

The Western Afghan Hound Club was founded in 1968 by a group of enthusiasts and originally held a Limited Show and an Open Show.

The Club's first President was the late Mrs Wyn Leest (Chitral)

The Club's first Secretary was Mrs Linda Hammerberg

The Club's first Treasurer was Mr Vincent Gwilym

The first Championship Show was held at RAF Credenhill in Hereford in 1973 and we had 452 entries from 298 exhibits. Our judges were Carole Walkden (Alyshan) and Anna Paton (Amudarya).

CC's at that first Show were awarded to Sid & Joan Pollock's **Ch Ghurra Khan of Tarril** and Dennis McCarth'y **Ch Tzara of Pooghan**

Our largest entry was in 1979 when we had 536 entries from 376 exhibits.

We held our 25th Anniversary Championship Show in 1998 and our judges were Shirley Carr (Bozwood) and Roberta Hall (Saxonmill).

Founder Members:

Mr Dave Adams
Mrs J Best
Mr John Bland (Vhandahl)
Mr Gwyn Cornock
Mr Ernie Dawson-Craven
Mrs Lyn Delaney (Kalafrana)
Mr George Eliot
Mrs Dorothea Edge
Mr Paul Fairclough
Mrs S Godfrey
Mr Vincent Gwilym
Mrs Linda Hammerberg (*later Linda Cook*)
Mrs Jenny Hicks (Nuree)
Mrs Carole Hill (Azka)
Mr John Lewis
Mrs Chris Mahn
Mrs Gaynor Milne
Mr Jim Thompson
Mrs Fred Whitely
Mr Colin Williams

Mr Dennis Winters
Mrs Joan Wonnacott (Isfahan)
Mrs Pelaides
Mrs Ann Ryan
Miss Stella Smith (Kariz)

Original Committee

Mrs Di Bowdler Townsend
Mr E Dawson Craven
Mrs J Hicks
Mr D Adams
Mrs Ann Ryan
Mr Geoff Milne
Mrs Dorothea Edge
Mrs Joan Wonnacott
Mrs C Mahn
Mrs Joan Bland
Mrs Carole Hill
Mrs Pelaides
Mr Eric Newham
Mr J Lewis
Mr Dennis Winters

The application to form a Club was Sponsored by the Southern Afghan Club whose Chairman was Mr Charles Harrison (Visnu) and Secretary was Mr Albert Munroe

There were three choices of names, these were

1. Western Afghan Hound Club
2. Wales & West
3. Western counties

The object of forming the Club was written as:

To provide a breed club in an area which is without one for the advancement and enjoyment of afghan hounds, to hold its own shows classifying our breed, to provide additional functions with the aim of protecting and improving our hounds according to the breed standard.