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Sloughis in Algeria, © Mangelsdorf

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Message from the President

Many months have gone by, and I apologize for the delay in putting together this newsletter. Private tragedies and professional constraints have managed to get Dominique and I side tracked. But our concern and our efforts for the Sloughi must continue. Please find in this issue of Sloughi News updates on breeding in the Western World, accomplishments of SFAA's Sloughis, and the progress on the vaccination efforts in North-Africa, spearheaded by ASNAS. I have also included a new story of one of our puppies' trip to Germany as well as the update that tells how this puppy has turned into a very successful mother of what might be one of the most important breedings in Europe in the last few years.

I am glad to let everyone know that the calendar we are now producing for ASNAS is a success. As you know, the proceeds are used to support the North-African activity helping the Sloughis in their countries of origin (CoO Sloughis). In the long run, keeping CoO Sloughis alive and well might be the only long term strategy to save the Sloughi breed from too many past, present and future breeding problems generated by sometimes well-meaning but ill-informed people.

Our sister club, ASNAS, has, thanks to many of you who have donated, achieved remarkable outreach in North-Africa. Dominique has organized through local pharmacies

the delivery of vaccines, wormers and treatments against parasites to all three North-African countries of origin. To do this, she is in continuous contact with several breeders and Sloughi enthusiasts in these countries. It is important to support the efforts by the original breeders of the Sloughi to maintain the Sloughi's heritage, in particular given that now some North-African people have the 'glorious idea' to import Western-bred Sloughis, sometimes of dubious genetically mixed background, to 'enrich' the North-African Sloughi gene pool. Nothing could be more wrong and ASNAS is investing efforts to clarify to the North-African people why this is not the way to maintain the breed. Instead, it should be pure-bred North-African Sloughis that are imported to correct past mistakes in the Western breeding by diluting genes of foreign breeds that were introduced into the Sloughi, sometimes because of lack of understanding, sometimes because of malice.

This brings me to the last point of my message, a breeding we thought important to do at Shi'Rayan. Puppies out of two pure-bred North-African Sloughis were for the first time in the last 50 or more years whelped in the Western hemisphere. This litter combined a bitch from Morocco, Amal, with a male from Algeria, Bensekrane's Saff. This litter was very well received and three of these puppies have travelled to Germany, Finland and Sweden to bring "new blood" to the Sloughi populations there.

Last but not least it is with great sadness that we heard of Ellen Brady's passing at the beginning of 2014. SFAA and ASNAS have lost a big supporter and a friend.

Enjoy this volume of Sloughi News, even if it is long overdue

Bernd Fritsch, President

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that SFAA witnesses the passing of one of its most supportive members. Ellen Brady, also a past president of SFAA, has participated in countless efforts for the Sloughi over the many years she was a member of the club, starting her involvement with the Sloughi and SFAA in 2001 when she acquired the Sloughia Latiifa Shi'Rayan.

Ellen has also repeatedly supported the Association for the Support of North African Sloughis (ASNAS) with generous donations and bids for this association's fundraisers.

Ellen was not only active in the pure-bred dog fancy, she was also a supporter of various rescue organizations in the USA, helping the Rhodesian Ridgeback and Galgo espanol, and had recently become involved in sponsoring Podencos in Spain, with the refuge Apa Mes que Gossos near Valencia.

Ellen was a good friend and belonged to that special group of people who make the world a better place, which makes her sudden passing all the more difficult to bear.

Farewell, Ellen



Award sent by SFAA to Ellen Brady's family

Flying with a Sloughi, Part 2

Bernd Fritzs

While I have been flying with Sloughis across the world, there are two most memorable trips that show how people react to Sloughi puppies. The first of these events I wrote about some 18 years ago when I imported Emin Schuru-es-Schams from Germany. It is only fitting that this story is also connected with Germany. However, this time the flight went from the US to Germany. The puppy is V'Haddiyah Shi'Rayan and her new owners, Claudia Uhink, Christian Uhink and Cora Nurnberger are presenting her on a daily basis on facebook. So, to ease the tension of all, the trip went well, the Sloughia is in good hands and I simply want to share how many people helped me on my way to Germany.

It is without question that a Shi'Rayan Sloughi will fly accompanied by one of us if at all possible. After the people in Germany became interested in one of the V litter puppies, we had to plot when the trip could take place. As it turned out, I was invited to participate in a conference in Germany in the first week of December, the right time to fly with the puppy. However, early December in Iowa could mean very low temperatures, snow, sleet or any mix thereof. In addition, I had teaching and could only leave on Wednesday, November 30. There was simply no way that I could drive from Iowa City to Omaha, pick up the puppy, drive back and board a plane to Chicago and continue to Frankfurt. In addition, most of the planes out of Omaha were too small to carry the crate, not to speak about the problems I would encounter should the weather turn bad. So, we decided that I would leave from Chicago directly. That meant that I had the little lady with me from Sunday in my apartment in Iowa City until our departure. Of course, it helped V'Hadiyyah to adjust to a new environment in anticipation of her new home and during the

day she had to be with me in my office at the University. To make a long story short, she performed above expectations, everyone loved her, other dogs played with her and she enjoyed every minute of it. Finally, the day of our trip had arrived. And it was the most beautiful day, sunny and cool. We took off around 10:30 am to reach in an uneventful trip the Chicago airport at 2pm. The plane was scheduled to leave around 6:45pm so there was plenty of time and I knew I would need it. First, I had to solve how to get to the gate. I was not allowed to park and unload the dog, going into a parking garage near the gates was impossible as they charge over \$50 per day so I had to go to a very large parking lot 2 miles away. There was a train connection of this lot with the gate and I thought that this should be easy. Alas, the parking lot was nearly full and I could only find a parking spot very far away from the train station. There I was, with my puppy, the crate and my luggage, ready to pull this across the lot for the next 20 minutes when a bus stopped near me. The driver opened the door and asked if I wanted a lift. I looked at him, puzzled, as the bus was scheduled to the international arrival terminal, not at all where I needed to go. While I was getting ready to thank him politely, pointing out my different destination, the driver said with a big smile: "I saw you unloading on my way out, saw the dog and can give you a ride across the parking lot to the train terminal." With this, he stepped out and helped me get the crate into the bus, I plopped on a seat next to him, with V'Hadiyyah on my lap, and off we went to the train terminal. We stopped close to the door and I saw through the glass door the escalator going up to the ramp. He saw what I was looking for and told me that there was an elevator behind the escalator. Again, he helped me carry my crate out of the bus and I gave him a tip thanking him profusely. With a big smile he waved good-bye while I entered the next leg of our journey to Germany.

Dragging my crate and my luggage, with V'Hadiyyah secure

on her leash, I entered the train station, took the elevator to the first floor and waited for the train. A young man got interested in the puppy and inquired about the breed. When he reached carefully his hand to her, she sniffed it and then licked his hand. He was “melting” and when the train arrived he first dragged his luggage in and helped me to get the crate in. Off to our terminal we went, people getting in and out on our trip until we reached terminal 1, the last stop of the train. With V’Hadiyyah on the leash, dragging the crate with my luggage in tow behind me, I entered the terminal. Everyone stepped aside to let me pass through and the checker for international flights, after checking my passport, opened the barrier and directed me to a free agent to check in with my dog. That check in took almost one hour as the person who did it had not done that for years and had to work slowly through all the rules and regulations. While he was finalizing the paperwork for the crate and had already checked my luggage, I decided to drag my crate out to the curbside, take a chance to walk across the street to a little piece of green, had V’Hadiyyah relieve herself, walked back to the crate and dragged it back to the agent. Meanwhile, it has become clear to him that he needed to get somebody to pick up the crate and these two people immediately realized that he did everything wrong. They called the supervisor who started to argue with me that the crate does not fit international specifications as the top had to be screwed to the bottom. I showed him the seven screws, five of which were hidden under handles. He finally accepted the crate and one of the people to transport the crate helped me finish all the rest of the paperwork, including putting a note on the crate that would be given to me before the plane would take off proving that she was on board.

We walked to the check in where I had to get her out again so that a security person could check the inside of the crate. Once that was done, I cuddled V’Hadiyyah one last time, locked the crate and started to walk to the end of the security

checking line. When the person pushing the cart with the crate saw that, he called me back and we walked along the growing line as he had to go through the same security check. Following him I cut at least ¾ hours of waiting in line. Thanks to my little dog, I had had experiences with the generosity of people that one does not encounter normally. Finally, I was in my seat and waited for my slip to arrive telling me that she was on board. When the pilot announced that we will be leaving the gate in a few minutes, I got nervous and asked the flight attendant to check on my dog. While he was talking on the phone I saw another flight attendant walking down the aisle toward my seat, with the slip in his hand. I raised my hand, he came to me with a smile, telling me that my dog was on board. I could finally relax, knowing that we would both make it safely to Germany where the next struggle would wait for me.

After a record early arrival at Frankfurt airport, I had to walk what seemed hours before I finally reached the luggage delivery. As I stepped to the counter for oversized luggage, my little girl arrived. When I tried to lift her crate, a man in uniform came to me and told me that I cannot take her yet as she needs to see the veterinarian first. From the broken German I deduced that he is not a native and I responded in equally broken German that I am American. He told me he is Turkish and started to help me, loading the crate on a cart, moving the cart to the veterinarian at the other end, making sure that the process was completed fast and helping me to the area where my luggage should arrive. It took another five minutes until this finally happened and he continued to help me, pushing the cart with my dog through the customs where the two officers simply nodded at him, apparently they knew him well. After I stepped out in the arrival hall, I saw my sister. She was parked just outside the arrival hall and the Turkish man told us he would help push the cart to the car, helping me load the crate. I got some Euros from my sister

and he refused. I finally told him that thanks to his help, I had the best entry with a dog in Germany ever and I simply wanted to thank him for his help. He accepted the money, waved good-bye, pushing his cart back into the airport while I looked forward to getting the little girl out of the crate after a short trip to my sister's house.



Hadiyyah in 2013, photo Uhink

Hadiyyah could finally go out and played shortly with my nephew's two dogs and followed us up the stairs to the second floor to my sister's place. We called Cora Nurnberger, who was delighted to hear that the little girl had arrived. After my sister learned that Cora would pick her up in an hour or so, she

said drily that I could leave her. Within a few minutes, we realized that little V'Hadiyyah was very clever. After she had taken her milk, and before I could get her out she made a little puddle in the far corner of my sister's apartment right on the tile floor. While my sister and I rushed to clean this, she stretched herself and stole one of the cookies my sister had made for me, the one with the coconut. Of course, we took her out after that and that was when Cora arrived. She was immediately taken by the little girl and after talking with us for 30 minutes it was time to bring her to Cora's car. I had her for the last time on her leash, all the way to the car, lifted her in and put her on the pillow Cora had in the back. V'Hadiyyah rolled into a ball, utterly content with the comfortable spot she had. I had to fight some with the tears welling up in my eyes as I said goodbye to this little brave girl who had endured all of this ordeal without ever complaining which was, due to the many people who helped on the way, less of a problem than I ever could have imagined. Flying with a Sloughi puppy is fun as you see the helpful aspects of people which you would not encounter otherwise.





V'Hadiyyah and her puppies, born 2014 at Ksar Ghilane.
Photo Nurnberger

Epilogue: Needless to say that V'Hadiyyah has managed to secure the heart of her new owners and everyone can see her daily news on facebook and her blog. Haddi (as she is called now) is meanwhile mother of 5 boys and 3 girls all of which have found great homes. V'Hadiyyah Shi'Rayan is co-owned by Cora Nurnberger, Claudia and Christian Uthink

V'Hadiyyah Shi'Rayan's achievements so far:

Excellent1, VDH, CAC, best female,

Landessieger Nord/Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and BOB,

Hoisdorf May 18 2013

confirmed as being recommended for breeding in Germany by
the DWZRV (German Sighthound Club)

Excellent 1, VDH, Best female, BOB, Goehlsdorf, May 4-5
2013

and 102 points in her first coursing event, placing second
She is awarded the Beauty and Performance award that
weekend

Excellent 1, VDH, CAC, Best female, BOB, Wismar, April 27
!! 2013

Excellent 1, VDH, R-CAC, Großenaspe, April 2013
is also certified for lure-coursing in Germany



Congratulations to owners Claudia and Christian Uthink and
Cora Nurnberger , Germany
Breeder Dr. Dominique de Caprona, USA

V'Hadiyyah Shi'Rayan ranked # 4 Sloughia in shows for 2013
A great achievement for a 100% African Sloughi under the
intense competition in this breed in Germany

Atiya's story
By Gayle Sutton



I picked up this bundle of wiggly puppy from the airport on October 14, 2011. Her name is V'Atiya Shi'Rayan, Atiya for short. She flew to Arizona with her sister V'Jada Shi' Rayan, Jada for short. Atiya could not wait to get out of the crate and greet the three people who had come to pick her and her sister up. She has not stopped her tail wagging adventure yet. Atiya really enjoyed the puppy kindergarten class. Her best part of the class was when the owners, while sitting in a circle, would pass each puppy around the circle until every puppy got to say hello to each owner. Her tail wagged the whole time. After graduating from the kindergarten class Atiya's education continued with handling/conformation class where she met a whole new set of dogs and owners.

Next Atiya went to a Fun All Breed Match so she could practice what she had learned in handling/conformation class. She was the only puppy in the Miscellaneous class so she got

to go in the ring twice, once for breed and once for Best Puppy in Miscellaneous. Atiya liked walking around the park and stopping and greeting all the people who wanted to know what breed she is and all about Sloughis. Once classes were over next came the Pointed Sanctioned American Kennel Club shows.

Atiya got to go in the ring with her sister Jada at six AKC shows. The girls took turns winning the class, breed, and Best in Miscellaneous. At the last show a Photographer wanted to take the girl's picture. Both girls had fun posing and watching for the next toy the photographer would toss. The weather in Arizona is too hot for dog shows during the summer so in the fall when the shows resume Atiya and Jada will be looking forward to more excitement and fun at the shows.



SFAA's High Achievers 2013

V'Atiya Shi'Rayan, New UKC Champion
1 Sloughi within the United kennel Club 2012



Owner Gayle Sutton. Breeder: Dr. Dominique de Caprona, USA
On 3/4/2014 V'Atiya receives the AKC award of Merit

V'Jada Shi'Raya New UKC Champion



Owner: Kathleen True, USA
Breeder: Dr. Dominique de Caprona

Bensekrane's Rsassa at Shi'Rayan, GRC

The Amir Trophy 2013

Winner of the NOTRA Nationals, September 2013



Owner: Drs.Dominique de Caprona & Bernd Fritzsich
Breeder: Abdelmouhamene Fidjel (Algeria)

Sameer Shi'Rayan

New SGRC 4, 4th Sloughi to do so



His father O'Dah Shi'Rayan, SGRC5 did it before him and so did his
grandfather Fahel Shi'Rayan, SGRC6
Owner/Breeder: Dr.Dominique de Caprona

Almahboubin

Nancy Lovelady jwnsl@sbcglobal.net

Hoping for puppies by mid-June 2014
Algerian Bensekrane's Saff at Shi'Rayan x
International Champion Shi'Rayan's Tamima at McHan



Shi'Rayan's Tamima at Almahboubin

V'Fa'iz Shi'Rayan (Algerian Bensekrane's Saff at Shi'Rayan x Moroccan Amal, ORC, SGRC)
wins his second CAC in lure coursing in Söderhamn
on May 11 2014
Owner Ingela Näslund (Tillieville) Sweden



V'Fa'iz Shi'Rayan

SFAA's A'Ssissa, Aswad, Bassel, Dalal, Ghali, Fahel, Ibtsama,
 Bouthayna, Najeeba, O'Dah Shi'Rayan
 Bi-Na Mahanajim, Chamisa Schuru esch Schams, Syringa
 Happiness at Shi'Rayan
 Tarfa

had descendants in Finland through Elegantin Magma

Qalb Ellassad "A" litter Born March 5 2014
 Tillieville Xiam Ehz "Junnu" X Elegantin Magma "Zora"



Over the last few years some of us have been engaged in helping the Sloughi in the North African countries of origin and formed the Association for the Support of the North African Sloughi (ASNAS.org). Below are a few images to show how the donations and money generated with fundraising events was used to help.

Morocco



Food for Sloughis, after major flooding that destroyed crops, Morocco



Vaccinations in Morocco



Vaccination of Sloughis in Morocco. Owners gathering at night after a hard day of work



Vaccination of Sloughis in Morocco

Algeria

BENSEKRANE



Treatment in Algeria after a snake bite



Veterinarian preparing vaccines



Beautiful pack of Sloughis supported by ASNAS



One of the first litters supported by ASNAS

Tunisia BOU SALEM



The next generation growing up.



Vaccination in Tunisia



Family supported by ASNAS



A bucket full of puppies cooling in water in very hot weather



Lovely Tunisian Sloughia