

1940 Four Basenjis Arrive in Canada

Kiteve of the Congo

Bitch Born 3 December 1939

by Kwango of the Congo x Kasui of the Congo

Kiteve produces a total of 3 litters with 1 champion

Kikuyo of the Congo

Bitch Born 3 December 1939

by Kwango of the Congo x Kasui of the Congo

Kikuyo produces a total of 3 litters with 1 champion

Kwillo of the Congo

Dog Born 16 December 1939

by Kobbi of the Congo x K'Impi of the Congo

Kwillo produces 4 litters with 5 champions

Stud Dog Honor Roll

Photo appears to the right ➡

Koodoo of the Congo

Dog Born 14 December 1939

by Kobbi of the Congo x Senji of the Congo

Koodoo produces 5 litters with 1 champion and 1 CDX



From Notes of George Gilkey:

Then in 1940 he (*Dr. Richmond*) brought in two more pair, namely Koodoo of the Congo, Kwillo of the Congo, dogs and Kikuyu of the Congo and Kiteve of the Congo, females. His first litter consisted of one male and several females from Koodoo x Kikuyu. The writer went to Toronto and picked up one of this litter Tanya of Windrush. A week later her sister was sent to Mr. Phemister. While at Toronto the writer saw another litter born on 2/24/41. One from this litter Nokima of Windrush by Koodoo x Kiteve was sent to Phemister....”

Photo of Tanya of Windrush left ↻
appeared in *Life* when George Gilkey wrote in regards to Basenjis with gorillas.



From a letter by Mary MacWain, Haku Basenjjs

The first registered with pedigree (*Basenji after Phemister's Bois*) is Koodoo of the Congo (Kobbi of the C ex Senji of the C) bred by Veronica and listed as owned by the P's (*Phemisters*). The dog, I know, was first sold to Dr. Richmond who had trouble with him and was sold by him to Al who said he could manage him through obedience training. It did not work out and the dog was destroyed.

From an information booklet by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Phemister:

In the spring of 1941 a young female was brought from Africa, acquired by Mr. Phemister and later registered as Phemister's Congo. This female was bred to a Canadian Basenji (*Koodoo of the Congo*) and in August 1941 produced the first litter of Basenjjs to be raised to maturity in America. Mr. Phemister trained a male from this litter for obedience, Phemister's Barrie and Basenji history was made with this young male when he won the first C.D. and C.D.X. degrees in the world—all degrees marked by very high scores.

Can. Ch. Kwillo of the Congo

1939-1950

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Canada can claim many firsts in Basenji history – with the first “first” being the championship of Can. Ch. Kwillo of the Congo. Kwillo was the first Basenji champion in the world.



Kwillo was imported along with another male, Koodoo of the Congo and two females, Kikuyu and Kiteve of the Congo, by Dr. Richmond of Ontario in 1940. Miss Veronica Tudor-Williams was the breeder of all four dogs.

One of the largest shows in the U.S. in the 40's was the Morris and Essex show, and it was at this show that Dr. Richmond took his four little Basenjis to show off in the U.S. Dr. Richmond was astounded by the masses of people who descended upon him to see these "odd barkless dogs." Much to the credit of the breed, not only did the Basenjis behave, they also captivated the crowds and were an immense success.

Dr. Richmond operated his kennel outside Toronto until approximately 1946 when he dispersed his stock because he lost his kennel man. He had a great influence on such kennels as "Phemister" and "Rhosenji" as Dr. Richmond's puppies became some of their foundation stock.

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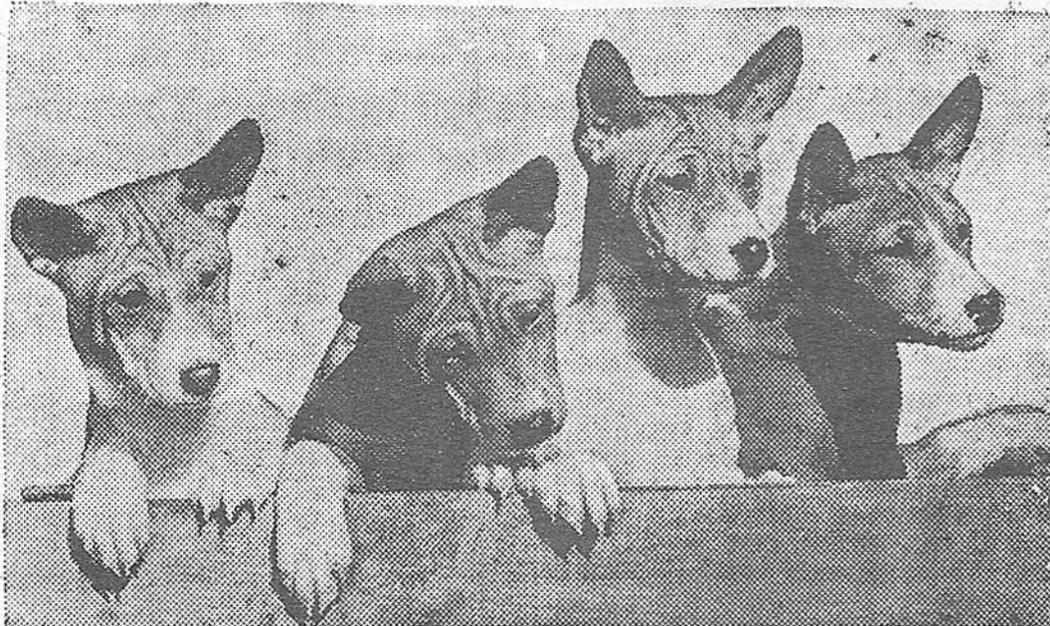
Kwillo's pedigree:

Elayfu
Bungwa of Blean (Imported to GB from Belgian Congo)
Mabe
Sire: Kobbi of the Congo
Bachwa of Blean (from Belgian Congo imports Bongo of Blean x Bereke of Blean)
Kasui of the Congo
Bokoto of Blean (Imported to GB from Belgian Congo)

Can. Ch. Kwillo of the Congo

N'Joku
Bongo of Blean (Imported to GB from Belgian Congo)
Tisandu
Dam: K'Impi (of the Congo)
Kikongo
Bereke of Blean (Imported to GB from Belgian Congo)
Mutani

The Newspaper cutting below appeared about the Basenjis appearing at Morris and Essex show in 1941:



Barkless Basenji puppies, owned by Dr. A. R. B. Richmond of Toronto, being shown in this country for the first time at Morris and Essex today.