

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW

# SALUKI

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The Saluki Club of America, Inc. (SCOA)



*You are now the proud owner  
of an athletic, beautiful, spirited Sighthound—  
the Saluki.*

## HISTORY AND CHARACTERISTICS

The Saluki is a sighthound that has been carefully bred for thousands of years to have a keenly developed hunting instinct. Populations of desert-bred Salukis used for hunting still exist in the Middle East. Its movement and outline are graceful, suggesting speed, endurance and strength. Its expression is dignified, aristocratic and regal. Large, oval, dark to hazel colored eyes give the Saluki a far-seeing, gentle expression.

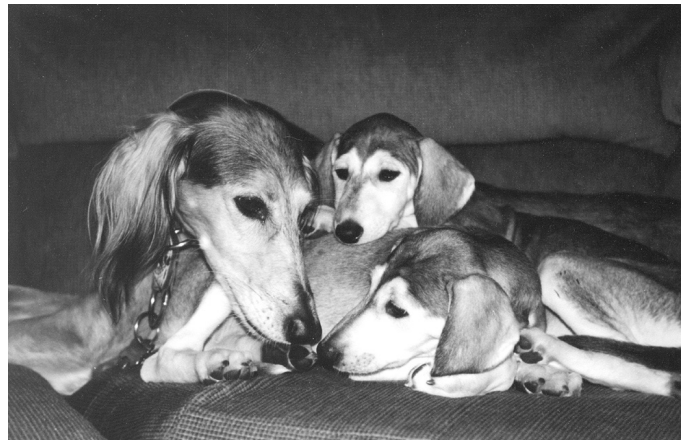
Salukis are intuitive and intelligent. They become very devoted to their humans and prefer the companionship of their family to being left outdoors or in a kennel. Despite their unpampered nomadic history, Salukis appreciate luxury and physical comfort. They enjoy very vigorous outdoor activities as well as lying quietly on a soft bed indoors. Naturally clean, Salukis integrate easily into family life.

Salukis come in many colors and patterns. They may be feathered or smooth. The body coat is sleek and soft; the silky feathering appears on the ears, tails, backs of thighs and legs. Salukis range from 23 to 28 inches in height.

## TRAINING

Your Saluki is loving, loyal and smart. He is also inquisitive, independent and mischievous.

Begin training your Saluki as soon as you bring him home. The Saluki is a devoted partner but is a reluctant slave. Because the Saluki has a sensitive nature, it is important to give him



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lots of positive situations where he can become a well-socialized, confident hound. Raising a good family member requires energy and patience. There are no shortcuts. It takes time to properly raise a puppy and mold a young dog into a respected family member.

When training your Saluki:

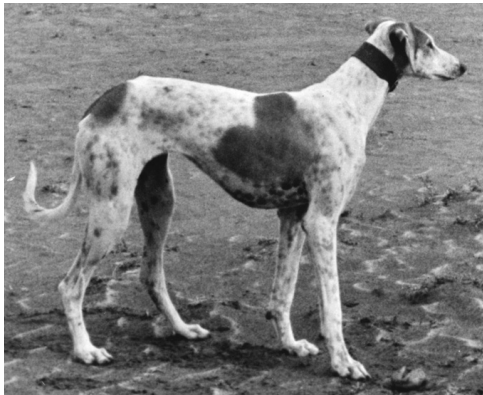
- Try to think like your dog
- Be consistent in everything you do

While your Saluki is young and apt to make mistakes, you may find it helpful to confine him to a safe place when you are not around. Crates, tile-floored rooms preferably with a window, and escape-proof pens work well. Remember though that Salukis are active dogs and do not do well when confined for long periods of time. Offer your Saluki abundant free running in a safe location. A good dog is a tired dog.

Protect your Saluki in case it is lost by identifying it with a collar and tags. A permanent identification with a microchip or tattoo can be registered with AKC's Companion Animal Recovery. A 24-hour toll-free hotline helps locate the owners. For information, call 800-252-7894.

Your Saluki is a natural athlete. A variety of activities are at your fingertips, waiting to be enjoyed with your Saluki. A notable asset of the breed is that many of the things they do best require little organized training. We must never forget that the Saluki is a premier hunting hound, not a couch dog, and should be offered varied mental and physical challenges throughout his life.

Salukis can perform at the highest levels in open field coursing, championship shows, lure coursing, agility, fly ball, exhibition jumping, scent hurdling, oval track racing, obedience, tracking, and as therapy dogs.



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## HEALTH AND BREEDING

The AKC has an approved standard for Salukis that is a written description of how the ideal Saluki should look, move and behave. The Saluki is free of many of the genetic health problems seen in other breeds mainly due to the rigorous and harsh conditions of their native lands.

Conscientious breeders continue to work diligently to keep the Saluki free from inherited disease by spending years learning about Salukis, studying pedigrees and genetics, and striving to avoid breedings that may produce health and temperament problems.

Many SCOA members support health research for the Saluki through the AKC Canine Health Foundation—a nonprofit charitable organization whose mission is to help dogs live longer, healthier lives. Supporting the Canine Health Foundation will help ensure a healthy future for all dogs. For more information about ongoing health research to help Salukis, see [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org) or call toll-free 888-682-9696.

Before you consider breeding your Saluki you should ask yourself the following questions:

- Is your Saluki an excellent example of the breed with good health and sound temperament?
- Can you afford the significant financial investment required to breed a litter?
- Do you have sufficient time each day to devote to proper hygiene and socialization of the litter?
- Do you know how to properly screen and educate potential buyers?
- Do you have the proper facilities to house an entire litter for up to 10 weeks or more?
- Are you prepared to be responsible for each and every puppy throughout its life and take it back should the need arise?

Many people find neutering their pet is a foolproof way to make sure they do not bring unwanted puppies into the world.

The American Kennel Club permits neutered animals to participate in all phases of obedience, agility, tracking, lure coursing and junior handling, but not in most conformation classes.

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## RECOMMENDED READING

Now that you have purchased your Saluki, you may find that the following publications will further your knowledge of this ancient and royal hound.

### ABOUT THE BREED

*Saluki Club of America* – website: [www.salukiclub.org](http://www.salukiclub.org) or email: [secretary@salukiclub.org](mailto:secretary@salukiclub.org)

*SCOA Yearbooks* – PO Box 1708, Edgewood, NM 87015-1708 or [www.salukiclub.org](http://www.salukiclub.org)

*Gazehounds: The Search for Truth* – Miller, Constance. Hoflin Publishing, 1988

*The Saluki in History, Art and Sport* – Waters, Hope and David. Hoflin Publishing, 1984

*The Saluqi: Coursing Hound of the East* – Goodman, Gail (editor). Midbar Inc., 1995

*Saluki, Companion of Kings* – Vera Watkins. Second edition, published by Eugenia Kissinger. Available through TS Enterprises, PO Box 1708, Edgewood, NM 87015-1708

*The Desert Hound and the English Travelers Who Brought It to the West* – Duggan, Brian. McFarland Publishing, 2008

*The American Saluki Association Newsletter* – Nancy Leising, ASA Secretary; email: [castlebay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:castlebay@sbcglobal.net) or phone: 704-425-5118.

### ABOUT TRAINING

*Play Training your Dog* – Burnham, Patricia Gail. St. Martin's Press, 1980

*Sighthounds Afield – The Complete Guide to Sighthounds & Amateur Performance Events* – Como, Denise. AuthorHouse, 2004

*Shaping Success* – Garrett, Susan. Clean Run Press, 2005

*How to Teach a New Dog Old Tricks* – Dunbar, Ian. James & Kenneth Publishers, 1991

*Excel-erated Learning: Explaining in Plain English How Dogs Learn and How Best to Teach Them* – Reid, Dr. Pamela J. James & Kenneth Publishers, 1996

### ABOUT SPORTS

*NOFCA News* – National Open Field Coursing Assoc., Karen Chen Editor, [hawksviewhounds@yahoo.com](mailto:hawksviewhounds@yahoo.com)

*Field Advisory News* – American Sighthound Field Assoc., Jackie Nivison, Editor, 4 N. Howell St., Ste. 200, Hillsdale, MI 49242. Phone: 517-437-0404, email: [faneditor@asfaorg](mailto:faneditor@asfaorg)

*The SCOA website has extensive information about Salukis (see Public Education) and lists breeder referral contacts (see Breeder Referral). Please visit the SCOA site at [www.salukiclub.org](http://www.salukiclub.org).*