

CARYNA SALUKI

We are a small kennel of Saluki but we are very proud of our hounds



Champion Caryna Hera JW black and silver
19 CCs & 6 RCCs Top winning bitch for 3 years
taking a break out for maternal duties twice
and becoming Top Brood bitch 2006

Champion Caryna Nashira, our latest
Champion silver grizzle 3CCs & 6RCCs

Caryna Caliso our baby of the bunch,
silver grizzle 2RCCs

Abberann Tiko Tino at Caryna black and
silver (only very lightly shown but gained
1 RCC)

We are planning to take a litter from
Champion Caryna Nashira in the very
near future, and are very much looking
forward to seeing the next generation
of Caryna babies in the Show ring.

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June 2006

Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes
Saluki Club of America – National Specialty

February 2007

Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes
Saluki Club of American – Eastern Regional

May 2007

Best of Breed
Garden State Saluki Club

September 2007

Best of Breed
Northern New Jersey Hound Assoc.
(Garden State Saluki Club-supported)

September 2007

Best of Opposite Sex
Garden State Saluki Club

September 2007

Best of Breed
American Saluki Association-supported



- CH Pine Paddocks Ebony Falcon
Feh Mokha of Pine Paddocks
- CH Taqr Az Bahja
CH Bahja Laetare
- CH Isle-End Meredith
CH Isle-End Magnolia Mcshaggitz
- CH Az Bahja Jemma on The Red Sea
Pine Paddocks Ptolemy Farouk
Pine Paddocks Ch'Amon Farouk
Pine Paddocks Fe'h Chrallah
- Samantha of Cristedacar
Sedeki Rabi
Pine Paddocks Aliyha Farouk
CH Ajita Farouk of Pine Paddocks
- CH Odi et Amo Cazpar Elessar
Treu von Sheik Saeer
CH Odi et Amo Iapetus Bandera
Andi's Gaea of Rafelda
- CH Odi et Amo Atlas FCH
CH Enchalla's Ahmadon Puca
CH Rafelda's Terra
CH Rafelda's Pairika
- Ch Odi et Amo Amber Elessar
CH Odi et Amo Iapetus Bandera
Odi Et Amo Falkor Elessar
CH Odi et Amo Mnemosyne FCH
- Ch Odi et Amo Terra Ombre
CH Enchalla's Ahmadon Puca
CH Rafelda's Terra
CH Rafelda's Pairika
- Ch Elessar's Bush Bunny JC
Pine Paddocks Ch'Amon Farouk
Davijoya Dragonsong In Tyana
Sultan's Dahira Shetanah
- Shofari Dragonsong For Tyana
CH Ramij Ra'tch
Ramij Ra'shan Summer Parti
CH Canem-Dei's Kashani Az Al Taj
- CH Naftali's Mahdi Farouk El Hor
Temrock Farouk Atair Bahhar
CH Kawaquin Bahhar Sundar
Temrock Basaq Bahhar
- CH B'shara Farouk of Naftali
Pine Paddocks Ch'Amon Farouk
Samantha of Cristedacar
Pine Paddocks Aliyha Farouk
- Elessar's Hard Hearted
Temrock Farouk Atair Bahhar
CH Kawaquin Bahhar Sundar
Temrock Basaq Bahhar
- CH Naftali Caristeda Kiss Kiss JC
Pine Paddocks Ch'Amon Farouk
Samantha of Cristedacar
Pine Paddocks Aliyha Farouk
- Naftali's Dahira Frk Caristeda
Pine Paddocks Ch'alil Farouk II
CH Ramij Ra'tch
CH Canem-Dei's Tirzah Taj
- Ramij Caristeda Kahula
Pine Paddocks Ch'Amon Farouk
Phoenix Of Elysian Fields
Pine Paddocks Aliyha Farouk

CH ELESSAR'S BUSH BUNNY JC



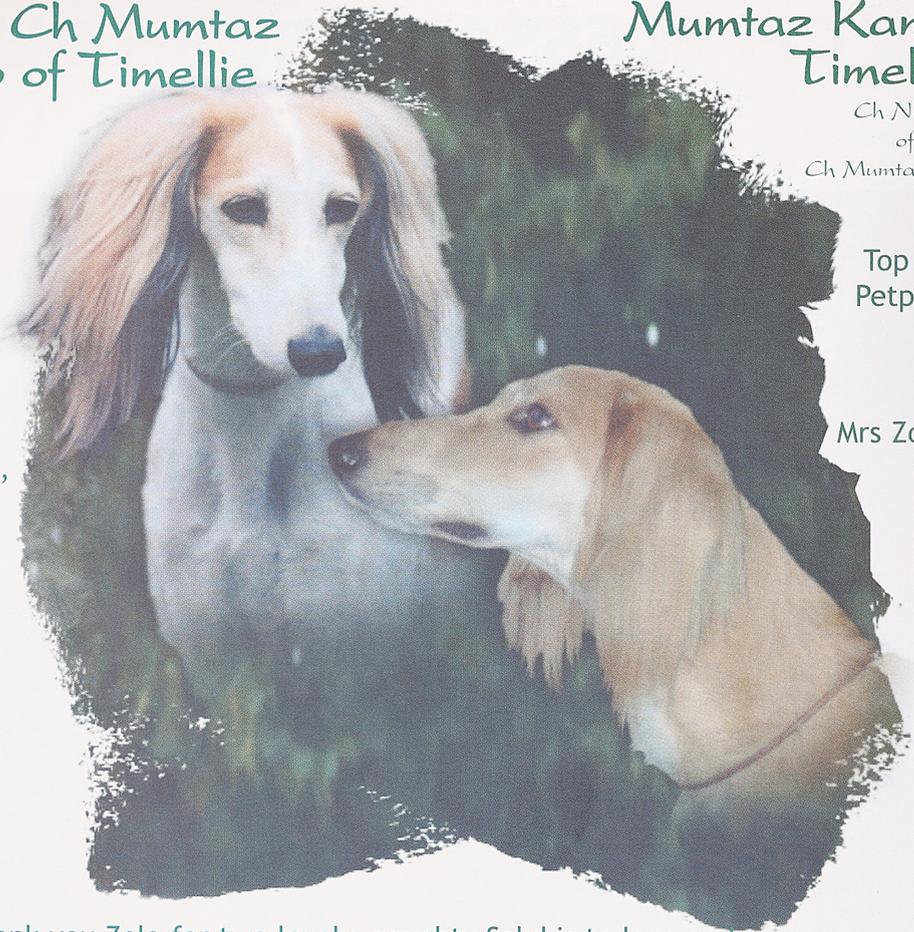
Ch Jr & Jnt Ch Mumtaz Greta Garbo of Timellie

Ch Minsha Mr Majestic x
Ch Mumtaz Star Maker

BIS SGHC
Championship
Show 2002

5CCs, 11 RCCs,
15 Green Stars,
9 Reserve Green Stars,
4 CACIBS

Breeder:
Mrs Zola Rawson



Mumtaz Kamsin of Timellie JW

Ch Nefisa Bushrah
of Saruk JW x
Ch Mumtaz Desdemona

Top Saluki Sire
Petplan Awards
2007

Breeder:
Mrs Zola Rawson

Thank you Zola for two lovely, naughty Salukis to love and own
Sylvia Harms-Cooke Monks Meadow, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Glos. GL54 5PA 01242 602658

Ch Kasaque Huntress of Sufeina JW.

10/10/95 - 3/9/07

Tress, my very special Girl

Do not stand at my grave and weep;

I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there, I did not die.



Buzz Faber 01242 602534

THE NORTHERN SALUKI CLUB ARE 30 YEARS OLD

Below is the original report that announced the inauguration of the Northern Saluki Club in The Saluki, (Vol:10, No: 1 Spring 1978)

NORTH REPORT

A meeting took place on Sunday 8th January at Runcorn to elect officers and committee members and to draw up rules and regulations for the proposed "Northern Saluki Club".

The meeting was well attended by fifty seven people accompanied by fifty three hounds, which was a very good turnout as the day dawned with thick fog. A special word of praise must go to those who journeyed from as far as London in the south to Newcastle in the north.

The Meeting started at 11.30 a.m. with Mrs Beryl Payne, who was elected chairman, presiding after Mr Barry Cotterill had got things underway. Officers and committee were elected and, after much deliberation, the rules were drawn up. The meeting ended at 2.45 p.m. and was followed by an excellent lunch provided by Beryl Payne.

After lunch a successful match was held with Mrs Pat Williams, from Poynton judging. Best puppy in match was won by Janet Bullock's Starflight Ilex, with Bob and Diane Thomson's Ilsham Theseus of Kymja winning the adult section.

Following the completion of the match the trophies were presented to the hounds winning the most points throughout the year 1977. Mr and Mrs Redfern's Jauhara Jamil took the top spot and also the trophy for top puppy and best bitch. Alipid Azeal was top grizzle, Maureen Flanagan's Aliped Aquinas was top black and tan, and my and my wife's Ilsham Janessa was top parti-colour.

A buffet and sherry were provided, and everyone left for home in high spirits after an enjoyable day.

David Lever.

Since 1978 the Northern Saluki Club has gone from strength to strength and holds a Championship show, in April and an Open Show usually in September. The aims of the Club are:

- To promote the well being of the Saluki.
- To promote shows and social events in the North.
- To encourage other activities for the breed in the North.

The Saluki would like to offer their congratulations to the Northern Saluki Club on their 30th Anniversary.

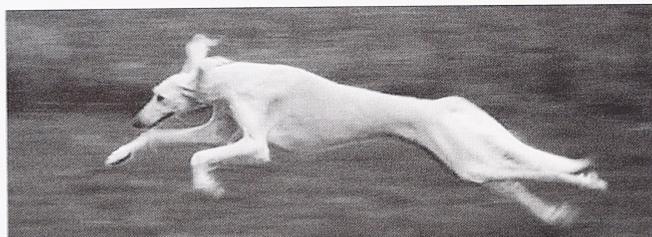


2nd place: Pauline Spilstead and Sheila Stoneman's group. Photo by Starprint



3rd place: Heather Fibbens

4th place: Lorraine Fitzgerald



Champion Jazirat Zakiyyah

3x CCs (2x BOB) 1x RCC



Zakiyyah was
the only Saluki
to gain their
title during the
Festival of the
Saluki 2007
celebrations

Ken and Diana Allan
01234-708658

JAZIRAT SALUKIS

"INDIA"

Cottonore Santa
Ana of Jazirat

Jazirat Zaredon of Cottonore
x
Altaya Raneer of Cottonore

India is expecting puppies
early February 08



"ZIDANE"

Sired by

Jazirat Zidane
(1 RCC)

Ch Timaru Valkyrie of Jazirat
(3 CC & 6 RCC)

x

Jazirat Shazaara JW

Ch Timaru Valkyrie of Jazirat has been
Top Stud Dog for the past eight years

He is also India's Great Grandfather

Enquires welcome

Ruth Dann 01938 820363
ruth.dann@btinternet.com

In loving memory of the Boys, the end of an era



Pennyworth Kez
Ch Sedeki Haz x
Ch Kaus Kezia



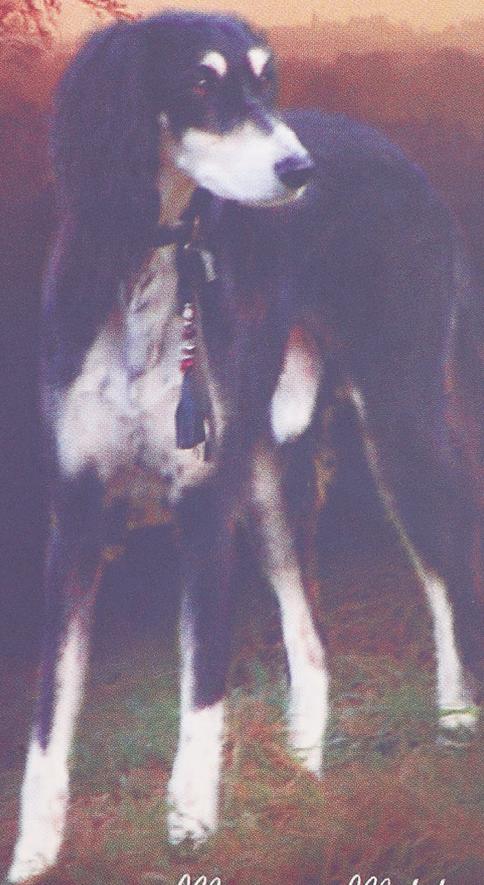
Ch Pennyworth Riaz
Ch Shamal Kharaz x
Ch Kaus Kezia



Classicus Hermes
Ch Pennyworth Riaz x
Ch Classicus Cassandra



Pennyworth Krug
Manzemar Mahdi x
Ch Ermcote Ilex with Pennyworth



Manzemar Mahdi
Mabrooka Kahiil at Manzemar x
Nimrodel Ayala at Manzemar

*Many thanks to the breeders who entrusted
us with these beautiful Salukis.
You were so special, we loved you all,
forever in our dreams*

Kathy & Martin Webb

Home of top-winning salukis in Sweden
Exclusive breeding for coursing, showing and lots of fun!

Al Wathba Salukis

Ingela Hägg & Carina Petterson, Sweden - www.alwathbasaluki.com

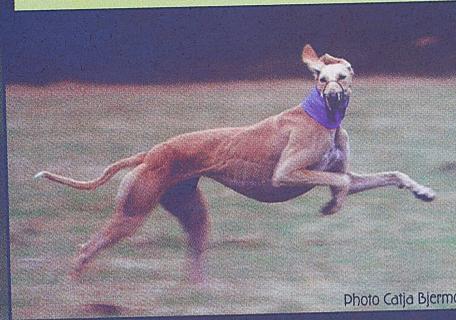
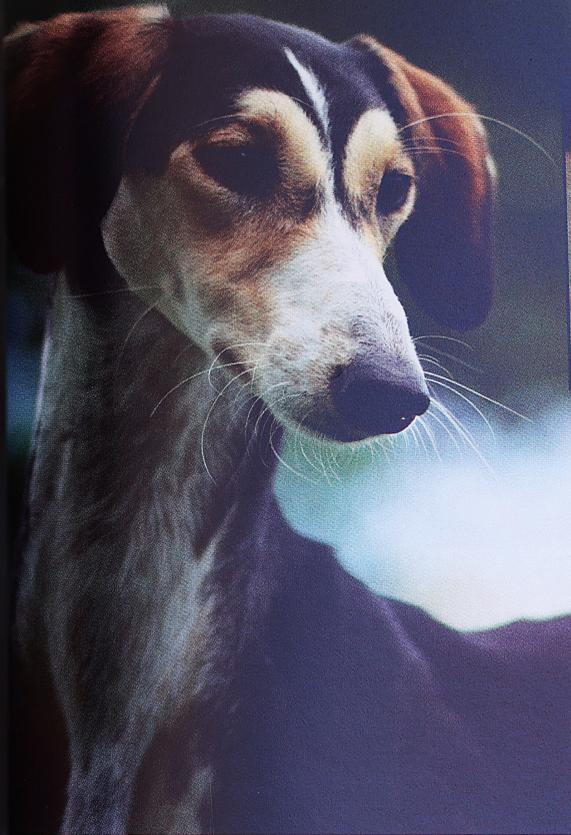


Photo Catja Bjermo

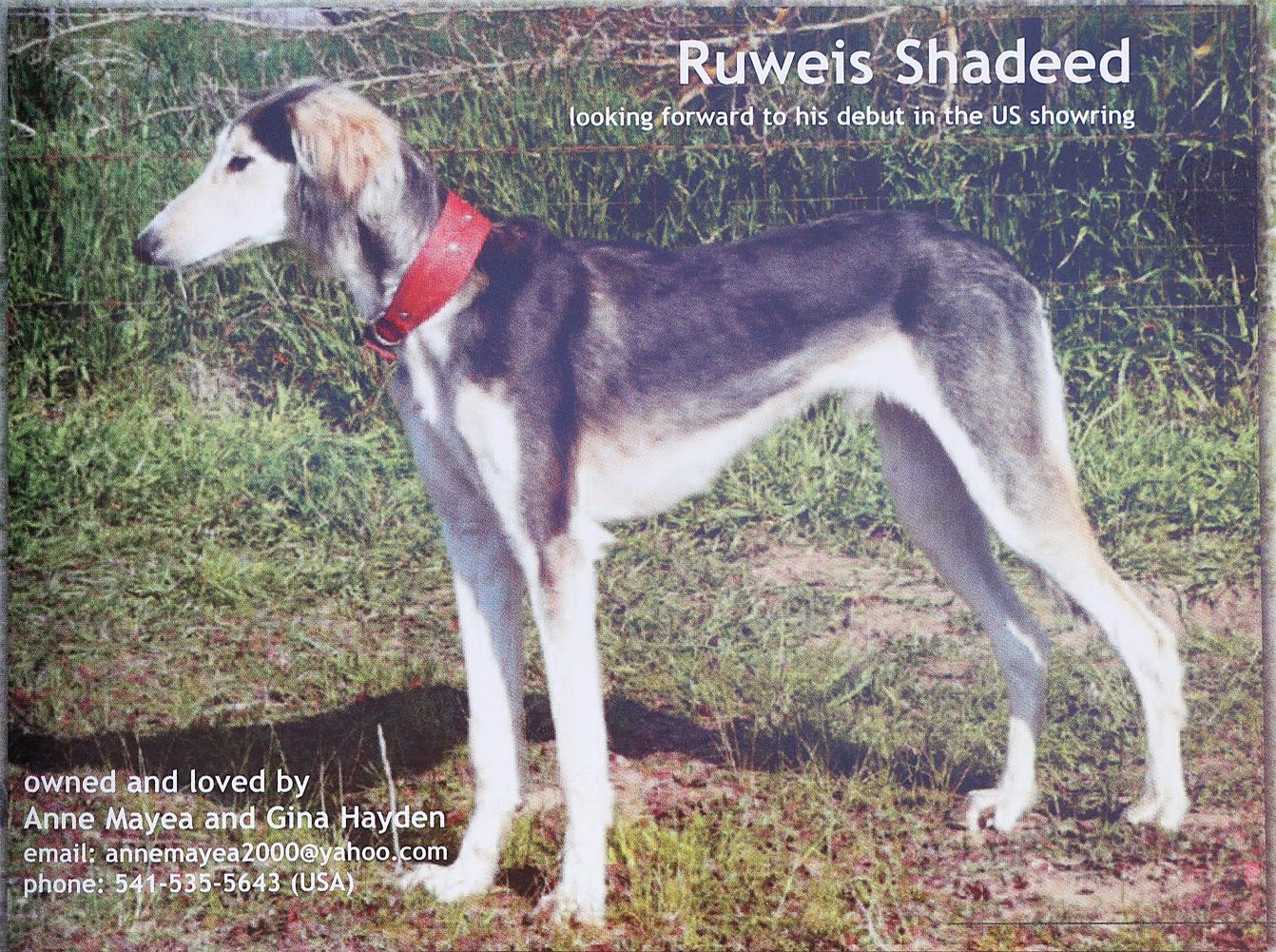


Photo Jessica Bolander



Ruweis Shadeed

looking forward to his debut in the US showing



owned and loved by
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the second
Arabian Saluki
 beauty contest displayed
 the high quality of the
 breed

Two "Best in Show" winners selected out of 132 Arabian Salukis



Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, October 27, 2007 –

The Arabian Saluki Center, Abu Dhabi, today announced the two "Best in Show" Winners of the 2. Arabian Saluki Beauty Contest that was held from October 24 to 27, 2007 as part of the 2007 Abu Dhabi Hunting & Equestrian Exhibition. The four competition days attracted some thousand visitors and Saluki lovers from the UAE and other GCC countries and saw a total of 132 Arabian Salukis competing for the "Best in Show" prize.

smooth and 69 feathered Salukis of the highest quality of breed on the first three show days. The Fourth and Final Round of the Saluki Beauty Contest displayed the crème de la crème of Arabian Salukis in the Gulf Region – all of them of the highest quality both in overall structure, appearance and movement. The two "Best in Show" winners were selected by Hamad Al Ghanem, Director, Breeder and Registrar General of the Arabian Saluki Center – "Reef" (black 4-eye) in the feathered category and "Abla" (red) in the smooth category.



All participating Salukis had been registered by the Arabian Saluki Center prior to the show. Only A-rated Salukis were eligible to attend, which made the judgement even more difficult than last year. Gilberto Grandi, President of the Italian Sight Hound Club, International FCI Judge and a specialist in Greyhounds and other Sight Hounds since 1977, rated 63





Gilberto Grandi comments on the contest: "I was amazed to see that the quality of breed was even better than last year. All participating Salukis were of the highest quality, made an excellent overall impression, showed a defined body structure and elegant movement. Although Salukis are mainly used for hunting in this region and they are not trained for show purposes, I appreciated to see the natural beauty and pride of the breed."

bloodline pure, eliminate inbred, focus on quality rather than quantity and today I am glad to see the result of our efforts in the past. Saluki owners are more aware of the risk of inbred and understand the importance of registering their Salukis. I would like to thank Gilberto Grandi for sharing his experience with us and the Emirates Falconers' Club for their continued support."

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Hamad Al Ghanem said: "I am very pleased with the number of participants as well as with the quality of breed we saw on these four show days. Last year we spend a great amount of time to encourage owners to register their Salukis and participate in the event. The success of last year's show enabled us to be even more selective in terms of the quality of the breed, which means that only A-rated Salukis entered the competition. As a Saluki breeder it was always my mission to keep the



Chisobees Saraid at Jameela

Miskanda T'lamo x Cairdean Cazzab at Chisobee

*wild, beautiful,
lovely clown!*

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CHISOBEE SERENARIAN

Ch Ukhaydir Aris Hafid Ariba (imp) x Cairdean Cazzab at Chisobee



She has consistently won at Championship and Open Shows
Thank you Seren for all the joy that you give us.

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DARQUELL

INTRODUCING

DARQUELL SAMIRA

SIRED BY AMERICAN IMPORT RUWACH ZAZOU AL
MONAB EX OUR MUCH LOVED KASAQUE LAILA.

SAMIRA IS NOW EIGHT MONTHS OLD AND AT
HER THREE SHOWS TO DATE SHE HAS WON:

1ST AVNSC PUPPY AND PUPPY GROUP 3
AT MINEHEAD AND DISTRICT OPEN SHOW

1ST AV HOUND PUPPY AND WINNER OF
PUPPY GROUP AT NEWTON ABBOT OPEN
SHOW

1ST MINOR PUPPY BITCH LKA CH SHOW

SHE AND HER BROTHER DARQUELL SALAH-
ADINN (OWNED BY TOVEY, WILLIAMS AND
REDFERN) LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
ALL AT CRUFTS.

OWNER/BREEDER MRS JAN BANYARD

DARQUELL SIGHTHOUNDS

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Sunswift Atiq

Height: 27"

Age in photo: 2yrs 7mths

Owner: Mrs P. Buswell

Pip.buswell@gmail.com

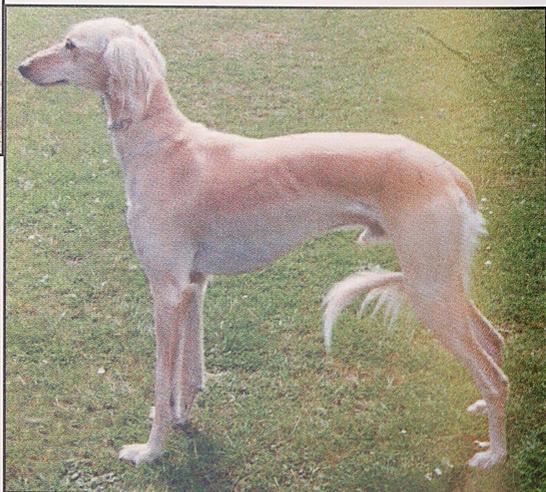
Sunswift Aajiy

Height: 26"

Age in photo: 2yrs 5mths

Owner: Mrs E. Rushton

rushtone@interdart.co.uk



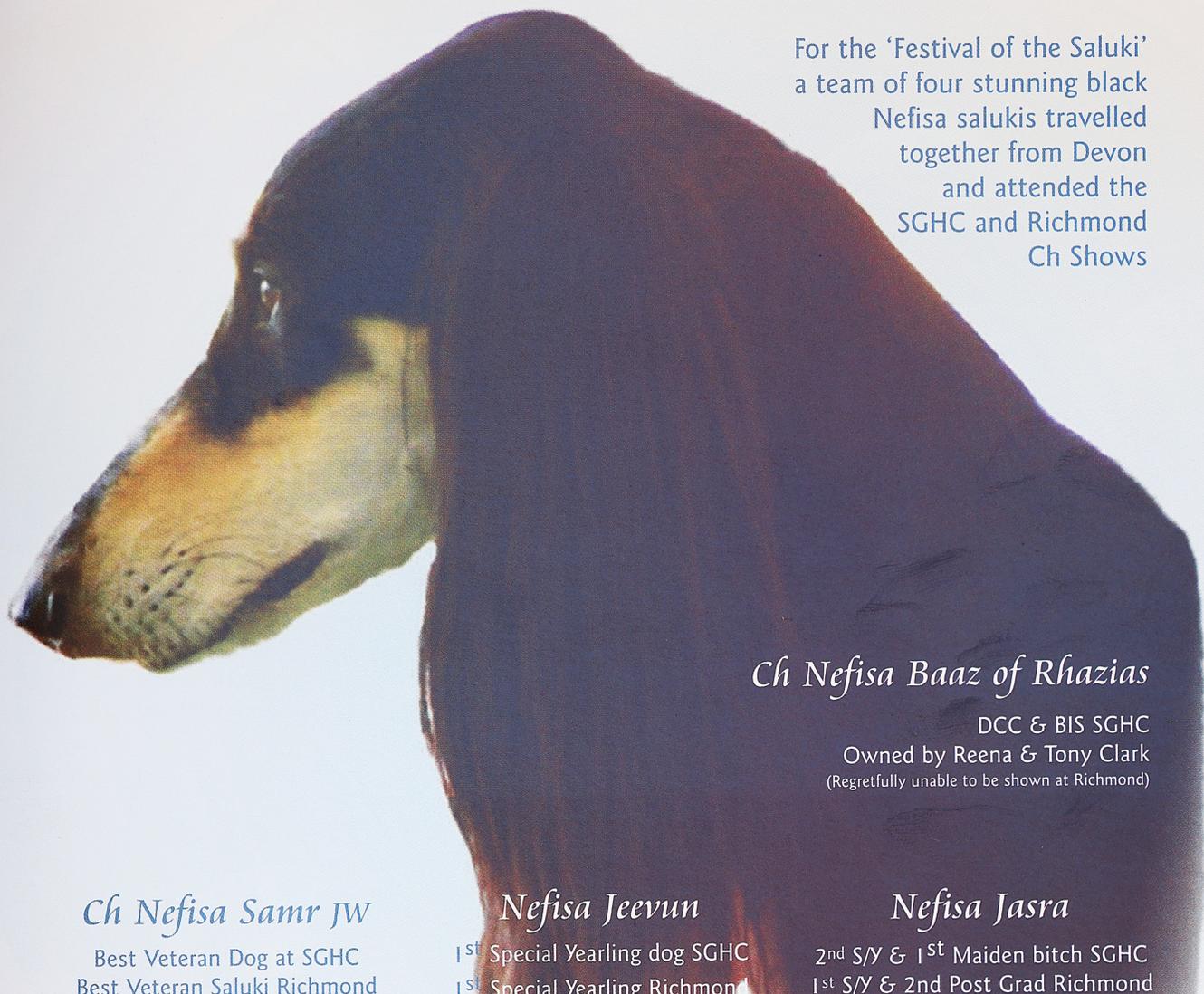
DoB: 30.01.2005
Sire: Ch Labakan Ikteer Takha
Dam: Dakhilak Shenavah

Breeders: Elaine Rushton & Priscilla Buswell

NEFISA SALUKIS

Quality personified

For the 'Festival of the Saluki'
a team of four stunning black
Nefisa salukis travelled
together from Devon
and attended the
SGHC and Richmond
Ch Shows



Ch Nefisa Baaz of Rhazias

DCC & BIS SGHC
Owned by Reena & Tony Clark
(Regretfully unable to be shown at Richmond)

Ch Nefisa Samr JW

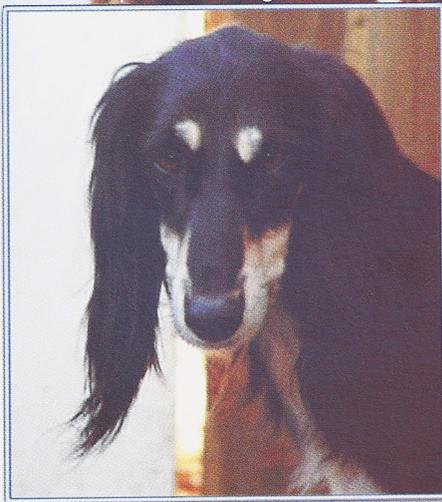
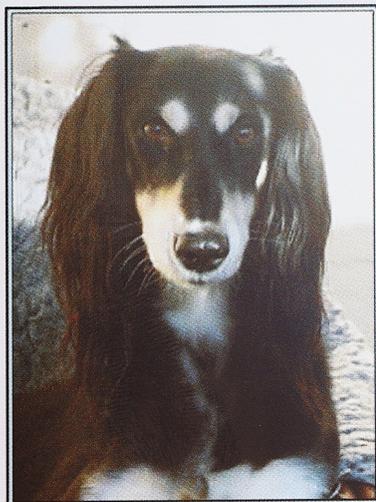
Best Veteran Dog at SGHC
Best Veteran Saluki Richmond

Nefisa Jeevun

1st Special Yearling dog SGHC
1st Special Yearling Richmond

Nefisa Jasra

2nd S/Y & 1st Maiden bitch SGHC
1st S/Y & 2nd Post Grad Richmond



Owned, bred & adored by **Jenny, Steve & Laura Macro** (though Jasra lives and is loved by
Debbie McCreadie at Haytor) tel: 01752 242560 steve.jennymacro@blueyonder.co.uk

We are also proud of **Ch Nefisa Bushrah of Saruk JW** who won the RDCC at the SGHC
owned by Marie Bryce-Smith.
Also regretfully unable to attend Richmond

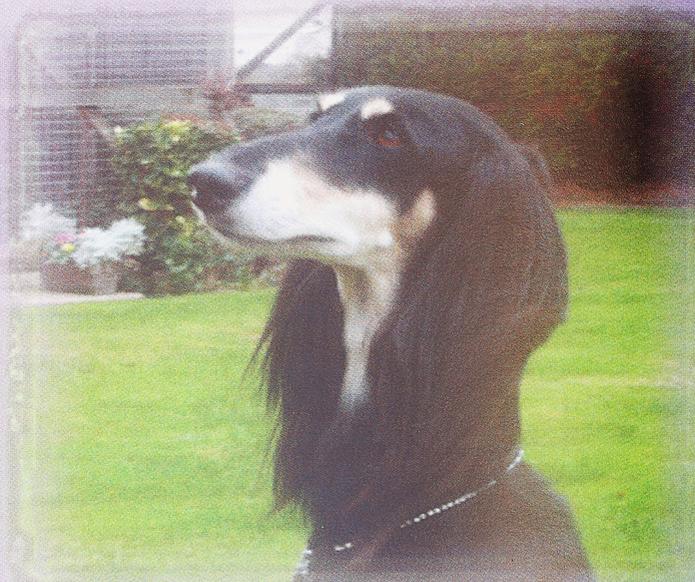
TASIA
Our beautiful girls



Ch Zemar Tasia Elouise

4CCs 3RCCs

We hope to have a litter from Elouise in 2008



Tasia Esmerelda

I CC IRCC

Ended the year in style winning CC and BoB at LKA

Ch Timaru Valkyrie of Jazirat (imp) x Ch Altaya Tasmayah at Tasia



Ch Altaya Tallulah at Tasia

4CCs IRCCs

Lusaki Farah Falan JW x Altaya Jehzara Maria (2CCs)



Ch Altaya Tasmayah at Tasia

4CCs IRCC

The loving sisters now ten years old, still enjoy their daily walk and gallop with the youngsters

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Significant Imports 1895–1946: the Western Foundations

Abstracted from the Festival of the Saluki, 2007 seminar

by Brian Patrick Duggan

Much is made about Saluki imports and their fresh genetic material being added to the breeding pool in the West, but of course, if you go far enough back, every Saluki outside of the Middle East was an import. The question to ask is which were the significant imports and what, if any, lasting effect did they have on the dogs and lines that we see today?

The topic of imports is vast and tangled, so this article will be confined to the formative years – from the Honourable Florence Amherst's first import in 1895 to the end of World War II. To give a little human perspective, we'll look at a few stories behind the significant imports to England.

So, what makes a "significant import"? Three major and two minor qualifications: first, a dog or bitch that has documented origin from the desert (which may include parents, breeder, and location), second, the dog or bitch was preferably not the product of an English breeding program or accidental litter in the desert, and third, that its descendants survived to be available for breeding through 1946 (a post-war date to which most registration records can be traced). Further, a "significant import" would have some fame among dog fanciers and the public through exhibition, advertising, and publicity, and would have notable show or coursing wins.

Undocumented Salukis would be those that were imported before registration organizations, or Salukis that left no progeny. These include pets or zoological curiosities such as the Saluki owned by a U.S. Army officer in 1861, the Salukis shown in Germany in 1863, and the various specimens in Victorian England that were painted by Wooten, Challon, Ward, and Landseer¹.

The Saluki Population Outside the Middle East

During the zenith of Saluki popularity between the two World Wars, there were populations – large and small – in America, Australia, Bermuda, Belgium, British Malaya, Canada,

Ceylon, East Africa, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Western Samoa, South Africa, Spain, and Sweden (fig. 1). A good number of these dogs were descendants of Sarona Kelb due to the many exports by Brigadier and Mrs. Lance. However, most of these populations simply died out from lack of interest or access to breeding stock.

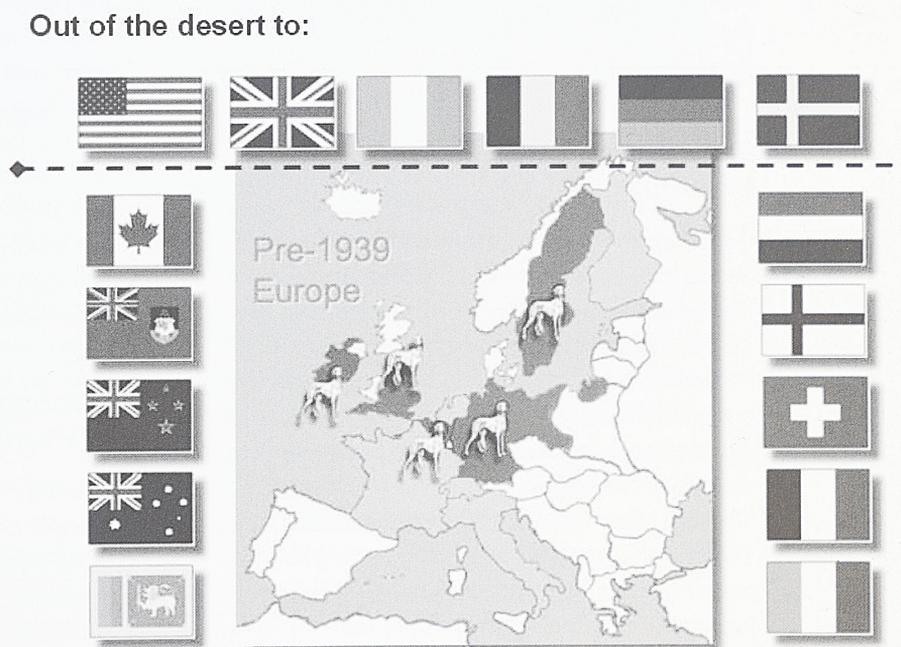


Fig. 1 "Pre-1939 Desert Imports to Europe" A snapshot of Saluki populations outside the Middle East. Countries above the dotted line America, England, Ireland, Belgium, and Germany, and Sweden have Saluki desert import stock. Other Saluki populations are found in Australia, Bermuda, British Malaya, Canada, Ceylon, East Africa, Finland, France, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Western Samoa, South Africa, and Spain.

¹ Not to mention the European Salukis painted by Titian, Veronase, and Tiepolo.

Salukis imported from the desert could be found in England, Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Ireland, and America. Like exotic orchids in the wrong climate, the breed failed to thrive in Belgium, Sweden, and Ireland and their breeding lines became dead ends. By the end of World War II, the only significant desert stock outside the Middle East persisted in England, Germany, and America.

Import Dead Ends

In Sweden, Miss Vivien Bonander had the first Saluki import in 1924 with Ch. Timsa el Sollum, who was bred by an Englishman in Egypt and sent to Sweden via England. Miss Bonander also imported Salukis from Sarona in England & El Saluk in Germany. Other prominent kennels at the time include el Tagaddi, Åsa-hallen, and el Dair – but no specimens of the breed survived the war.

Belgium had two champion, imported Salukis during the late 1920s and early 1930s, Choah and Djounam. They produced a litter but no traces of them exist. In 1927, Ireland saw largest single importation of desert Salukis into the United Kingdom – but they faded from the scene by the mid-1930s (more on these dogs later...).

Two Important European Populations

Even though it had no direct imports from desert, The Netherlands had such an active Saluki fancy that it is worth a mention here. In 1926, the first Saluki came from the von Persien foundation kennel in Germany. She was bought by Mrs. Van der Leeuw and called Emir van de Dreef, but was not bred and shown very little. The real movers were Mrs. Jüngeling her son, Han. Their Barukhzy Kennels started in 1928 with strong Sarona line breeding – with prominent English imports (Amherstia, El Zobair, Nablous, and Hama of Homs) in the background. Salukis were imported into The Netherlands from elsewhere in Europe, but the Barukhzy line would be the only one to survive World War II and serve as a foundation for re-population.

Germany had a large population of Salukis with many well-established kennels. Their imports tended to come from Turkey and Persia as a result of the German/Turkish collaboration on the Berlin to Baghdad Railway project in the early 1900s. Of the eighteen imports recorded from about 1910 to 1935, only two are traceable in today's kennel lines and so may be called significant. Ch. Cyrus and Slongha Peri were bred by the Shah of Persia in 1920 and imported by Herr C. Woltering and became the foundation of the von Persien kennel. These two passed their influence on to the early German kennels – von Persepolis, von der Hasenkloge, El Saluk, El Shiraz, von Gildehof, von Arabien, and von Sonnenheim. By 1926, a lack of imports resulted in inbreeding, and it was about this time that Sarona Kelb's line was imported to Germany as well as Salukis from the Netherlands and other European countries. Gulan Lindroth, a native Swede living in Germany, had a variety of English desert stock behind her famous El Saluk hounds.

Ultimately, a very small percentage from the von Persien foundation pair can be traced down to Burydown Uki and Brig. They were the puppies of Biwakuf von Sonneheim and Ganetti von Arabien. Ganetti, Brig, and Uki, in what was the first German contribution of breeding stock to England, were imported and the Uki became a prominent, post-war sire. The two German kennels that did survive the hardships and deprivations of the war (albeit just barely) were El Saluk and El Saraje – although none of those Salukis were descendents of Cryus and Slongha Peri.

Imports to the Land of E Pluribus Unum

The story of imported Salukis in America is unusual and complex². From 1926 to 1931, there were twenty-eight Saluki imports to America from England (Saronas being prominent among these) and five were from the deserts of Iraq, Egypt, and the Transjordan. Unfortunately, the general lack of interest in the new breed and the vast distances between owners led to the desert lines very nearly dying out. If it were not for one unusual transfer of dogs squeaking in at the tail end of the war,

² For an excellent history of the desert-bred in America, see Catherine & Carlene Kuhl's, "Eastern Influences on the American Saluki", in *The Saluki: Coursing Hound of the East*, edited by Gail Goodman, 1995.

America would have had no significant desert lines in 1946.

In 1945, King Ibn Saud gave a pair of Salukis to British Col. Chapman-Walker, who had admired them in the royal kennels. Chapman-Walker gave them to his superior officer, Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland-Wilson, who in turn gave them to Flight Officer J. Dodge who was serving with the American Mission in Washington D.C. Dodge could not keep them and found the American breeder and expert, Edward Aldridge (Diamond Hill), and asked him if he knew anyone who wanted the pair. Surprisingly, Aldridge was not interested in the imports and he recommended them to his friend, Esther Bliss-Knapp.

It was an dissimilar pair that Esther got her hands on for breeding. Abdul Farouk was a feathered, tri-colour with cropped ears, born in Jedda on the Red Sea. Lady Yeled was a light coloured smooth from Damascus. Because of their different types and geographic locations, it is highly unlikely that these two would have ever been bred in the desert, but Esther used them to establish her famous Pine Paddocks line and they can be found in a large number of American pedigrees.

Desert Dogs and Englishmen

From 1921 to 1939, Salukis came steadily into England from areas of post-war military influence – predominately from Transjordan, Iraq, and Egypt. Of the six imports from the latter, three were Florence Amherst's³. Three Salukis came from Syria, one from Persia, and one from Arabia. After the discovery of oil in the Persian Gulf, Bahrain would become another source of imports. It was then commonplace in the Saluki fraternity for kennels to interbreed, and in particular, new desert imports were eagerly sought after for breeding (although there was a large number of Salukis imported as pets and never registered or bred from). This confluence of imports resulted in an extremely complex dissipation of genetic material. However, the genes of significant import sires and dams persisted generally through the following kennels in 1946:

- Shammar (from Nablous & Orchard)

- Mazuri (from Amherstia & el Zobair)
- Knighttellington (from Amherstia, Nablous, & Sarona)
- El Hor (through the Mazuri & Zahara lines)
- Grevel (from Sarona, Kurdistan, Amherstia, & Fresco/Egypt).

The first Salukis that came to England were pets and companions acquired in the Middle East and their owners could not bear to leave them when they returned home. There was no thought of importing Salukis to augment breeding programs until breed recognition in 1923. Importing stock from the desert in the interwar years was a chancy business that involved letters going back and forth between several intermediaries. One never knew precisely what sort of Saluki might be sent and often they were unsatisfactory and only used in a trial breeding.

Pedigrees and litter dates can be fairly dry stuff, so it is worthwhile to have a look at the human side of how some of the significant imports came to England.

Human/Canine Import Stories

Like her father, the first Baron Amherst of Hackney, the Honourable Florence Amherst was a scholar and aesthete and very interested in Egyptian history. Florence had first seen Salukis on her family tour of Egypt in early 1895 and asked the Keeper of the Giza Zoo to obtain a pair for her. Luman and Ayesha were puppies from Lower Egypt and shipped to the family estate in November 1895. In Norfolk, she bred them two years later, and imported another Egyptian bitch in 1905 – about the time that she started showing at dog shows. Luman was used enough times that he can be found in the pedigree of nearly every dog with Amherstia ancestry. Florence did not import breeding stock again until the 1920s when she looked to Transjordan and Iraq for dogs to match the Amherstia type.

In 1921, Brigadier General Frederick Lance and his wife, Gladys, grew quite fond of their Syrian Salukis when they lived in Jaffa (Tel Aviv) during the British post-war occupation. The

³ For further reading on British imports see: "From the Country of Origin", by Dr. John Hudson in *The Saluki, The Saluki or Gazelle Hound Club, Championship Show Edition, 1999* and "Influence of Desert-Bred Saluki in Britain", by June Applebee-Burt, in *The Saluqi: Coursing Hound of the East*, Gail Goodman, editor, 1995.

Lances were avid hunters and always rode out with their Saluki pack and terrier to course jackal and gazelle. Companionship and hunting ability were important qualities in their Salukis and they imported their favorites, Kelb and Echo – a brother-sister pair that became foundation of the well known Sarona kennels. Lance used his military connections to import new breeding stock – one dog each from Transjordan, Iraq, and the Persian border. Khataf, the Iraqi dog, while a good courser, was only bred once and then shipped to America – perhaps altruistically to bolster the breeding stock there. Despite Florence Amherst's tenure in the breed, the Lances were more active and therefore better known to the public for many years. A terrible kennel fire in 1928 killed many of their dogs – including some of their imports. Kelb had the privilege of sleeping in the house and was spared along with a few other Sarona hounds. He continued to be a winning show dog and sire until his death in 1931 at the age of 12. The shock affected the Lances greatly and their activity in the breed declined until the last straw, when Gladys died unexpectedly on New Year's Eve 1935. The stricken Brigadier bred no more litters, but maintained his membership and offices in the club. After his re-marriage a few years later to a woman who did not care overly for Salukis, he took up Curly Coated Retrievers.

It is worth noting here that while the famous Sarona Kelb did indeed come from desert stock, he cannot be considered to be a product of a Bedouin or Arab breeding program. His parents, Seleughy and Baalbek came from a sheikh in Damascus and a Turkish administrator in Baalbek – and with 55 miles of desert track, mountain pass, and a river between the two locations (not to mention whether or not the two owners would have actually spoken to each other, much less agreed to a breeding), it is decidedly improbable that Kelb's parents would have been bred without the intervention of Brigadier Lance.

If Kelb was the pre-eminent sire of the day, then his female counterpart was Major C.W. Bayne-Jardine's Hama of Homs. Hama was a beautiful, white or cream coloured bitch with cropped ears, who had been acquired as a puppy when Bayne-Jardine was stationed in northern Syria. She was a good courser and faithful companion to him, and amidst the

depressing business of handing British-occupied Syria over to the French, Hama was the one bright spot in her master's life. She was accidentally bred on the eve of returning to England and gave birth in quarantine in late 1920. After her six months internment, she was re-united with her master and puppies. Being a desert dog used to unlimited freedom, had ingrained habits (going missing for days on end and chasing sheep) that caused problems at Bayne-Jardine's new station at Ipswich. Painfully acknowledging that he would not be able to confine her during his Army career in England, she was transferred to another Saluki owner – and subsequently to three other breeders owners. Poor Hama produced a total of eight litters in England and it is rare not to find her in Western pedigrees.

Francis Joan Mitchell imported two famous Salukis of her own breeding while she worked in Nablus, Palestine. She was from a middle class family and as her grades in nursing school were not quite good enough for English hospitals, she went to work in Army hospitals overseas. She seems to have been in Egypt and eventually ended up as a matron in one of the hospitals in Nablus. There she grew fond enough of Salukis to borrow a pair from a British officer and breed her own litter. Francis kept several and was fond of taking her hounds for hikes in the surrounding hills. When she retired to England in 1924, she brought with her favorites, a brother and sister pair named Ebni and Binte and established the Nablous [sic] kennels. She was a quiet, self-effacing woman, but became good friends with Florence Amherst and Gladys Lance. While not terribly active as a club member, she always attended shows and went in for coursing. Being a fresh import, Ebni had sired two litters and was considered a promising stud dog until one day in early 1926 when he was shot while running loose (presumably chasing livestock...). Francis Joan Mitchell remained on the fringe of breed activities while Binte continued to produce litters.

As Great Britain was helping to build the new kingdom of Iraq out of a chunk of the former Ottoman Empire, most of the imports to England came from the Army officers who were stationed there. In 1923, Major Count Arthur Bentinck traveled overland from Iraq to England with two Salukis presented to him by a village sheikh from north of Mosul. Rishan was a parti-