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DUR-I-DURRAN

kennel

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Dur-i-Durran – in Danish, this means “Pearl of Pearls.” A beautiful name for a kennel; one that spanned over 25 years, producing numerous champions, including two World Winners and top quality Afghans overall. Over the years, Dur-i-Durran dogs have influenced countless pedigrees throughout Scandinavia and Europe and continue to do so today.

Oliver Hamilton began his kennel in 1975. He bought his first Afghan, Amatina (Al-Faraz Menelek x Ambers Fatima), from a local breeder in Denmark. A year later, he bought the sister and brother, Tayma and Faradje (Ch. El Kamas Memory of Wladimir x Int. Ch. Boxadan El Sheba) from Karen Larsen in Assenløse. With these two, he quickly became successful in the show ring and the kennel began. Nicknamed “Ove” by his friends, he seemed destined for the shows. He also owned a successful grooming shop in Copenhagen where he groomed all breeds of dogs. His breeding experience prior to this had been limited to Dachshunds and Yorkshire Terriers, but now he was ready to move into a much larger arena.

In 1977, Ove bred Tayma to Int. Ch. Djoum El Muluk, from Germany. Ove’s first Danish champion resulted from this litter, Cabul, who, along with his sister, Caciba, were Top Youngsters in 1979. Another female, Cazibe, was sold to Kennel Windsurf as their foundation bitch and later became the dam of Windsurf’s Brutus. It wasn’t until his third litter that he obtained the kennel prefix of “Dur-i-Durran.”

Ove was especially interested in the dogs from the famous Swedish kennel, El

Khyrias. In particular, the ultimate top winning show and stud dog, El Khyrias Hazzafer. He purchased Boxadan Complement (Int. Nord. Ch. El Khyrias Hazzafer x El Khyrias Masanijah), a Hazzafer son, in 1980 from Lotte Jorgensen. “Felix” would become his prepotent stud dog and produced many top quality litters for the kennel.

In 1981, Ove showed Complement to his World Winner title in Germany under Swedish judge, Kenneth Edh. Ove and Felix were a team and many would comment on how fantastic it was to see the two flying around the ring.

Ove bred six more litters, including two with the American import to Denmark, Ch. Stormhill’s Song Sung Blue, before he bred Complement to Dur-i-Durran’s Black Pearl. The result of this breeding was the first of several extraordinary litters produced throughout the 25 year span of the kennel. The “G” litter produced eight puppies, with the most exceptional being Gazebo, Gina and Gail. Gazebo and Gina were named Young Afghan Male and Female of the year in 1983 and both went on to become Afghan of the Year 1988 in Denmark. Gazebo was also used extensively as a stud dog at the French kennel, de la Chapelle St. Blais, owned by Catherine Faget. Here, Gazebo sired the most titled Afghan in all of Europe, Cartoon du Haut Marais, a beautiful black and tan male. Cartoon, to date, continues to hold his reign as most titled Afghan, after an era of nearly 20 years. Gail was used twice by Ove for breeding,



Oliver Hamilton receiving
Breeder of the Year Award 1988

and both litters were exceptional.

In 1983, Ove went back to the Swedish lines of El Khyrias and bred Dur-i-Durran’s Fatima, a self-masked crème to the beautiful black and tan, Dk. Ch. El Khyrias Wait and See. This litter produced Dur-i-Durran’s Joie de Vivre and Just Remember Me.

By 1984, Ove had used Felix many times in his breeding and began looking for an outcross to bring into his line. In France, at this time, the American dog, Jorogz’ Tantharra, was being shown in Europe. Ove drove to Paris with Gail for a breeding with Tantharra. This was the “M” litter, which included: Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran’s Masquerade, Int. Dk. Ch. My Choice and Dk. Ch. Miss Sakia. This litter was so successful, Ove decided to once more breed to Tantharra. This time, the dam was Gail’s sister, Dur-i-Durran’s Gina. The resulting litter was excellent, with the Danish Champion, Pharaoh in Black and CAC winner, Pallas Athene, but few others in the litter were shown.

After ten years in the dog show world, Ove had become a successful breeder. The



Dk. Ch. Faradje



Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement



*Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade and
Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Gazebo*

traits his line was most recognized for were: even, happy temperaments, long crescent ears, heavy coats and exceptional movement. He was known to spend an incredible amount of time planning pedigrees and breeding combinations, calling friends late at night with an inspiration. A groomer by trade, all of his dogs were consistently groomed to perfection. Ove had a unique sense of humor and often boasted that he could groom an Afghan and come away from the table with only one brushful of hair. In reply, his friends would ask into which pocket he had stuffed the rest. He would feign shock at such a reply.

Ove was also an expert handler and the dogs were content when he handled them. He often said he "spoke to the dogs through the lead" and the result was an effortless team; man and dog, floating around the ring. In shows when his dogs were doing well, he would often twist his nose with his hand. From that, everyone knew he was ecstatic. More often than not, a win was imminent and a very happy Ove would celebrate with his friends.

Ove's interest in American dogs brought him once again to the Jorogz' Kennel of John Morton. He bought Jorogz' Charter Cheeks (Am. Ch. Jorogz' Sweet Cheeks x Am. Ch. Jorogz' Sweet Violet), from John, as well as Coastwind Dominelle, bred by Richard Souza and Michael Dunham, but previously imported to Denmark. These two were incorporated



Dur-i-Durran's My Choice with trophies, owned by Else Holmgaard.

into his breeding, but not used extensively.

In 1986, Ove bred Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade to Dur-i-Durran's Free Spirit. This litter produced four champions, including Int. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Thunderbolt, a beautiful domino. This was the beginning of Masquerade's vocation as a stud

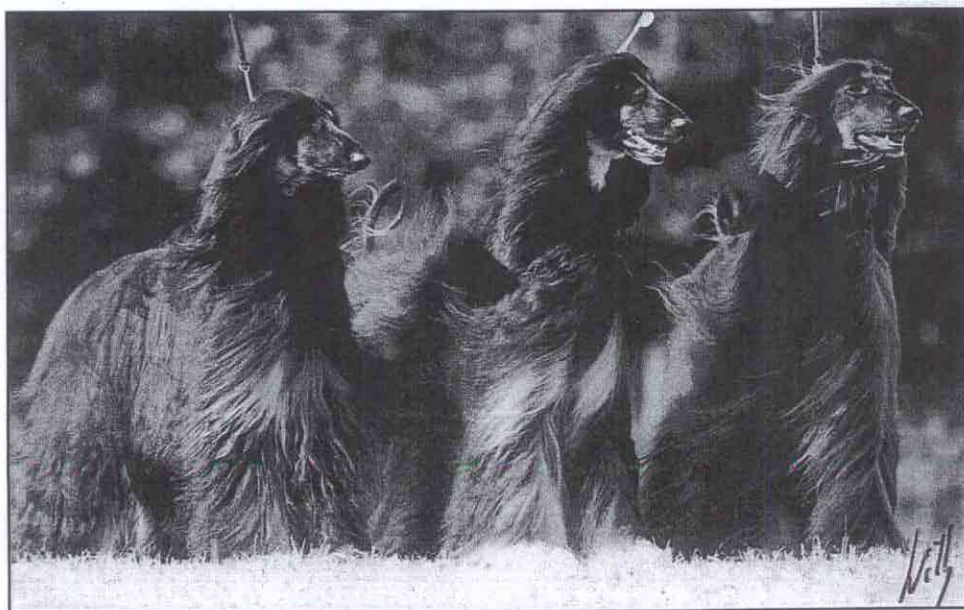
dog. He went on to use Masquerade three additional times with much success. During that same year, Ove bred Felix to the blonde, Dur-i-Durran's New Chapter, whose litter produced the Int. Dk. Esp. Port. Ch. World Winner '92, Dur-i-Durran's Unique.

Ove's overall satisfaction with Masquerade as a stud dog and the success of his sister, My Choice, in the show rings, led to the breeding of these two—the very best in his line. The resulting "E" litter in 1988, included Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's

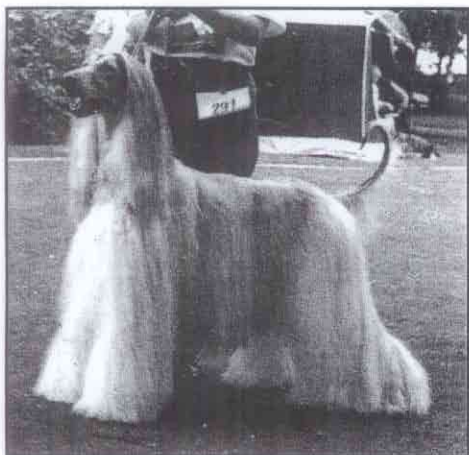
Enjoyment, Dk. Pl. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's European Edition (both exported to Belgium) and Int. Fin. S. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Exciting Review, exported to Finland. Masquerade also began to be used by other kennels, as well, producing excellent litters all around. He was a top producing stud dog in Denmark for many years and Afghan Male of the Year in 1989 and 1990.

The breeding of Dur-i-Durran's Unique and Dur-i-Durran's Coco Chanel in 1989, produced the "F" litter, which included Fharakhaz, exported to Belgium; Fire Flambeau, sold to the Danish kennel, Exxos; and Fracas, exported to the famous Tuohi-Tikan kennel in Finland.

In 1990, Ove bred his last litter using Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade and the self-masked crème, Dur-i-Durran's Coco Chanel. This litter included Int. F. Esp. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Habanera, who was used in



Miss Sakia, Masquerade and Gazebo



Int. Dk. Pl. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Thunderbolt



*Int. Dk. Pl. Eps. Port. Ch. WW '92
Dur-i-Durran's Unique*



*Int. Fin. S. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's
Exciting Review*

the French kennel, Le Manuel Galopin once for breeding with much success. Habanera was Top Afghan in France in 1992 and No. One Bitch in 1993, with numerous BIS wins in France and Spain. Earlier that same year, Ove created the half-brother/sister breeding of Unique and Gail, producing the second "G" litter, which included Dk. Ch. Gusty Callas and CAC winner, Gun Runner, both winning



Int. Fr. Esp. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Habanera

Young Afghan Female and Male of the Year in 1991.

During his time as a breeder, Ove exported many dogs to Germany, Norway, Spain, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Finland and Hungary. Most were used for breeding in their home kennel and the males were frequently used by other breeders, as well. Over the years, Ove bred close to 30 Danish, German and Spanish champions, as well as International Champions. In 1988, 1989 and 1990, he was crowned Breeder of the Year in Denmark, a title he was naturally, very proud of owning.

Ove was known as a true dog person among his friends and lived for his Afghans. He owned a successful grooming shop in Copenhagen for many years and did extremely well as a handler and breeder; however, health problems had plagued him in his later years. Ove died on November 28, 1997, as a result of respiratory and asthmatic problems. He was 49 years old.

Oliver Hamilton is best remembered for his contributions as a breeder, but also for the close friendships he formed with fel-

low Afghan breeders and exhibitors in Scandinavia and Europe for many years, several of whom have taken his bloodlines and moved forward. Even today, the Dur-i-Durran lines can still be seen in the best of pedigrees, influencing new generations and continuing to produce consistently high quality dogs. Ove's vision of owning and producing only the best has proven itself by the generations of Dur-i-Durran descendants in the rings today. These dogs are still winning, still producing top-quality, while retaining the grace and elegance of a true Afghan. Ove today would be proud of the longevity of his life's work and dreams — his "Pearl of Pearls."

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Dur-i-Durran's European Edition (right) with his father, Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade (left).



Dk. Pl. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Fharakhaz

DUR-I-DURRAN LITTERS

#	whelp date	sexes	sire x dam
1.	03/10/75		Int. Dk. Ch. El Khyras Drambuie x Amatina
2.	08/29/76		Dk. Ch. Faradje x Amatina
3.	06/11/77	(1+4)	Int. D. Ned. Dk. N. Ch. Djourn El Muluk x Dk. Ch. Tayma
4.	08/23/78	(0+1)	Dk. Ch. Faradje x El Shahnameh Keschan
5.	09/27/79		Dk. Ch. Faradje x [Dur-i-Durran's] Caciba
6.	03/28/81		Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Tayma
7.	05/22/81	(4+6)	Am. Dk. Ch. Stormhill's Song Sung Blue x Dk. Ch. Shawnee
8.	09/01/81	(5+2)	Am. Dk. Ch. Stormhill's Song Sung Blue x Dur-i-Durran's Black Pearl
9.	01/10/82	(2+5)	Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Tayma
10.	05/21/82	(4+4)	Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Black Pearl
11.	10/05/82	(2+5)	Int. Dk. Ch. El Khyrias Ehdoardoh x Dk. Ch. Tayma
12.	02/23/83	(6+3)	Dk. Ch. Faradje x Dk. Ch. Shawnee
13.	09/20/83		Dk. Ch. El Khyrias Wait and See x Dur-i-Durran's Fatima
14.	12/12/83	(2+5)	Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Black Pearl
15.	01/15/84		Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Shawnee
16.	09/04/84		Am. Ch. Jorogz' Tantharra x Dur-i-Durran's Gail
17.	10/12/84	(3+6)	Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Shawnee
18.	02/27/85		Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Music Man x Dur-i-Durran's Free Spirit
19.	06/29/85		Am. Ch. Jorogz' Tantharra x Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Gina
20.	08/22/85		Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dur-i-Durran's Harlem's Beauty
21.	11/12/85		Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dur-i-Durran's Free Spirit
22.	05/08/86		Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Dur-i-Durran's Joie de Vivre
23.	08/21/86		Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Dur-i-Durran's Free Spirit
24.	10/20/86		Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dur-i-Durran's New Chapter
25.	12/25/86		Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Coastwind Dominelle
26.	04/09/87		Jorogz' Charter Cheeks x Dur-i-Durran's Free Spirit
27.	07/11/87		Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's My Choice
28.	08/20/87		Jorogz' Charter Cheeks x Dur-i-Durran's Joie de Vivre
29.	06/15/88	(1+5)	Int. Dk. Pl. Esp. Port. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Unique x Coastwind Dominelle
30.	09/21/88	(4+3)	Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's My Choice
31.	05/09/89	(2+2)	Int. Dk. Esp. Port. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Unique x Dur-i-Durran's Sophistic Chanel
32.	01/26/90	(3+3)	Int. Dk. Pl. Esp. Port. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Unique x Dur-i-Durran's Gail
33.	07/07/90	(4+6)	Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Dur-i-Durran's Coco Chanel

The following is a list of Dur-i-Durran litters that was never published with the article due to space limitation.

Dur-i-Durran Litters

1) Born: 3/10/75 Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. El Khyrias Drambuie x Amatina	2) Born: 8/29/76 Parents: Dk. Ch. Faradje x Amatina	3) Born: 6/11/77 (1+4) Parents: Int. D. Ned. Dk. N. ch. Djoum El Muluk x Dk. Ch. Tayma
Litter: Kasim, Flamente, Chamillah, Sihra	Litter: Adonis, Akamal, Ali-Pasha	Litter: Dk. Ch. Cabul (bl/tan), Chahar, Chanom, Caciba, Cazibe (bl/tan)
4) Born: 8/23/78 (0+1) Parents: Dk. Ch. Faradje x El Shahnameh Keschan	5) Born: 9/27/79 Parents: Dk. Ch. Faradje x [Dur-i-Durran's] Caciba	6) Born: 3/28/81 Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Tayma
Litter: Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Black Pearl (bl/tan)	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Born To Be a Star, Chance To Be a Star, Midnight Star, Possible Star	Litter: Int. Dk. D Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Colour Magic, Diavolo, Dobbelt Fantasy, Follow Me, Dk. Ch. Hot Feet, Upraising (bl/mask)
7) Born: 5/22/81 (4+6) Parents: Am. Dk. Ch. Stormhill's Song Sung Blue x Dk. Ch. Shawnee	8) Born: 9/1/81 (5+2) Parents: Am. Dk. Ch. Stormhill's Song Sung Blue x Dur-i-Durran's Black Pearl	9) Born: 1/10/82 (2+5) Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Tayma
Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Chivas Regal, Done It Already, Firecracker, I Got Rhythm, Desert Dream, Ragedy Ann, Dk. Ch. Sugar and Spice, Sunrise, Wild Rose	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Day Dreamer, Jogging-Man, Lover Boy, Dk. Ch. Music Man (bl/tan), What a Boy, Silk and Satin, What a Girl	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Fit for Fight, Street Fighter, Fascination Fay, Fatima (cr), Felicity, Fortuna, Free Spirit (bl/tan)

10) Born: 5/21/82 (4+4)	11) Born: 10/5/82 (2+5)	12) Born: 2/23/83 (6+3)
Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Black Pearl	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. El Khyrias Ehdoardoh x Dk. Ch. Tayma	Parents: Dk. Ch. Faradje x Dk. Ch. Shawnee
Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Garon, Int. Dk. Ch. Gazebo (bl/tan), Gazzago, Gigolo, Gail (bl/tan), Gigi, Dk. Ch., Gina (bl/mask), Gipsy Girl	Litter: Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Headhunter, Highflyer, Halimu, Harlem's Beauty, Havanna-Girl, Here I Come, Homahe to Shikar	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Ichor of Faradje, Ihbrahim, Image of Faradje, Impish Boy, Imposing Duke, Dk. Ch. Ivory Black Guy (bl/tan), I Come to You, Dk. Ch. I Feel Fine (bl/tan), Inka Queen

13) Born: 9/20/83	14) Born: 12/12/83 (2+5)	15) Born: 1/15/84
Parents: Dk. Ch. El Khyrias Wait and See x Dur-i-Durran's Fatima	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Black Pearl	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Shawnee
Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Jacaranda, Jamaica Dancer, Je T'Aime, Joie de Vivre (cr), Just Love Me, Dk. Ch. Just Remember Me (bl/mask)	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Kakemono, Knight Commander (bl/tan), Kabaka, Dk. Ch. Kiss Proof	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Limbo Dancer, Limousine Driver, Lord Nelson
16) Born: 9/4/84	17) Born: 10/12/84 (3+6)	18) Born: 2/27/85
Parents: Am. Ch. Jorogz' Tantharra x Dur-i-Durran's Gail	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dk. Ch. Shawnee	Parents: Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Music Man x Dur-i-Durran's Free Spirit
Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Magic in Black (bl/tan), Int. Dk. Ch. Masquerade (bl/tan), Michele, Dk. Ch. Miss Sakia (bl/tan), Move In Society, Int. Dk. Ch. My Choice (bl/tan), My Fair Lady	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's New Chapter (bl/mask), New Collection, New Fantasy, New Look, New Style, Nicholas, Notabene	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Obelisk, Obviously Domino (dom), Odysseu, Olympus, O'Nick, On Rush, Open Your Eyes, Ophelia, Oriental Origin (dom)

19) Born: 6/29/85	20) Born: 8/22/85	21) Born: 11/12/85
Parents: Am. Ch. Jorogz' Tantharra x Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Gina	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dur-i-Durran's Harlem's Beauty	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dur-i-Durran's Free Spirit
Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Paramount, Part of Tantharra, Perfect Runner, Dk. Ch. Pharaoh in Black (bl/tan), Price of Gold, Produce the Best, Pallas Athene, Pearl of Denmark	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Quick Graffiti, Quirk Moses	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Repeat the Name
22) Born: 5/8/86	23) Born: 8/21/86	24) Born: 10/20/86
Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Dur-i-Durran's Joie de Vivre	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Dur-i-Durran's Free Spirit	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Dur-i-Durran's New Chapter
Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Sophistic Chanel	Litter: Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Terrific Player, Int. Dk. Pl. Ch. Thunderbolt (dom), Dk. Ch. Tuffman (bl/tan), Tarantelle, Tarina, Temptin' Devil, Dk. Ch. Tiffany (bl/tan), Tonight or What	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Ulysses, Underrate Me Not, Int. Dk. Pl. Esp. Port. Ch. WW-'92 Unique (bl/tan), Unknown Man, Unshaken Shower, Up to Date, Uriah Heep
25) Born: 12/25/86	26) Born: 4/9/87	27) Born: 7/11/87
Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Coastwind Dominelle	Parents: Jorogz' Charter Cheeks x Dur-i-Durran's Free Spirit	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Boxadan Complement x Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's My Choice
Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Walk On Fire, Warlock, Wild Dominica (dom), Wild in Wild, Esp. Ch. Wine and Roses, Wonder in Domino (dom), Wonder in Mind	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's A Sweet Cheek, A White Silk, Amazing Lady, Amer In White, Aniiq, Asia, Ataboy, Attention On Me	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Bahia, Banana Split, Beach Lion, Beauty Spot, Bijou, Bon-Bon, Brandy Ball, Bric-A-Brac, Buchan

28) Born: 8/20/87	29) Born: 6/15/88 (1+5)	30) Born: 9/21/88 (4+3)
Parents: Jorogz' Charter Cheeks x Dur-i-Durran's Joie de Vivre	Parents: Int. Dk. Pl. Esp. Port. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Unique x Coastwind Dominelle	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's My Choice
Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Celebre Cartier, Cheek to Cheek, Coco Chanel (cr)	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Dark and Handsome, Debbie (bl/tan), Desert Wind, Donna-Dhi, Duchess, Dynamic Delicia	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Enjoyment (bl/tan), Dk. Pl. Ch. European Edition (bl/tan), European Pearl, Evening Creation, Exactly Page One, Excellent Vision, Int. Fin. S. Dk. Ch. Exciting Review (bl/tan)
31) Born: 5/9/89 (2+2)	32) Born: 1/26/90 (3+3)	33) Born: 7/7/90 (4+6)
Parents: Int. Dk. Esp. Port. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Unique x Dur-i-Durran's Sophistic Chanel	Parents: Int. Dk. Pl. Esp. Port. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Unique x Dur-i-Durran's Gail	Parents: Int. Dk. Ch. Dur-i-Durran's Masquerade x Dur-i-Durran's Coco Chanel
Litter: Dk. Pl. Dur-i-Durran's Fharakhaz (bl/tan), Fire Flambeau (bl/mask), Felina, Fracas (bl/mask)	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Goldfever, Gusty Lover, Gun Runner (bl/tan), Graceful Magic, Dk. Ch. Gusty Callas (bl/tan), Gusty Voice	Litter: Dur-i-Durran's Hamurabi, Hawkeye, Highwayman, Hurricane (cr), Int. F. Esp. Ch. Habanera (bl/tan), Dk. Ch. Hazelnut (bl/mask), Heat and Dust, High Wish Sarii, Honeydew, Honeyhunter (cr)