

A central illustration of a red and white striped circus tent with three flags, set against a dark red background with red curtains. Fireworks are exploding above the tent. The entire scene is framed by a large, ornate, red-bordered sign with a yellow light border.

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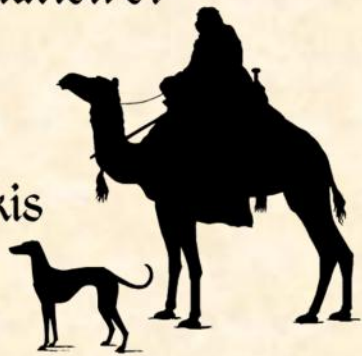
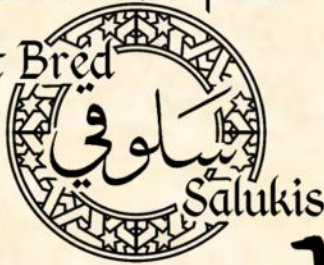
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On the Back Cover

Mughal Empire painted 1618

From The Minto Album

South & South East collection, Victoria and Albert Museum, Kensington UK . Text is from VAM collection object notes.

Persian inscriptions identify the rider as Abdullah Khan Uzbek, the ruler of Samarqand, and the artist as Nader az-zaman, or 'Wonder of the Age'. Jahangir gave this title to Abu'l Hasan, one of his two greatest artists. Abdullah Khan Uzbek had never visited the Mughal court, so the artist had to rely on descriptions. The painting was later extended at top and bottom, and given new floral borders for inclusion in an album of Shah Jahan.

Our Contributors

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Several versions of the painting are known. This one was mounted within floral borders on one side of a folio for an album, now dispersed, conventionally known as the Minto Album. The other side of the folio (IM.20a-1925) has a panel of illuminated calligraphy with very fine borders decorated with gold painting on an indigo ground.

Of particular note, this is a representation of a brindle Saluki in 1618.

The Desert Bred Education Committee would like to extend a huge thank-you to all those who have supported our efforts through the years and in particular our catalog this year.

You are deeply appreciated!!

Never count on the “Status Quo”.

In recent years the world has been changing around us, most dramatically in the regions our Salukis call home.

While AKC was struggling with declining show entries, increasing changes in the pet sector, aging out of institutional memory, FCI was not standing still. A large bureaucracy almost as old as AKC, was rapidly expanding its registration reach, and that includes deep into the countries of our origins. FCI is now throughout the Middle East.

This has meant an increasing need for our Domestic Registry to ask SCOA for help with export and import pedigrees which are now required for registered dogs to move globally within the International Registration and Show system.

This past summer, 2025, several issues were again brought to the attention of both SCOA, AKC and FCI culminating in a meeting in November with AKC Senior staff, SCOA President Diane Divin, and SPDBS President Mary Beth Rogers. The issue brought to the meeting was how to deal with the increasing numbers of Export Pedigrees. This is an issue for MANY Parent Clubs as SPDBS is not the only Domestic Registry and the Society routinely fields inquiries on how to set up a Domestic Registry. In the past we have explored Foundation Stock service (not possible as Salukis have a Parent Club) and it was anticipated that AKC would finally have a foreign export pedigree solution.

It needs to be very clearly stated that SCOA voted in 1999 to OPEN our studbook. Since the acceptance of SPDBS as a Domestic Registry, our studbook has not been a closed book. We are somewhat unique in AKC although not alone as Lhasa Apsos, Tibetan Mastiffs, Basenjis, among others have avenues for non-registered dogs to enter their studbooks.

AKC Staff had a very clear idea on where they wanted us to go, perhaps because AKC is aligning itself to participate on the international level and will be co-hosting the FCM Universal Dog Show this fall in Mexico City.

The following proposal was the result of that November meeting. The SCOA Board followed the guidance given by AKC so that the proposal could advance to the AKC Board of Directors. In April 2026 the AKC Board approved the proposal, without change, and our world changed. No longer do we need to worry about Export pedigrees!

The Proposal

The Society for the Perpetuation of Desert Bred Salukis (SPDBS) will critique and register Salukis seeking AKC registration with **unknown** pedigrees (no sire and dam) from accepted countries of origin.

1. These Salukis will be critiqued per the 2002 agreement with the Saluki Club of America (SCOA) and AKC (American Kennel Club).
2. AKC DNA typing (Parentage) is required.
3. Verification of microchip is required.
4. Litters from these Salukis will be critiqued and registered by SPDBS at seven months of age or older, per the 2002 agreement. DNA typing of all puppies through the AKC program is required.

These Generation 1 Salukis will be eligible for transfer to AKC registration via AKC Open Registration.

The AKC Foreign Registration Department will process applications for registration by imported Generation 1 and 2 Salukis with **known** parents.

1. Imported Salukis (with Generation 1 status (known parents) or more known generations in their pedigrees) apply for registration using AKC Foreign Registration, with DNA typing and microchipping per AKC Foreign registration requirements.
2. Registration acceptance decisions by AKC are final.

AKC has granted a great gift to the Saluki fancy.

AKC has recognized these are SALUKIS.

Breeding decisions remain with the Breeder,
not limited by a bureaucracy.

Generations Explained

Generation refers to the position in a pedigree an ancestor holds or distance in breeding generations from Country of Origin.

- A Generation 0 is a Saluki whelped in the Middle East without known parents.
- A Generation 1 is a Saluki with known parents, at least one of which was whelped in a Middle Eastern Country. A Generation 1 Saluki is the progeny of a Generation 0 Saluki.
- A Generation 2 is a Saluki with known parents and grandparents, with at least one of the grandparents whelped in a Middle Eastern Country. This is the progeny of a Generation 1 Saluki.

Most, but not all Middle Eastern Countries have Studbooks recognized by FCI. At this time, only Iraq, Oman, Yemen, Qatar, Syria, and Saudi Arabia are not FCI participants.

SPDBS Registers:

- A Generation 0 is a Saluki whelped in the Middle East without known parents, regardless of registration status.
- Generation 1 progeny of an SPDBS registered Generation 0 Saluki whelped in the United States. These Salukis will be registered with AKC after completing the critique process.
- Non-regular foreign registrations forwarded to SPDBS from AKC. AKC is the final authority on acceptance.

AKC Registers:

- SPDBS registered Generation 1 Salukis after they complete the critique process.
- Generation 1 and Generation 2 Salukis with from countries with accepted FCI registries.

Pedigrees in the SPDBS Domestic Registry may be a combination of Desert Bred, AKC, or FCI registered. Generational status is always determined by the individual closest to Country of Origin.

Additional questions regarding import registrations should be directed to the Registrar at spdbbs.registrar@gmail.com

Where are our Desert Breds?? *Mary Beth Rogers*

As we showcase our Country of Origin Salukis for the 37th time, and celebrate our AKC transitions and our program successes, it seems well past time to talk about what is happening in the homelands of our Salukis. This simply cannot be repeated often enough.

We all are aware of the toll global conflict is taking, but we often do not reflect on how our changing way of life affects how people live, in a literal sense. There are no camel caravans traversing the sands of the Rub' al Khali, it is now a tourist destination. On most of the Arabian Peninsula there is no longer hunting. Most Bedouin are no longer nomadic as great wealth, commerce and modernization have overtaken the region. Hard borders have stopped the Bedouin way of life. The culture that has sustained our Salukis on the Arabian Peninsula has ended.

Turkey is slightly better off as the villages still prosper in Central Anatolia, but there too, urbanization has appeared. The Kurdish regions are under constant political pressure from the Turkish government and are strained by the refugee influx from the Syrian civil war. Drought is becoming a significant issue. Regional conflict is having a continued impact.

Iraq has seen enough peace that, although fragile, the Saluki is again hunting in Northern Iraq. War continues to impact the region, and this directly impacts the ability of the Tribal villages to keep their Salukis and their livestock. As in Turkey, drought is having a very large impact. The Saluki is no longer ubiquitous across the region.

Iran is also experiencing major shifts as economic pressures make village life extremely difficult and climate change brings extreme drought. Hunting is also an issue as, officially, hunting is banned across much of Iran. War has come to its countryside.

What does this mean?

The resource of import genetics in the Middle East is dying. What we once thought was an infinite source for those who love the original Saluki, is now under extreme pressures. Western Salukis are continually exported back to the Middle East primarily originating in Russia.. If these Salukis were fed, housed, and hunted as they always had been it would not be an issue. But, there is a huge rise in dog shows and racing, neither of which have much to do with maintaining Saluki type. Disease remains an ongoing problem as proper vaccination protocols are not understood or not available. This means distemper, parvo, and rabies remain killers across the region.

We cannot ask that time stand still, or that modern life stay away from the region so the old ways continue. **AKC has given us a great gift. Will we recognize that the well spring for gene pool health is under extreme pressure and in danger of coming to a close?**

The DBE Committee

In 1989 the Desert Bred Education committee was formed by Sandra Cody, President and the SCOA Board of Directors. The committee was charged with bringing the Desert Bred Saluki to the SCOA National and other SCOA events in an educational manner.

With the help of Eugenia Kissinger, the first Exhibition was held in 1989. With the exception of 1990 and 2021, the Exhibition has been held at the National continuously from its inception. Since 2002, with the recognition of the Society for the Perpetuation of the Desert Bred Saluki's AKC Domestic Registry status allowing SPDBS to be the SCOA Saluki Import studbook, the Exhibition has featured the Imports and their subsequent progeny allowing the Fancy to see how these Salukis progress and succeed.

As of April 14, 2026 all registrations of Foreign born Salukis with valid Export pedigrees and known sire and dam are now registered by AKC. The Society continues to critique and register imports from country of origin without registered sires and dams and the immediate progeny from these Salukis.

The Exhibition continues to provide the Saluki Fancy with the opportunity to see these Salukis in the process of transitioning



Salukis of the 2026 SCOA Desert Bred Exhibition

- 1.. Gen 0– **Kuhi of Iran** (D) FCI IRAPP00003235/CRN 0866-022-0
(Unknown x Unknown)
Whelped 01/01/2020
Breeder: Unknown Owners: Paul Perez and Mary Beth Rogers, page 15 and 34
Import from Iran
- 2.. Gen 1– **De’vran Si’rius Al Asmaanii** (D) AKC HP75275901
(*Trevor Sirius x Jazah’s Tsuna’mi Azi’zah Asmaanii)
Whelped 9/03/2024-Switzerland
Breeder: Maria-Teresa Alcantara Owners: Kirby Overcash, page 20/21
Base COO: Iran
- 3.. Gen 1– **Rataki Xyla** (B) AKC HP75257501
(Melik Khaliis x *Aram de Diba of Boorchin)
Whelped 9/09/2017
Breeders: Lorraine Trenholm Owners: Lorraine Trenholm/MB Rogers, page 17
Base COO: Iran
Titles: ASFA FCh, CC, CM
- 4.. Gen 1– **Rataki Melik Zende** (B) AKC HP75257601
(*Kuhi of Iran x Rataki Xyla)
Whelped 2/20/2024
Breeders: Lorraine Trenholm/MB Rogers Owners: L. Trenholm/David Donovan, page 16
Base COO: Iran
- 5.. Gen 1– **Melik Rataki Zargar at Ash-Shi’ra** (D) AKC HP75237901
(*Kuhi of Iran x Rataki Xyla)
Whelped 2/20/2024
Breeders: Lorraine Trenholm/MB Rogers Owners: Bill and Susan Schroeder, page 24
Base COO: Iran
- 6.. Gen 1– ***Onyx** (D) AKC HP75279201
(Boran JT House x Chita)
Whelped 11/15/2019-Netherlands
Breeder: S. Stefanic Owner Marisa Murray
Base COO: Iran

Notable Graduates

- Gen 4– **Tamarisk Diwan Jovial Nairang e Skye** (B)
(Doubletimes Matrix Reloaded x Tamarisk Cemal Desert Cerenade)
Whelped 10/29/2016
Breeder: Tamarisk Salukis Owners: Danielle Rubin and Joanne Klover, page 16
Base COO: Saudi Arabia/Turkey
Titles: GCHG, TKC, 13 Specialty Wins, Best in Show winner

BRINDLE SOLVED

Genetic testing for Brindle is now available through Laboklin in the UK.

<https://www.laboklin.co.uk/laboklin/showGeneticTest.jsp?testID=8893>

The new Brindle DNA test

The new brindle test can reliably detect all variants at the **K-Locus** including brindle:

KB, kbr, and ky

The K-Locus

Brindle dogs exhibit distinctive stripes that distinguish them from solid-coloured or other non-brindled coat patterns. Brindle stripes are typically streaks of colour, often black, interwoven within a red base coat.

The colour of the brindle stripes is eumelanin and the colour of the base is pheomelanin. This means that brindle stripes are black unless the black is modified by other genes such as blue, brown, lilac, etc. The Red base varies and can be red, yellow, sable, fawn or cream.

The **K locus** plays a crucial role in determining coat colour inheritance in dogs.

variants at this gene locus influence how pigments are distributed within individual hairs or across the dog's body:

The Gene Variants:

- There are two primary gene variants: KB and ky.
- When combined, they lead to three known alleles: KB, kbr, and ky.
- These alleles have specific effects on coat colour:
 - KB → uniform pigmentation / solid colours
 - kbr → brindle
 - ky → expression of the typical agouti patterns (DY, SY, AG, BS, BB1, BB2, and BB3).

KB Allele:

- If the dog has at least one copy of the dominant KB allele (genotype KB/*), the KB will be expressed.
- When the KB is expressed, this results in a solid-coloured coat in the pigmented areas.
- The KB does not allow the agouti patterns (The A-Locus) to be expressed.

ky Allele:

- The recessive ky allele allows eumelanin (black) and pheomelanin (red or yellow) pigments to be distributed in certain patterns known as the agouti patterns. The specific Agouti pattern of the dog (DY, SY, AG, BS, BB1, BB2, and BB3) is determined by the A-Locus gene.
- The A-Locus is fully expressed only when the dog is homozygous for the ky (ky/ky) at the K-locus ⇒ expression of the typical agouti patterns.

kbr Allele:

- The **kbr** allele, which is responsible for the brindle, is a heterogeneous duplication of KB and ky variants on one chromosome.
- It produces the brindle pattern: dark (eumelanin) stripes on a light (pheomelanin) base colour.
- Brindle appears only in areas where a light colour is otherwise present (e.g., black & tan markings).
- **kbr** is recessive to **KB** but dominant to **ky**.
- The expression of brindle varies, from isolated stripes to nearly completely dark dogs.
- It is not yet possible to determine the extent of these variations by genetic testing.

Notes about kbr:

- In the classic K-Locus test, which detects only **KB** and **ky**, if the dog is brindle, the result will always come back as **KB/ky**, however, not all dogs with the genotype **KB/ky** are brindle.
- Dogs tested **KB/ky** in the classic K-Locus test can be brindle, brindle carriers or non-carriers. This can only be detected by this new Brindle Test (8893).
- Therefore testing these **KB/ky** dogs for the new Brindle Test (8893), will reveal if the dog has any of the following genotypes:
 - **KB/ky**: the dog does not carry the brindle.
 - **KB/kbr** (Carrier) brindle is not expressed but it carries the brindle and can pass it on to its offspring.
 - **kbr/kbr**: the dog is homozygous for the brindle variant and will pass the kbr to its entire offspring.
 - **kbr/ky**: the dog is heterozygous for the kbr and the ky alleles and will pass the kbr to its offspring with a probability of 50%.

Depending on the breed and / or the colour of the dog, the classic K-Locus test may be sufficient (breeds which are not known to have brindle), however, in breeds which are known to have brindle, this new Brindle test (8893) is recommended.

Editors Note: For those wishing to KNOW if an individual Saluki is brindle this test will reliably tell a Breeder if the individual being bred carries the pattern. REMEMBER, you can have what appears to be a cream/red Saluki that is in fact, a black Saluki or a brindle Saluki as their E locus is presenting with e_1/e_{1-3} genotype which simply means BLACK will not express.

*This is **not** a test for "purity" in any way, it is simply a tool in your Breeder's tool-chest. It does not tell us HOW the pattern started, only if it is now present.*



Melik Dorna de Mina Brindle
Brindle parti

*Nazee, Imp Iran
Red Brindle



AU CH Baghdad Tyghar Bey
Grizzle Brindle



Male, in Iran 2006



Tirgan von Iransamin
Red brindle



Abdullah Khan Uzbek out hawking,
painted in 1618



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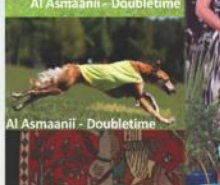


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Yamadan

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MELIK RATAKI ZARGAR AT ASH-SH'RA - GEN 1

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In recognition and appreciation
for those who worked toward acceptance by AKC of
our "Gen 1" Salukis from their homelands.

Eugenia Kissinger brought me into the folds in the
1970s but many others also worked to this
culmination , most recently the SPDBS past &
current Registrars,

Elizabeth Dawsari & Mary Beth Rogers



Ch Tal Al Arz Rhythm El Riyah, BOS at GSSC May 2026 Specialty



Tal Al Arz Radames El Riyah, WD & BOW at GSSC 2026 & BOB at the next days AKC Coursing Trial. in 2025, El Riyah Ravani Tal Al Arz (Annee) won the 2025 SPDBS SDC Inaugral Hunt (OFC & Match) and was the Overall Combined Winner & a BIF winner in Ga.

Pictured are youngsters of the Tal Al Arz & El Riyah Families who go back to Sarona Roots with subsequent genetic additions from Von Iransamin and other Turkish & Iranian families.

DC Uziduzit HawksView Black Talon at Antara,
MC, RI, CAA, LCM, TCP, CGCA,
CGCU, TKI, VSA

TSH Lakota

Ch Moshire RFR Red Sky, CC, CM

Ch Blu-Nile Unkhanditional Love

Santana Hey Uziduzit Jude, CC, CM, GCW (Gen 2)

Ch Chubasco Hotfoot II, JC, CC, CM

Hlynn's Santana Boushra CC500 CM500 (GenI)

Hlynn's Inshallah (SA imp-Gen 0)

DC Uziduzit HawksView Black Talon at Antara, MC, RI, CAA, LCM, TCP, CGCA,
CGCU, TKI, VSA

Ch Moshire RFR Red Sky, CC, CM

Phenix Firecracker Joe, CC, CM

Ch Phenix Fire'Ice Ruth, CC, CM

GCh Uziduzit Second Amendment, JC, CC, CM

Ch Shalom's Burst of Speed, LCM 2

Ch Amala Zelia at RFR, SC, CC, CM

Ch Shahanshah Invisible Touch, JC, CGC

Breeder: Vicky Clarke and Lauren Chen

Owner: Mary Carolyn Fisher and Thomas Schwartz

Happiness is Tallie !!

Treasured by Carol Fisher and Tom Schwartz.

We are so blessed that Vicky allowed Tallie to bless our home. She brightened our household and was a joy to live with. She got along with every two or 4 footer she ever met and is sorely missed.



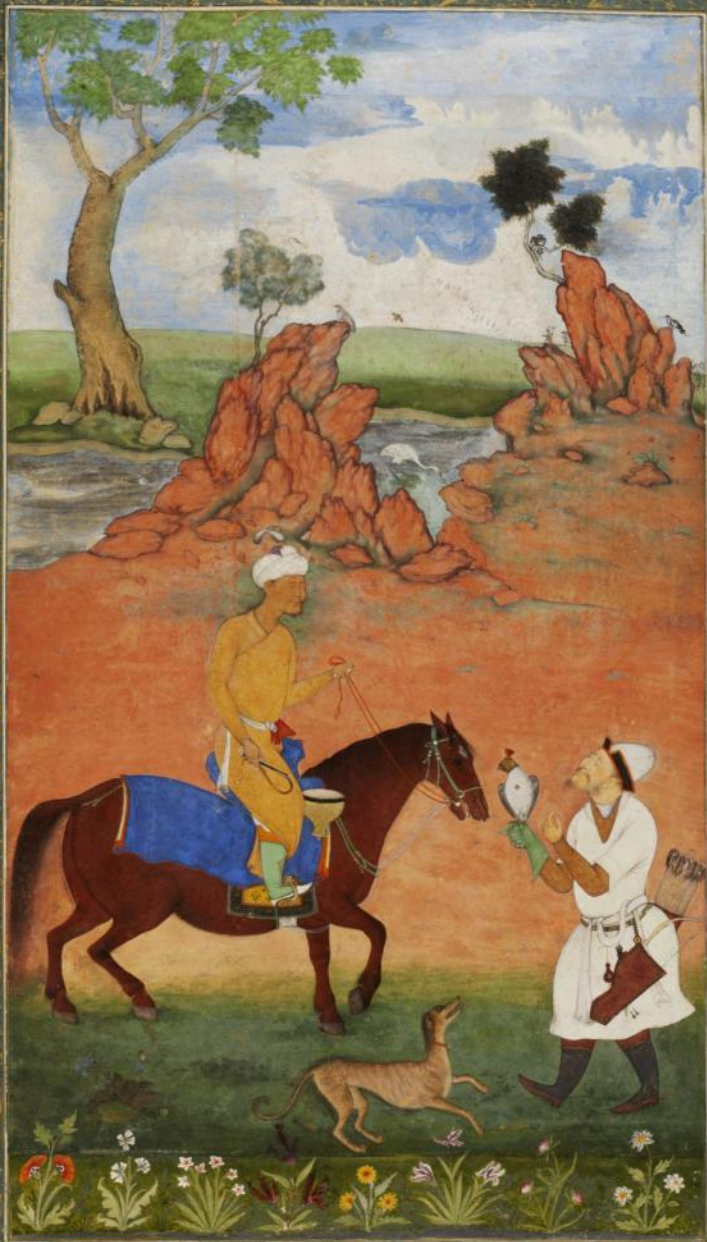
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