

Well I have been remiss in keeping up on the reports side of the website for Canada and apologise in advance, citing a myriad of other projects that keep interfering with my spare time to write.

In 2007 the Canadian Kennel Club instituted a new title of Grand Champion – this title can only be earned after the completion of the Canadian Championship. Points for this title are accumulated after a Championship is completed and do not include any points earned in attaining that conformation championship. For this title to be awarded a dog must accumulate a minimum of 100 points which must include one Best in Show or a Best of Breed at a Breed National Specialty or a Best in Multiple Breed Specialty where at least five breeds are represented; plus 3 group firsts or 3 Breed Specialty wins must be earned at Conformation Shows. There are various points awarded for each win which must total 100 to earn the title.



Ruffles.

The first Saluki Grand Champions were from the Windstorm Kennel of Starr and Randy White. Ruffles is now GR.CH.MSBIS, MBIS, CAN. AM. CH.WINDSTORM RUFFLED ONE CGN and Hunter is now GR.CH. SBIS, MBIS, CAN. AM. CH. WINDSTORM SOVEREIGN HUNTER CGN.

In November Ruffles received her award for being Canada's Top Saluki, #1 Hound and #9 All Breeds for 2006. The Top Ten Awards ceremonies in Canada are usually very high brow affairs – an occasion for the dog fancy to put on their best clothes and party.

I also received a report from Starr White that puppies from Can.Am.Ch. Windstorm A Sandchris Rhapsody and Can.Am.Ch. Padtheway Windstorm Nova are well settled into their homes throughout North America with some very nice puppy wins.

Shelley Work tells me that she will be breeding a part desert bred litter in Spring/Summer 2008 by Melik Gulshen (1/2 Turkish/Kurdish desert bred). The sire of this litter has not yet been decided.

I reported on the Saluki Club of Canada's National Specialty shows in the last report, but we did have more 'special' shows in Canada in 2007. The Western Regional Specialty was held at Peace Arch Park in Surrey, BC in conjunction with the Annual Sighthound Extravaganza. Sweepstakes were judged by Cathy Chapman, Sadik Salukis and she found her winners as follows:

Best in Youth Sweepstakes – **Hillside's Alabama of Lightspeed**
Best in Veteran Sweepstakes – **Ch Iroki Camille**
Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes - **Am Can Ch Aspen's Wizard JC, CGC**

Regular Classes were judged by renowned English Breeder Diana Allan of Jazirat Salukis.

Diana had a lovely entry of Salukis to go over and here are the major results:

Winners Dog – **Dadaelis Byzantium Ritu Kumar**, bred by Sharon Gause, Marilyn LaBrache Brown, Sue Anne Pietros and Cindy Cowie and owned by Susan Manthou and Marilyn LaBrache Brown.

Reserve Winners Dog – **Castlebay Alfa Romeo** bred by Nancy and Michael Leising and owned by Patricia Gilbert and Edward Gilbert.

Winners Bitch – **Awn Firuza Isadora Duncan** bred by Diane Divin and I Romanowski and owned by Diane Divin

Reserve Winners Bitch – **Dadaelis Zoe** bred by Marilyn LaBrache Brown, SA Pietros and SR Flynn and owned by Heather Ayre and Marilyn Brown.

Best of Breed – **Ch Dabka's Chance** bred by Liz-Mari and Anders Persson and owned by Susan and Donald Mitchell

Best of Opposite Sex/Best of Winners and Best Bred by Exhibitor went to Winners Bitch

Best Puppy – **Freepirits Canapus Raquisa** bred by Mary White and Richard Worden and owned by Jennifer and Hugh Pite and Mary White.

Best Veteran was **Am Can Ch Aspen's Wizard JC CGC** bred by C Gregory Monroe, S Simpson and J Flaningan and owned by Don and Marie Anti and C Gregory Comroe.

In November of last year there were some hound shows in Winnipeg. Sandstorm Like A Rolling Stone, bred by Kathy Morton and owned by Katherina Dueck was WD at all four shows, and went BOW three of those four showings and a Best Puppy in Breed, giving him seven points in 4 shows at the tender age of 7 months.

In conjunction with these shows is the Manitoba Hound Club Show - some other winners I heard of were Diane's Fords new girl whose name is Gazella Sky Rocket in Flight going Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex. The White's Hunter was once again in the winner's circle, not only going Best of Breed Salukis but eventually winning Best in Specialty Show. My news came to me from the various people who won, and I have been unable to trace down the final results of all four days.

There were a lot of Salukis competing in lure coursing in 2007, thanks to a great deal of effort of everyone who participates in coursing working hard to get young and upcoming pups to run clean. The #1 Saluki Lure Coursing Canada went to Khamsin's Vashiti el Marrakech Fch, bred by Susan Konopa, Jim Petru and Kim and Buzz Faber and owned by Della Crawford. Susan and Bill Stewart's Ch Barakisch Omdemalek Yavash FCHX was second and their Ch Barakisch Qodus Almas FCH was third. Vashiti's sister Ch Khamsin's Bedawi El Marrakech Fch owned by Susan and John Konopa was 4th and in 5th place my own Ruweis Faiza Fch. The full top ten with some pictures can be viewed here at <http://www.csfa.info/>



Ruweis Faiza, Fch

Melissa Williams reported that her Kendal (Am./Cdn.Ch.Winpoint Ru Hawzi, JC) had a very good year in that he finished both his American (with 5 majors) and Canadian Championships; is ASFA (American Sighthound Field Association) pointed with a Best in Field and is approximately a quarter of the way to his Canadian field championship in only 3 trials. This young dog was two years old at the end of 2007 and is the son of the Saluki Club of America National Specialty Winner Ch Srinagar Asawari.

Interestingly enough we had a couple of rescues to deal with this past year. Unfortunate circumstances befalling their original owner, littermates who were born Jan 18 2000 in Sweden found themselves in need of new homes. With the help of various people across the US and Canada, Nazdiki Xahar "Tha Tha" made a roundabout trek from Idaho, to Arizona and then up to the Yukon in Canada where she has found a home with Saluki Club of Canada member and long time Saluki owner Gerry Steers and her family. Her litter brother Naxost Xalife "Ra" found himself living the life of luxury with member Marcel Nussbaumer and his two Salukis in British Columbia.

This brings the Canadian report up to date for the year ending 2007. There are several events planned for 2008, including a Saluki Booster (or supported entry) in April in Fergus, Ontario where many friends gather to celebrate the end of our long winter and the start of our fun show scene. In August there will be the National Specialty being held this time out in British Columbia whilst the Ontario Regional Specialty will take place also in August in Milton, Ontario. The start of the coursing season will be soon upon us on the first weekend in May and we hope to see a lot more Salukis out on the fields earning their titles and having fun. I will try to report on these events as they happen meantime, have fun with your Salukis.



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