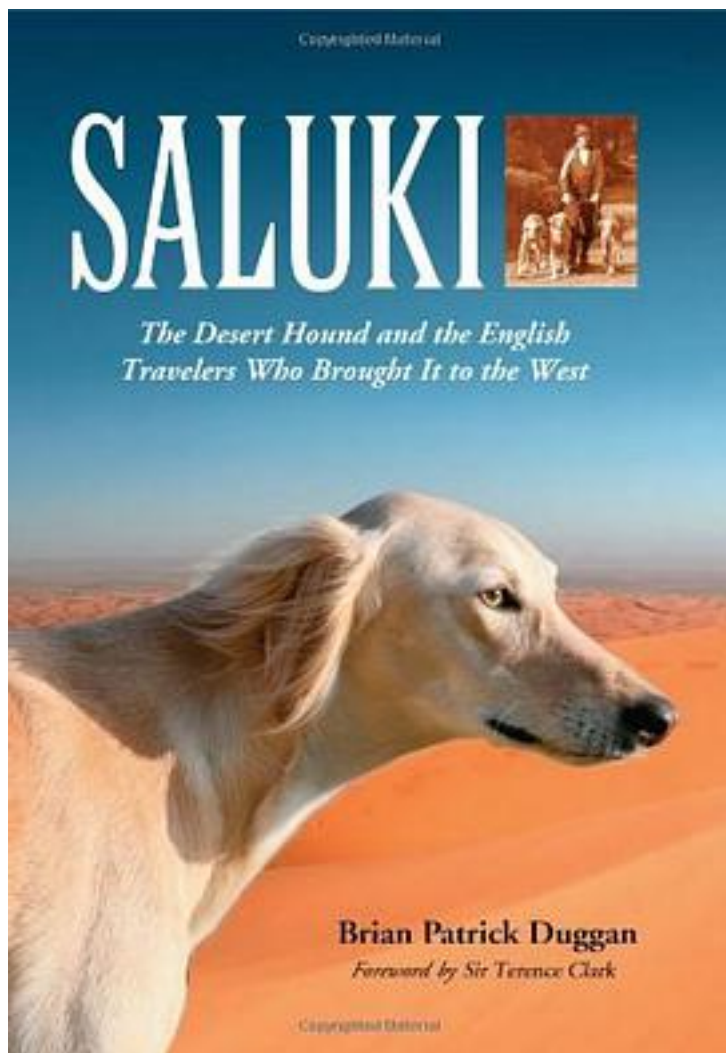


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One of the oldest known breeds of domesticated dogs, the Saluki traveled throughout the Middle East with desert tribes, who valued the dogs for their ability to hunt gazelles. Famously carved into the walls of the Pharaohs' tombs, the Salukis' history intrigued dog enthusiasts in the early 20th century, including notable Edwardians who were instrumental in popularizing the breed and importing it to Europe and the United States. This book tells the story of those who brought the Saluki to the West, notably Florence Amherst, who discovered the dogs while in Egypt and went on to breed 50 litters. The author also features other world travelers who fell under the Salukis' spell, including Lady Jane Digby, Austen Layard and Gertrude Bell. Also covered are lesser-known Saluki aficionados, mainly military officers who became addicted to hunting with their hounds in Iraq, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt and who sought to replicate that addiction in their home countries.

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