

# Meet Your Breeders!

## Carol Webb ~ Kazor Basenjis, California, USA

### 1. How did you get started in Basenjis?

I read about the Basenji in a feature in the Los Angeles Times in 1962. I immediately wanted one. A week or so later I had my "Mut" named for the Egyptian Goddess of Motherhood. She became CH. Cambria's Zohra. I had always wanted show dogs and now my dream was coming true even though I had 5 young sons.

### 2. Why did you start breeding? When?

I had to have a litter because I owed Bob Mankey of Cambria Kennels 2 puppies. Zohra had her first litter the 1964-65 breeding season. She had six puppies and Bob took the only two females in the litter. I got stuck with a nice red male that became the first Champion I finished myself, as Zohra was handled by Bob Mankey. I loved breeding and showing my own dogs and so began the long love affair.

### 3. What persons influenced you most strongly?

Bob Mankey most influenced me but he was not a mentor in the way we think of one now, although we were friends. I mostly observed him and taught myself how to handle. There were no handling classes at that time.

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

I think temperaments and coats have improved the most without completely taking the Basenji out of the Basenji. When I started here in California the coats were paper bag brown. I didn't get to travel much in those early years so I don't know how coats compared with other parts of the country but they are now mostly really beautiful. I think the improved diets we have available now has a lot to do with it.

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

Shoulders, shoulders, shoulders! You hear this from breeders of all breeds, sad to say. We have so many truly straight shoulders these days, many that are set too far forward on the body and some that look like a post from top of shoulder to feet with no angles at all. Some have no layback of upper arm and/or a short upper arm. There may be other things but this is the most difficult to correct so in my opinion needs the most attention. Also pigmentation needs watching, we don't want to lose that. Dogs with poor pigmentation around the eyes lose the Basenji expression.

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

Buy the very best bitch you can get your hands on. Also observe with the standard in mind. Make up your own mind and don't just go with the current winner as they are sometimes not the best from a breeding standpoint or at least for your bitch. Breeding is harder than when I started with the health problems often stopping a breeding I feel will be outstanding. Perhaps soon that won't be as big a problem as it is now.

### 7. What dogs have you seen or owned that stand out as outstanding examples of the breed, and why?

For over-all beauty and type CH. Aleika Absinthe Rajah's JR is my all time favorite. I fell in love with him the first time I saw him at just over 6 months old and bred to him at 9 mos. He had my ideal of a correct head and lovely movement. From mostly a movement standpoint Ch. Cambria's Nyakatii could take my breath away. Unfortunately he had a longish coat and it wasn't bright colored so it hurt his career. Ch. Cambria's Ti-Mungai was the sire of my first Basenji and was way ahead of his time as far as tri's were concerned. CH. Kazor's Dandy Deerstalker my JR son was another favorite. He had his sire's lovely head, nice shoulders and could move. I have two other favorites I want to mention: BIS CH. Grandquest Kazor's Motumbo Xequemate, who has achieved what no other hound has ever achieved in Hawaii - 16 Best in Shows and top dog all breeds in Hawaii for 2 years all owner handled; and his son BIS BISS CH. Kazor Bay-Senji Yuara Natural "MJ" who achieved 4 all breed BIS. Both dogs have outstanding movement and MJ also has very close to my ideal head, both dogs look like males and I like that, I don't like to have to wonder about what sex a dog is.

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

Temperaments first. My dogs are sweet and easier to live with than the dogs I started with. It isn't that the first ones had poor temperaments, they just were more difficult. I think that to breed for over 40 years and still have competitive dogs is an achievement to be proud of. I have been fortunate to have bred or co-bred 4 Best In Show Basenjis. One I am not listed as the co-breeder due to foreign regulations and the AKC but I bred both parents and am still on the AKC registration papers of the dam so I consider myself a breeder of this dog.

### 9. Anything else you would like to say?

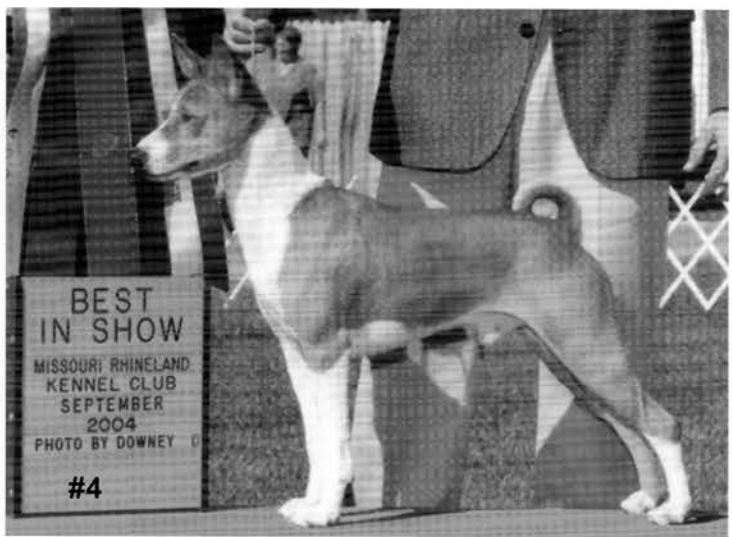
I guess I have to get back to shoulders. Those straight shoulders I mentioned earlier cause the neck to meet the shoulders in a nearly right angle not the smooth flowing transition they should have. Also, there should not be wrinkles over the shoulders (over the face yes, not shoulders). Very straight upper arms and/or short upper arms cause lifting of the front, pounding, short fast steps, etc., not the free flowing movement with no bouncing that is so beautiful to see. I think we are in exciting times with our dogs and I admire the people who are bringing the native dogs here. I am also proud of being associated with the Basenji Club of America, it is a forward-looking, vibrant club, and we are lucky to have so many members dedicated to preserving this wonderful unique breed.

### 10. Your chosen kennel name is KAZOR. How did you choose this name? Why? Does it have a meaning?

My kennel name is Kazor. It is a combination of Carol and Zohra (my first Basenji) with the C changed to a K to make it look more African. To my astonishment many years later I tried to get a license plate with Kazor on it and was told it was taken! I was astounded because I had made the word up. Also there are quite a few people with the name and the Kazor World Community News is on a website. So much for being unique! I would like to know what nationality it is though as it is obviously not African.



#1 Kazor's Watsie Kengo



#4 BIS BISS CH Kazor Bay-Senji Yuara Natural "MJ"



#2 CH Kazor's Dandy Deerstalker



#3 CH. Kazor's Supermodel "Gisele"



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BIS CH  
Grandquest Kazor's Motumbo  
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