



#### HOW TO CONTACT THE CLUB

For further information or if you wish to become a member of the club, please contact The Hon Secretary, up to date information on this and all officers can be found on the Clubs website: [www.salukiclub.co.uk](http://www.salukiclub.co.uk)

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN to everyone interested in the Saluki, and most people who share a common interest know the benefits of belonging to a national body which promotes their common interest Membership is subject to approval by the Committee of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club.

#### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Apart from the usual benefits of belonging to a national club, including full voting rights and eligibility for committees, the following are worth noting:

- Reduced entry fees to the Club's Limited, Open and Championship Shows.
- Free newsletters
- Free Yearbook

#### WHAT MEMBERSHIP COSTS

The annual subscription runs from 1st January to 31st December. However, anyone joining after 1st October in any year will not need to renew their subscription until 1st January in the year next but one after the year of joining the Club.

The cost for the various categories of membership are listed on the Club website (Joint membership covers two people and Junior Membership is for anyone up to the age of sixteen).

#### HOW TO JOIN

An application form can be downloaded from the website [www.salukiclub.co.uk](http://www.salukiclub.co.uk) send it with your completed cheque for a year's subscription to the Hon Secretary.



# THE Saluki OR GAZELLE HOUND CLUB

founded 1923



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THE SALUKI, THE GREYHOUND of the desert, is one of the oldest breeds of domesticated dogs. The Arabs believed they were a sacred gift from Allah and called the Saluki El Hor, the noble one. Salukis were used for hunting and they were so highly prized that they were kept from the ordinary 'unclean' dogs and were allowed to share their masters tents.

Salukis have been kept in this country since at least 1897 when the Honourable Florence Amherst acquired a brace of puppies belonging to the Sheikh of the Tahawi Tribe in the Saliha Desert, Egypt. Later she owned 'Amherstia Sabirah', bred by H.H. The Emir Abdullah of Transjordan. Miss Amherst was the first President of the Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club.

Brigadier General and Mrs Lance—the importers of the famous Saron Kelb—were very responsible for not only for the formation of the Club and the registration of the breed with the Kennel Club but also for the vogue and fashion enjoyed by the Salukis in the early nineteen-twenties

ABOVE: LEFT TO RIGHT  
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE SALUKI

TOP RIGHT:  
THE HON FLORENCE AMHERST'S CH ZOBEID  
WITH HIS BROTHER FARHAN

MIDDLE RIGHT:  
MRS CHELIOTI WITH SARONA RASIM 1934

BELOW RIGHT:  
THE LEGENDARY CH SARONA KELB, BORN IN JUNE 1919

ESSENTIALLY THE SALUKI is a sporting dog—a capable hound of the chase. With his sloping shoulders, racy hindquarters, flexible loin, deep ribs, long stretching limbs and muscular neck, he is admirably adapted for the work for which he has been bred for so many centuries. He is fashioned for speed, quick turning—running on rough ground and for endurance.

They are also certainly beautiful animals, elegant in shape, graceful in movement and attitude, the embodiment of gentleness and aristocratic refinement. Points of especial beauty are their symmetry, their finely moulded heads and muzzles, their arched necks and sinuous lines, their bright humanly expressive eyes and silky feathering of their drooping ears and long curved tail.

The movement of the Saluki is a very important characteristic of the breed. As one well-known judge put it, each step should look as though it was a *"push-off for the next"*.

To sum up, the author Virginia M Burch in her book *Salukis* wrote: *"Anyone with the personality to live with a Saluki once having one, must always have one. It takes a specific person to be able to live up to the Saluki standard of humans. If you qualify, the relationship is the greatest in the world of dog and man"*.

THE SALUKI OR GAZELLE HOUND CLUB was founded on February 8th 1923. The current objectives of the Club, which have changed little since its inception, are:

- To ensure the continued purity of the Saluki breed.
- To encourage the exhibition of the breed by obtaining classes for it at suitable dog shows, and by giving prizes.
- To retain the inherent working skills of the breed by encouraging suitable activities.
- To ensure the well-being of both individual Salukis and the breed as a whole (cross-breeding between Salukis and other sight hounds being discouraged).
- Membership is contingent on compliance with the Club's Code of Ethics.

The Club can, in truth, claim to be carrying on and preserving work—ie the careful breeding of Salukis—which we know to have started some 4,000 or 5,000 years ago.

But the Saluki Club is more than this today. It is a friendly collection of Saluki owners comparing notes, exchanging information, promoting the interests of a beautiful and unusual breed and maintaining its essential characteristics. Members mostly meet at the Shows, both Championship and Open, where Saluki classes are scheduled.

The Club possesses a long list of valuable and attractive trophies, which are awarded to the top winning Salukis at Club Shows and for breed classes at Championship Shows.