Dickinson	19-0-0
4. Nitro, Ch. GDM's D'ble Xposure Bella Can I, Hudson/Snoble	15-0-0
5. Nilo, Vertragus Nilo, C. Turnbull	12-0-0
6. One, Whirlwind Viva Sweet One, Dickinson/Smart	11-0-0
6. Vee, Bells Nora De Vertragus, C. Tregillis	11-0-0
8. Marco, It's Showtime Marco Beaulo, K.A. Beaulieu	10-0-0
9. Streaky, Streaky, Poposky/Wilson	7-0-0
10. Diamond, Ch. Vogue's Truth Or Dare, M. Hudson	4-0-0
11. Mark, Ch. Whirlwind Tip Of The Iceberg, GRC, T. Dickinson	3-0-0
11. Domino, Bella Cani's Domino Effect, M. Hudson	3-0-0
11. Timer, Cincris' Just In Time, T. & S. Guthrie	3-0-0
14. Magic, Marchwind Call The Magician, M.E. Rice	2-0-0
14. Bacio, Call a Truce-Romano's Bacio, Berkemeier/Romano	2-0-0
16. Mona, Silads Boni Moni, Fuxa/Dickinson	1-0-0
16. Vinnie, Ueveni Delpino D'Hood, A. Acheson	1-0-0
16. Levi, Levi Five-O-One Blue, J.R. Thornton	1-0-0

### Azawakh Top Twenty, 2000

total competing: 10

1. Mateeka, Wind N'Satin Ketoto Mateka, Smith/Spivey	10-0-0
1. Essari, Kel Simoon Essari, R. Mann	10-0-0
3. LaLi, F'akasha de Garde-Epee, J. Sheik	4-0-0
3. Conga, Wind'n Satin Magic Mirth, Child/Schmidt	4-0-0
3. Lafia, Al-Hara's Lafia-Lo, R. Spurling	4-0-0
6. Fada, Fader Faranda Bohemia, R. Mann & D. Kidwell	3-0-0
6. Tagalas, Tagalas, Kidwell/Mann	3-0-0
6. Zoe, Talempt Al-Ifriqiya, M. Morales	3-0-0

### Cirneco Dell'etna Top Twenty, 2000

total competing: 13

1. Godiva, Giltedged Godiva Seta Del Oro, K. Durr	34-0-0
2. Alma, Alma, L. Pricto	23-0-0
3. Cicely, Cy'Era Cicely, K. Dunn	16-0-0
4. Icaro, Icaro, M. L. Prieto	15-0-0
5. Frisu, Frisu Del Casorati, Manning/Cy'Era Cirnechi	11-0-0
6. Cy'rena, Cy'rena Del Oro, M.L. Prieto	9-0-0
7. Bianca, Cy'era Bianca, Unger/Prieto	5-0-0
8. Pupa, Malia di Punta Raisi, Cy'Era Cirnechi	4-0-0
9. Ol'ta, Galahad Seta Del Oro, J. Lewis	2-0-0
10. Sofia, Cy'era Sofia Isabella, M.L. Prieto	1-0-0

### Italian Greyhound Top Twenty, 2000

total competing: 28

1. Primo, Primo De Shirkan, Warden/Williams/Turnbull	50-0-0
2. Kody, FC GDM Kodachrome, F.Ch., P & M. Manning/Snoble	32-0-0
3. D. Ch. Whirlwind Blew By You, JOR, T. Dickinson	24-0-0
4. Bill, El Mar's Blue Bayou, E. & K. McNamee	22-0-0
5. Marco, It's Showtime Marco Beaulo, K.A. Beaulieu	13-0-0
5. Magic, Marchwind Call The Magician, M.E. Rice	13-0-0
7. Nilo, Vertragus Nilo, C. Turnbull	9-0-0
7. Mark, Ch. Whirlwind Tip Of The Iceberg, GRC, T. Dickinson	9-0-0
9. Vee, Bells Nora De Vertragus, C. Tregillis	6-0-0
10. Glavine, Glavine Alley, J.B. & D. Alley	5-0-0
11. Rollie, Sierravue Roll of the Dice, JOR, GRC, Carver/Kitch	4-0-0
11. Gypsy, GDM Season of the Witch, Ericson/Snoble	4-0-0
11. Skye, Sky Blue Of Lakeside, P. & M. Manning	4-0-0
11. Gina, Skyline Gina Beau, N. & D. Ewing	4-0-0
11. Levi, Levi Five-O-One Blue, J.R. Thornton	4-0-0
16. One, Whirlwind Viva Sweet One, Dickinson/Smart	3-0-0
17. Pesto, Sun Lovin Beach Bum, JOR, Kitch/Carver	2-0-0
17. Nitro, Ch. GDM's D'ble Xposure Bella Can I, Hudson/Snoble	2-0-0
17. Mona, Silaos Boni Moni, Fuxa/Dickinson	2-0-0
20. Holly, Marchwind Dreams Run Wild, M.E. Rice	1-0-0
20. Kenna, Kenna's Lightening Princess, M. Richard	1-0-0
20. Streaky, Streaky, Poposky/Wilson	1-0-0
20. Albert, Ch. Cana-Hora Royal Blue, C. Wilson	1-0-0
20. Ton, Hi-Ho Silver Ton, S. Brown	1-0-0
20. Boulder, Johma Arctic Knight, P. Aston	1-0-0

### Peruvian Inca Orchid Top Twenty, 2000

total competing: 2

1. Bubba, Ocllyo Chancaay Of Desertwind, W. & S. Martens	8-0-0
2. Auqui, Win-Hill's Willabe Auqui H. D. & J. Schroeder	2-0-0

### Sloughi Top Twenty, 2000

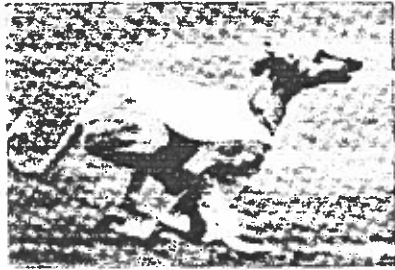
total competing: 6

1. Balsam, Balsam Shi'Rayan, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	3-0-0
2. Dounia, Dounia Shi'Rayan, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	2-0-0
2. Dalal, Dalal Shi'Rayan, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	2-0-0
4. Chamisa, Chamisa Schuru-Esch-Schams, JOR, Dr. D.C. de Caprona	1-0-0
4. Rym, Rym Cassandra, Dr. D.C. Crapon de Caprona	1-0-0

# THE NEW "KIDS" ON THE BLOCK

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*Azawakhs, Italian Greyhounds, Sloughis – new sighthounds? Certainly not according to the chronicles of sighthound history. However, as of May 1, 2001, these breeds were voted to the "member" list of ASFA breeds.*



## AZAWAKHS

I've had the pleasure of interacting with and judging Azawakhs, and I will admit to having quickly chosen my favorites among the assembly. Light-footed, agile and fleet, these dogs

epitomize the grace and noble bearing that the word "gazehound" brings to mind. Watching a young Azawakh skipping over the earth on faerie feet is like watching an Arabian foal following in the wake of his dam, his tiny hooves barely touching the ground. The phrase "To Fly Without Wings", known in the world of the Arabian horse, immediately comes to mind.

Drop-eared, dark-eyed coursing hounds of the Taureg nomads of the Sahara's Sahel region, Azawakhs average between 23.5 and 29 inches at the shoulder, weigh between 35 and 55 pounds, with smooth, tight fitting coats. Their briskets are deep, making a dynamic upward swing to their flanks. Hips should be even with or higher than withers, giving the hounds an exotic, "standing tall" demeanor. The Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) standard only allows for cream to red and brindle, with mandatory white markings on chest, tail tip and all four feet or legs. The American Azawakh Association (AAA) permits all colors found in the desert regions, including clear sand to dark red, white, black blue, grey, brindle, parti-colored, and brown (including chocolate). White markings are also specified.



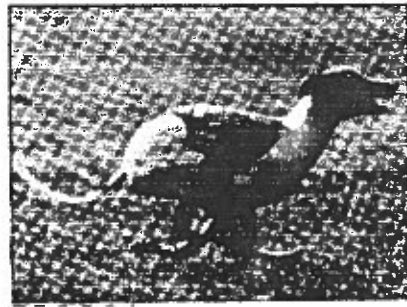
Azawakhs are responsible for multiple tasks in their native habitat. In addition to their hunting skills, they act as guards as well as companions. Early socialization is a must, as they can be very territorial and protective of their families.

It was interesting to observe the interaction of one of our Rampur Hounds with a gaggle of Azawakhs of various ages. While we did not

permit them totally free access to one another, Ganesh seemed perfectly at ease with them, and would head toward the group when we returned from our walks.

The first ASFA Foundation Coursing Champion certificates were awarded to Multi BISS, UCI Int'l, Nat'l Ch. Kel Simoon Cinnamon, SBIS, ARBA Gr. Ch. Kel Simoon Celie, and BISS, UCI Int'l, Nat'l Ch. Kel Simoon Essari, bred and owned by Deb Kidwell and Rhonda Mann of Virginia. As a personal observation, watching the elegant Essari moving across the field is like watching smoke flying in the wind.

*"I believe that the Azawakhs are gifts to us and they were perfect as we found them." (David Moore, Azawakh Al-Ifiqiya)*



## ITALIAN GREYHOUNDS

Having the opportunity to judge and observe a fair number of Italian Greyhounds at both ASFA and AKC lure coursing events, I was impressed with how Whippet-like the

talented IGs are who have taken to the field. More robust than most of the light-boned toys seen only in the show ring, these small hounds are audacious. They have no concept of their true Lilliputian size, and typically roar challenges at the lures even before the "tallyho" sounds. At the 2000 AKC National Lure Coursing Championship the field crew had a meeting and unanimously voted the IG, FC El Mar's Blue Bayou FCh, ORC, CGC, as the "Hound with the Most Heart." "Bill" is bred and owned by Earl and Kathy McNamee, Arkansas.

The smallest of the Greyhound family, thought to have originated in the regions of Greece and Turkey about two millennia past, the IGs were selectively bred down to be the perfect household companions.

History suggests that they spread to Southern Europe in the Middle Ages and proliferated in Italy, taking its name for their own. They are believed to have made good "ratters" (a handy talent in vermin-infested villas) and rabbit chasers.



Italian Greyhounds are very sporting, fond of the chase and hunting birds, rats and mice, anything that moves; the larger ones, especially



are keen and clever and very quick at killing rats." Hutchinson's Dog Encyclopedia (1934-1937) Walter Hutchinson, Editor.

IGs are smooth coated with the rose-shaped ears of the Greyhound, and indeed are supposed to resemble Greyhounds in miniature (13 to 15 inches) in everything but their high-stepping gait. They can be as small as five pounds and as large as 14-15 pounds, but average about 8-10 pounds. They come in fawn, cream, red, blue, black, in solid colors with or without white markings. Brindle markings, or tan markings as found on black and tans of other breeds, disqualify

The first ASFA Foundation Coursing Champion and AKC Dual Champion is Teri Dickinson's DC Whirlwind Blew By You, Misc FCh, JOR, NA, NAJ, SC, also known as "D". The handsome "D" proves that size is no barrier to having performance ability combined with correct breed type.



### **SLOUGHIS**

Originating in the hot sands of North Africa, the Sloughi is an independent and loyal

hound, with great endurance. As with Azawakhs, Sloughis are expected to hunt well and also safeguard the herds. They can be quick to defend their people and property if not well socialized as puppies. Sloughis range from 24" to 29" in height, with drop ears and a tight, smooth coat. Their preferred colors range from sand to light sand to fawn (red sand), with or without black mask, black mantle, black brindling, and/or black overlays. Small white markings on the chest and white hairs on the toe tips are tolerated; extensive white markings (Irish markings, parti-color, blazes, stockings, etc.) are disqualifying.

Not usually seen on our East Coast, the few Sloughis that I've met at racing practices and at rare breed shows have been handsome animals with enchanting and exotic expressions. Somewhat larger and more substantial than their Azawakh "cousins," these proud looking hounds are nonetheless athletic and quick on their feet, showing great speed, agility, and endurance. Sloughis in our Midwest states have proven to be very successful at lure coursing and racing. The Large Gazehound Racing Association (LGRA) actually originated to give the Sloughis a non-Whippet straight racing program to complete in.



The first NOTRA SORC is Amir Shi'Rayan, the first ASFA FCh is Assissa Shi'Rayan, the first LGRA SGRC is Aswad Shi'Rayan. Ch. Bouthyna Shi'Rayan, Aswad's daughter, is the only ASFA Foundation Coursing Champion Sloughi. These hounds are all bred and owned by Dominique Crapon de Carpona Ph.D and Bernd Fritzen Ph.D, Iowa.

AND... Still "in the works" as ASFA Miscellaneous breeds are the Chart Polski (Polish sighthound), the Cirneco dell'Etna (sighthound of Sicily), and the newly admitted Peruvian Inca Orchid (small hairless sighthound of the Incas).

Dense Court, a lure coursing judge, has been involved in the sport for many years and has written two books on sighthound performance events. She and her husband live with their children, Greyhounds, Whippets, and Rottweilers and also have a few Sloughis and a few other breeds.

## **NATIONAL BREED PARENT CLUB WEBSITES**

Afghan Hound Club of America  
[www.trims.com/ahca](http://www.trims.com/ahca)

American Azawakh Association  
~~members.aol.com/azawaks~~  
<http://azawaks.org/avaa.html>

Basenji Club of America, Inc.  
[www.basenji.org](http://www.basenji.org)

Borzoi Club of America, Inc.  
[www.borzoiclubofamerica.com](http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.com)

Greyhound Club of America  
[www.greyhoundclubofamerica.org](http://www.greyhoundclubofamerica.org)

Ibizan Hound Club of the United States  
[www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/2446/IHCUS.htm](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/2446/IHCUS.htm)

Irish Wolfhound Club of America  
[www.iwclubofamerica.org](http://www.iwclubofamerica.org)

Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.  
[www.italiangreyhound.org](http://www.italiangreyhound.org)

Pharaoh Hound Club of America (no site available)

Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States  
[www.rrcus.org](http://www.rrcus.org)

Saluki Club of America  
[www.saluki.org](http://www.saluki.org)

Scottish Deerhound Club of America, Inc.  
[www.deerhound.org](http://www.deerhound.org)

The American Sloughi Association  
[www.sloughi-international.com](http://www.sloughi-international.com)

American Whippet Club, Inc.  
[breedclub.org/AWC.htm](http://breedclub.org/AWC.htm)

## **Bovine Colostrum Nature's Forgotten Miracle**

Dr. Steven Blake is a veterinarian in San Diego, California whose practice focuses on holistic medicine. I discovered Dr. Blake a few months ago and was very interested in his approach. I had been researching ways to help my Saluki, Cairo, who at the age of 13 had been having recurrent bouts of pneumonia which had baffled several vets. Cairo had become a picky eater, he was repeatedly ill and he seemed not to be enjoying life anymore. We were considering euthanasia when I discovered Dr. Blake and colostrum.

Dr. Blake states, "Bovine colostrum is by far the most exciting discovery I have made in the past 28 years. This amazing product saved my life and the lives of many others. At a dose of 1/3 tsp. per 25 pounds of body weight once per day, you can use it for immune deficiencies, bowel infections, abscesses, skin infections, diarrheas, digestive deficiencies, allergies, endurance and hormonal disorders. You can make a paste of the powder with water and apply it directly on hotspots or infections. The epithelial growth factors (EGF) will help heal the skin, the lactoferrin will act as a natural antibiotic against bacteria or viruses and the natural antiinflammatory factors will reduce the discomfort of the healing process."

### **What is Colostrum?**

Colostrum is the pre-milk fluid produced from the mother's mammary glands during the first 72 hours after birth. It provides life-supporting immune and growth factors that insure the health and vitality of the newborn.

Research has shown that colostrum has powerful natural immune and growth factors that bring the body to a state of homeostasis -- its powerful, vital natural state of health and well being. Colostrum helps support healthy immune function; it also enables us to resist the harmful effects of pollutants, contaminants and allergens where they attack us.

Plus, the growth factors in colostrum create many of the positive "side-effects" of a healthy organism -- an enhanced ability to metabolize or "burn" fat, greater ease in building lean muscle mass, and enhanced rejuvenation of skin and muscle.

Dr. Blake recommends the brand New Life Colostrum from New Zealand. Colostrum's effectiveness is reduced if it isn't pure New Zealand colostrum, and if it isn't processed right. Excessive heat is particularly bad. New Life Colostrum is processed at low heat to protect its potency. It appears that bovine colostrum is universally accepted by other species including humans and animals.

New Life Colostrum is the only colostrum clinically proven to destroy a wide range of harmful pathogens. Their original colostrum product, available in both capsules and powder form, is collected only from pasture-fed cows that are pesticide, antibiotic and rBST free. The supplier, the New Zealand Dairy Group, provides a healthy herd of more than 1.5 million cattle. This provides colostrum with significantly enhanced efficacy, since naturally pasture-fed animals develop immunity to a wider range of pathogens than those which are fed processed feed. The huge herd also creates a high degree of standardization. Symbiotics is the only U.S. distributor of bovine colostrum able to make this superior quality colostrum for human consumption. Common sense also suggests that nutrients are difficult to assimilate if they are not water-soluble. Symbiotics has developed a unique, proprietary process for our original colostrum to make it fully dispersible

### **Colostrum's Immune Factors**

The onset of almost all infectious and degenerative disease, including cancer and heart disease, is preceded or accompanied by lowered immune system function. Studies show colostrum contains powerful immune factors (Immunoglobulins, Lactoferrin, Cytokines, etc.) that work to restore immune function.

Colostrum also contains PRP, shown in medical studies to help enhance an underactive immune system and help balance an overactive immune system.

Doctors acknowledge that most disease enters the body through the mucous membranes in the bowel. The majority of the antibodies and immunoglobulins present in colostrum are not absorbed, but remain in the intestinal tract where they attack pathogens before they can penetrate the body's defenses. In addition, colostrum's growth factors help balance intestinal flora and support proper digestive function.

According to the medical research, the presence of such a wide spectrum of immunoglobulins, antibodies and accessory immune factors in colostrum offers tremendous possibilities overall health and wellness.

### **Colostrum's Growth Factors**

Medical studies have shown that growth factors can help the body:

- Regenerate normal growth of muscle, bone, cartilage, skin, collagen and nerve tissue.
- Help burn fat for fuel instead of muscle tissue in times of fasting (diet).
- Help build and retain lean muscle.
- Synthesize DNA and RNA..
- Balance and regulate blood sugar levels.
- Heal burns, cuts, abrasions and mouth sores with topical application.
- Help regulate blood glucose levels and "brain chemicals", providing alertness and better concentration.
- Help regulate the brain's "feel-good" chemicals (serotonin and dopamine) to brighten our moods.

Studies show colostrum has the unique ability to support normal cell growth and tissue repair. They suggest that colostrum provides unique new possibilities for rejuvenation. There may be a "fountain of youth" after all!

All the information I heard about colostrum sounded almost too good to be true, but I felt there was nothing to lose but a little money so I'd give it a try. I ordered a jar of the powder from Dr. Blake and fed it to Cairo on an empty stomach as directed. Since he wouldn't take it in milk, I fed it to him in a little butter which was much appreciated.

Frankly, I am stunned at the results. Cairo has now been on the colostrum for a couple of months and he is a new dog - he looks years younger, he has tons of energy, his appetite is wonderful. He plays "chase me" with my three-year old Saluki again. And now, when I see the 13 year old Cairo next to my 3 year old Mystery I sometimes have to look twice to know who is who.

Since the New Life Colostrum is for both animals and humans my husband has now started using a paste made of the powder with water on a very stubborn fungal infection under his toenail. This nail has bothered him for more than 10 years and no medicine from over the counter products to prescriptions from the doctor have helped. Now, after two months, the half of his nail that has grown out is healthy and glowing with all the nasty stuff disappearing as it grows out.

What do I think of colostrum? WOW!  
What do I think of Dr. Blake? I'm grateful beyond words. I'm so happy to know that whatever time Cairo has left he's enjoying every minute of it! (My husband's really happy about his toe, too.)

My suggestion is that you check out Dr. Blake's website and make up your own mind. He has tons of great information there at <http://www.thepetwhisperer.com/>

**By Emily Danskin**

**Written for Labrador rescue, but so pertinent to all of us who have multi-dog households and foster rescues**



**There was an old woman, who lived in a shoe...  
She had so many DOGS, she didn't know what to do...!**

Waaaay too many dogs... too little time...!

Got a sweet canine who really puts the **B** into bitch??

As foster homes, we've discovered that we don't all have a perfect relationship with all God's creatures the way say... oh... St. Francis of Assisi did! **THIS RESCUE STUFF IS HARD!!**

Let me offer a few pointers on the fine art of **JuGgLiNg dOgS**. Hopefully it will save some sanity and bring a little balance, allowing us to keep it together long enough to save more Labradors.

*This advice is for those times when we 'over-immense' ourselves in rescue... Not necessarily meant to be a permanent way of life, unless, of course, you are seeking official 'martyr' status.*

**Crate Guilt – GET OVER IT!!** We really do want to encourage as much freedom and socializing as possible, but there are times when a crate will save your temper, your furniture and perhaps, a vet bill! We occasionally need a break and so do the dogs. As long as they're comfy and have something (a bone, peanut butter filled Kong, etc.) in there to keep them busy, they'll be fine until things calm down. When I get that glazed look in my eyes and my dogs begin to back slowly away from me, 30 minutes in their crates while I have some tea, or a quick nap does wonders. Then I let them out one at a time so there isn't a sudden rush to romp.

**Go to your room!** If necessary, even a small house can work to divide dogs up into manageable groups. One or two who get along well and are good when left out can lounge in a bedroom or office. I have two who get along well in my bedroom while I'm gone during peak dog populations. They lie on the bed, look out the windows, and generally enjoy watching the neighborhood from their throne. I spend time in there with them so they get equal attention time.

**Now you see 'em... now you don't!** If you have a dog that screams or vocally aggresses toward other dogs as they pass by, how do you keep them included and feeling a part of the family? Place their crate just inside the door of a room facing the main gathering place in your house. You can talk to them, sit by them, but when you need to let other dogs out near the crate, you can shut the door between them and the 'traffic' for a few moments. Be sure to leave a light on if necessary. Or this can be used to make a dark, quiet place for the dog to calm

down or sleep. This is not meant to keep them alone, but as a temporary divider, it works easily and well.

**Shift work** Learn to run the dogs in shifts. One group goes outside while another stays loose with you indoors. Or if your house lends itself, divide the interior into areas that are easily closed off from each other. This cuts down on crate time and allows the dogs to interact with those they enjoy and avoid contact with those who anger or annoy them. (Kind of like my office door at work!!) With numerous groups, that could mean one group outside, one loose inside, and one in crates.

**Does Not Play Well With Others!** I have one of these. She's simultaneously the apple of my eye, and the pain in my rear. As such, I have come to the conclusion that sometimes, it's not worth tinkering with. A foster dog is probably only there for a few weeks. It can be easier simply not to worry about going through the long, often difficult process of introducing them. My dog has her areas and her buddies, and I don't introduce foster dogs into that part of her world. Less stress for her, less stress for me, and certainly much less emergency business for my vet! Likewise, a foster dog that will be great in a home without other dogs could be looked upon in the same way. Give them their own space and attention and don't worry about forcing them into your current pack.

**Take Time to Enjoy Them!** This goes for your own dogs, as well as fosters. Take them individually for car rides, walks, or outside for some one-on-one time. I often take my foster dogs to a neighborhood obedience class that is a very social event. Lots of different dogs, relaxed atmosphere and nice people. Time away from the hoards at home can help your own dogs to keep from feeling as if they have to worry about their place in the pack and re-asserting themselves over new dogs. And it gives foster dogs some time to relax and offers you a chance to gain new insight and appreciation of them.

**Act Like a Fool!** Don't take yourself so seriously that you can't simply have fun with the dogs. Find things to smile about. Enjoy that crazy look they get when they lie on their backs and their lips flop open... laugh at their antics as they tuck and run through the house... smile as they leap and romp, determined to catch that bird that's JUST (about a thousand feet) out of their reach! Talk to them, sing to them... whatever it takes to make all of you smile! Maintain your sense of humor. It will take you far.

And above all – **Realize that all any of us can do is the best we know how.** Like the story of the starfish says – I cannot save them all... but to this one, I make a difference. And we all make a difference... one dog at a time!

