



# Juliette de Bairacli Levy: A Short Biography

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Juliette de Bairacli Levy is ~~the~~ was Egyptian. With her three sisters and pioneer of holistic veterinary two brothers, Juliette grew up in Manchester amidst maids, butlers, nannies, gardeners and medicine. She is also a world-renowned herbalist, author, breeder of Afghan hounds, friend of the Gypsies, and traveler in search of herbal wisdom. For more than seventy years Juliette has been living with and learning from the original animal herbalists - the Gypsies, peasants and indigenous peoples of the world, and the animals themselves.

Juliette de Bairacli Levy was born in England in 1912 into a very wealthy family. Her father was a Turkish Jewish rug merchant and her mother was sick, weak looking animals. They had magnificent animals, and they themselves had wonderful hair and wonderful teeth and the joy of life was shining in their faces.

Thus, like Paracelsus, the great mediaeval doctor, Juliette went to live with the peasant and Gypsy herbalists of the world in order to learn the true medicine. These people, she could see, were successful. They hadn't got sick, weak looking animals. They had magnificent animals, and they themselves had wonderful hair and wonderful teeth and the joy of life was shining in their faces.

As Juliette was befriending these peoples, race-horse owners, dog breeders, princes and famous withers were seeking Juliette's advice on natural rearing and herbal healing. In the 1930's and 40's, Juliette ran a distemper clinic in London. Here, at a time when many dogs were dying from this disease, Juliette treated and cured hundreds of dogs with herbs, fasting and a natural diet of raw meat, whole grains, herbs, berries and white cheese. The royal vet to the king sent her the dogs of Douglas Fairbanks and the tenor Richard Tauber to be cured. From her work in the clinic, Juliette developed a line of herbal supplements for animals, known as Natural Rearing Products, which have been available now for over 60 years.

Also, when many Afghan hound puppies were dying of distemper, Juliette raised a litter of puppies on her natural rearing methods

(left) Juliette as a shepherdess in the Middle East, 1940s, (below) Juliette with





Tribute



(above) Juliette with her falcon Merlin, Israel 1960s, (right) Juliette with Afghan in England, 1940s



and these puppies won Best of Show at Crufts Dog Show. Descendants of this litter, known under Juliette's kennel name, Turkuman, were later to become Champions in England, America, and all over the world. In the 1940's Turkuman Nissim's Laurel won Best of Show at Westminster - to this day the only Afghan ever to win Best of Show at this event. Turkuman Nissim's Laurel was pictured on the cover of Life magazine. The Turkumans are famed for their health, speed, vitality and beauty.

Juliette has a long record of spectacular cures to her credit. She has had no failures with herbs, be the patient a pigeon with a gangrenous wing or a Turkish camel suffering from scour. One of her most remarkable cures was the saving of thousands of sheep in the North of England during the great snows of 1947. The flock had been declared incurable by orthodox veterinary medicine. Simply using her common sense, Juliette realized that the snows were preventing the sheep from getting their daily chlorophyll and minerals. So by feeding them ivy leaves (little lambs like ivy) and molasses she managed to save more than three thousand sheep.

In the 1950's, Juliette's *Herbal Handbook for Farm and Stable* and *Herbal Handbook for the Dog* were the first veterinary herbals to be published in the English language, as until this time, the ancient art of the farrier, gypsy and peasant had been passed on only



Juliette with a litter of her Turkumans Afghan puppies, Greece 1980s



Juliette with English Gypsies, 1930s

