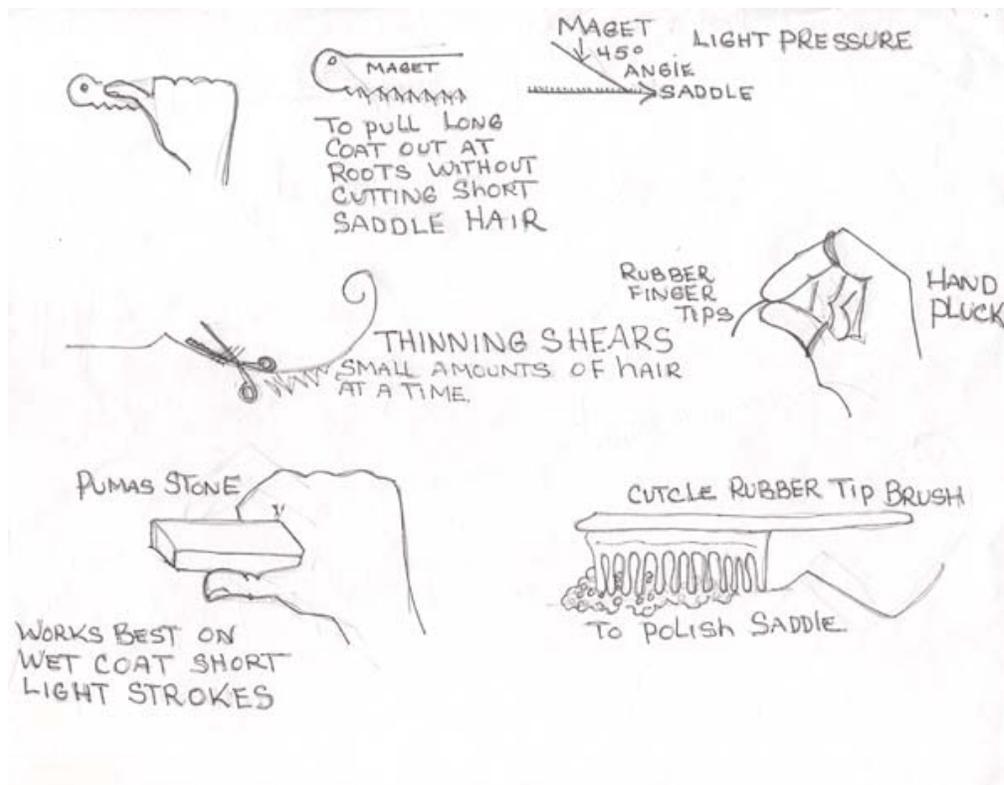


## TABOO HINTS: AFGHAN TRIMMING...

I know this is a very touchy subject. Like walking on holy ground. A Kind of a hypocritical oath of show grooming an Afghan. Something most people do, but don't admit to anyway to the power's to be. Because the Afghan hound standard states, the Afghan Hound shall be shown in its natural state. The natural state of an Afghan Hound is matted. Show me what's natural about a dog show and I will concede. Some old time breeders would say you may remove hair if you pull or pluck it out between your figures by hand, and that's okay. That is like being a little bit pregnant. Either you do trim or you don't. Show me a top- winning competitor that is showing Afghans today that says they don't trim, and I will show you one that is showing a highly patterned dog or a liar.

For the novice, that is at a big disadvantage to begin with, competing against the old time pro's it's very hard for them to present their dogs in a competitive groom when there are no manuals, guidelines, or books to refer to which address the taboo subject of trimming the Afghan Hound. Some breeders, owners and handlers will share with the newcomer, that is if they know the true art of trimming themselves.

Here is my attempt to help with this subject of trimming the Afghan Hound. Tools used to trim an Afghan Hound so the dog will appear as natural as possible.



1. Magnet Trimmer, a tool, if used properly, removes fuzz in the saddle coat, without cutting the undercoat short hair.
2. Thinning shears for stubborn hair a base of the tail, cheeks, muzzle, and other areas.
3. Rubber figure tips to hand pluck out coat.

4. Pumas Stone to remove fuzz in saddle, cheeks, and muzzle. I prefer the Magnet Trimmer because the Pumas Stone will cut the under hair saddle. The Pumas Stone is easier to learn to use.
5. Cuticle Rubber tipped brush to use in saddle while bathing to polish and remove any dander

