

# Monica Booth-Thomson

I'm thrilled to have been invited by the Sweden Afghan Hound Club to Judge at this prestigious show and I am looking forward to seeing your beautiful Afghan Hounds.

My first involvement in the dog world was in 1960 when I adopted a Great Dane. I showed Jicci of Winome with some success and that was the introduction to the show scene, which was a great learning ground.

In 1961 I had my first German Shepard from the famous Kennel of Percy and Nem Elliott. I did obedience and working trials with Sasha and we also joined the Police dogs once a week in their training sessions for tracking and man work, which was quite an experience.

I acquired my first Afghan in 1962 and fell in love with this enchanting breed. I registered her Zena of Sacheverell. It was at this time I registered my Kennel name, which I found in a local book on Smalley written by the Rev C. Kerry in 1905. Sacheverell was a local family land owner in this area, so I thought this was quite appropriate.

Zena was mated to Marna Dods Ch Horningssea Sheer Khan and the litter produced my first Champion.

Ch Safiya of Sacheverell's litter sister Shireen, a striking black masked silver was purchased by a ten year old Roberta Brown (Hall) and that was the start of the introduction to the dog world. Safiya was mated to Ch Ghurra Khan of Tarril and that produced Ch Zukwala of Sacheverell, winner of 27 CCs, 33 RCCs, 18 BOB, BIS all breeds at Kelso, Hound Group Bournemouth, Res Best Hound at Windsor, Top Hound in 1976.

Zukwala held the breed record of wins until his son Ch Kaskarak Hitari took it from him. Zukwala sired seven Champions and is behind a lot of winners today. Zukwala's sister Zelda gained her junior warrant and 1 RCC and I decided to mate her to Barbara Taylor's Ch Koolaba Horningssea Eboni Earl, which was a great success. It produced Ch Sacheverell Madam Zinnia, her wins including 13 CCs, 13 RCCs, Hound Group East of England Agriculture Show and BIS all breeds Championship Show Leeds.

Zelda's second litter to Eboni Earl produced Roberta Hall's foundation bitch, Ch Sacheverell Kanika. Zukwala sired my Ch Zensu Jacinth of Sacheverell, bred by Lyn Ellis, also Ch Koolaba Alexander of Sacheverell bred by Barbara Taylor.

I have won a total of 60 CCs and 77 RCCs I have bred six Champions and retired from breeding and showing in 1985.

My first judging appointment was in 1967 and the first championship show was 1975. I have awarded 29 sets of Challenge Certificates in Afghan Hounds and I was most honour-

ed to be invited to judge Afghan Hound bitches at Crufts in 1983 with Jillian Knight and was thrilled to see the Afghan Ch Montravia Kaskarak Hitari win BIS. The largest entry that I have judged with Margaret Niblock was the Midland Afghan Hound Club Championship Show with an entry of 566 that was in 1979 those were the days, I don't think we will ever see those numbers again.

My first judging appointment was in 1978, in South Africa. I have since been back there to judge the Hound Group at Pietermaritzburg Kennel Club Championship Show. I have also judged in Australia (2), Belgium (1), Denmark (2), Finland (3), Germany (2), Norway (2), Ireland (1).

Sadly I no longer own an Afghan Hound, but I will always show an interest in this wonderful breed.



Ch Koolaba Alexander of Sacheverell  
Foto Ann Roslin-Williams



Ch Sacheverell Madam Zinnia  
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Ch Sacheverell Zukwala  
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