

Meet Your Breeders!

Linda Pence ~ Baruh Basenjjs

1. How did you get started in Basenjjs?

In 1962, I was in college when my family purchased two basenjjs from Judy Webb, who was then a breeder in Phoenix, AZ. "Happy" was our first basenji, soon followed by "Dandy," who had an obedience title. Both were little red girls – out of Phemister dogs – and they were quite attractive as I look back. I hope my mother knew of the many basenjjs who were yet to come.

2. Why did you start breeding? When?

In 1981, after 20 years of welcoming any dog who followed anybody home, and an Irish, a Boston, and a Scottie in between we found ourselves dogless for a few hours. AKC recommended Cecelia Wozniak as a breeder of basenjjs in Indiana, and the rest is my history. I came home from work to find 6-month-old "Mighty Dog" in the living room. Instantly I was hooked. Ann Humphreys owned his sire. Both Cecelia and Ann were willing to share their knowledge with an eager novice. I will always be grateful to Cecelia for her early interest in basenji health. "Misty", later CH Mistletoe of Woz, joined us in late 1983. This black and white far-seeing, lovely-moving bitch kindled my love for "all dressed up" black and white basenjjs. When they are good, they are *so* good! I wanted a daughter from Misty, so Cecelia led me to CH Talisha's Star Wars of Woz, the sire of my Pence's Polka Dot Rose. Both "Misty" and "Rosie" are on the Brood Bitch Honor Roll with seven champions.

3. What persons influenced you most strongly?

The persons who influenced me most were so many. Cecelia, as previously mentioned; Damara Bolte for being Damara – I have treasured her every word; Shirley Jones for her wisdom, courage, good nature, and common sense approach to everything; John Donald for his enduring friendship; my fellow Hoosier Basenji Club members; most of all, the folks who have had my puppies and adults and have shared their basenji experiences with me. Thank you!

4. What have you seen improve in Basenjjs over the years?

Temperaments have improved dramatically.

5. What do you think today's Basenji breeders need to pay special attention to?

It is a slippery slope when we breed. Avoid health pitfalls as much as humanly possible. Ask breeders and stud dog owners about their dog's health. Nobody knows their dogs better than they do and most will be incredibly honest – but you do have to ask.

6. What advice do you have to a new breeder getting started?

Quality needs to exceed quantity. A good brood bitch is worth her weight in gold and *HEALTHY DOGS CAN WIN!*

7. What dogs you've seen or owned stand out as outstanding examples of the breed and why?

My most successful dogs, due to the hard work of others, in order of their birth are: CH Hacker's Shadow Of Woz; Am/Can CH Baruh's

Kudabin A Flirt; Am/Can CH Baruh's Harpstrings SC, FCh; Am/Can DC Baruh's Winsome Miss SC, FCh, CGC, RTD, TDI (150 therapy visits); Can CH Baruh-Kudabin Just A Gigolo, who was awarded Best Puppy and later Best Adult in BCOA African Exhibitions and is the first ½ African to win at a regional Specialty; and Am/Can CH Baruh'n'Schaumburg's Hoo's Hoo, who is doing well at just a year old. There are 58 Baruh champions, with two dogs needing just one point to finish their championship. Many are Specialty winners and several are Canadian Champions and Field Champions.

8. What do you feel are your most significant achievements with the breed?

My single significant achievement so far has been - by the grace of God with lots of luck and attempting to stay four generations away from major inheritable diseases - no dog has yet been diagnosed with Fanconi, PRA, HA, IPSID or hip dysplasia. Every time we breed our basenjjs, we pray we won't uncover two carriers of something deleterious.

9. Anything else you would like to say?

It is easy to put two pretty dogs together. The rest of it is what really challenges us as breeders.

10. Your chosen Kennel Name is BARUH. How did you choose this name? Why? Does it have a meaning? Other information.

Baruh was selected as a kennel name because it is one of the delightful sounds our dogs make. Nancy Kneen suggested the "h" to make it appear more African. It is a privilege to be part of a great group – among the best folks out there – Basenji fanciers and breeders!



CH Hacker's Shadow of Woz



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Baruh's Kudabin A Flirt

Am Can CH
Baruh's Harpstring SC FCh



Can CH
Baruh-Kudabin Just A Gigolo



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