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**Basenji Club of America, Inc.
National Specialty Calendar**

2009 - Aug. 31 – Sept. 6

Lexington, KY, Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa
Specialty Chair: Joe Tomey

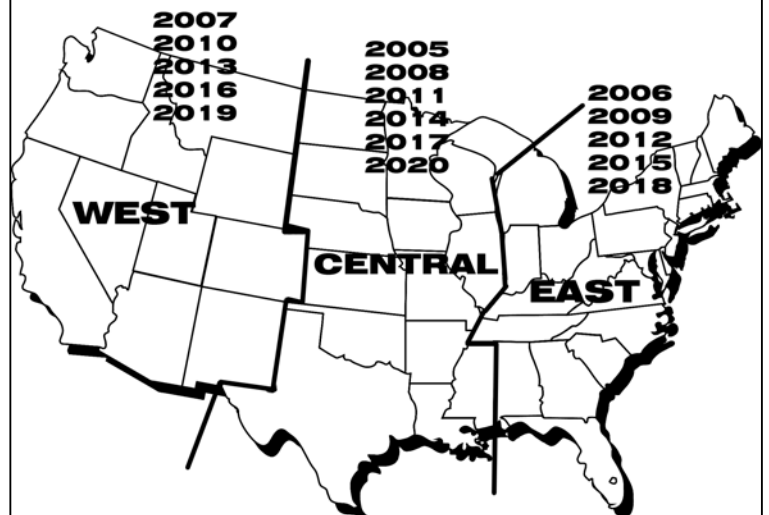
2010 – Aug. 31 – Sept. 5

Greeley, CO, Island Grove Regional Park
Specialty Chair: Pat Bird

2011 –

- All dates pending AKC approval

PERPETUAL SPECIALTY CALENDAR



SUBMITTING EXPENSES TO THE BCOA TREASURER

Please note per BCOA Ballot 2004 – 48, published in January 2005 Bulletin Board:

“BCOA members incurring expenses covering BCOA budgeted items during the fiscal year shall submit invoices to the Treasurer on or before March 1st of the next year to be eligible for reimbursement. Expenditures incurred by members that are not covered by the Budget shall require Board approval. These bills shall be submitted to the Treasurer on or before February 1st of the next year. Committee Chairs shall be responsible for notifying committee members to submit receipts for expenses within this time frame.”

BALLOT 2008 – 47: APPROVED

Postmarked December 30, 2008

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Effective January 9, 2009

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the November Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on accepting them as members of BCOA. * indicates Junior membership.

Valerie Rodger [Canada]; Cynthia & Jeffrey Mason [TX]; *Alex Wiedman [NJ]

Please send your vote admitting these persons to membership in BCOA.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell

BALLOT 2008 – 48: APPROVED

Postmarked December 30, 2008

SUBJECT: ROSTER EDITORS

Effective January 9, 2009

Please send your vote on approving Melody Falcone [NE] and Heather Ervin [MO] as editors of the 2009 BCOA Roster.

APPROVED: Auerbach; Bolté; Curby; Graves; Greenlee; Hesse; Jones; Pooley; Schreiber; Stargell



Petition to Open the AKC Studbook to Native Stock Basenjis

Starting on page 4 is a condensed version of the BCOA's petition to AKC. To make it reasonable it has been condensed from 18 pages to 6, by the removal of the cover page and the forms. You can access the entire petition with forms at.

<http://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Application/BasenjiStudbookPetition.pdf>



Petition to Open the AKC Studbook to Native Stock Basenjjs

Introduction:

The Basenji Club of America (BCOA) petitions the American Kennel Club to open the studbook to new native Basenji stock. The BCOA Native Stock Committee has put forth this petition for the BCOA.

Please find the following documents that you require for consideration of opening the studbook. The justification, the summary of concerns of the members of the BCOA, the procedure we would like to use to evaluate the dogs to insure the integrity of our breed and all documents that will be used in the process along with a sample of the ballot for the membership to vote on opening the studbook to the approved dogs.

We appreciate you taking the interest in this very unique matter. It is extremely rare to be able to increase your breed's viability through importation of individuals developed by natural selection from their original environment.

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A Finite Window of Opportunity: Justification for Reopening AKC Studbook for Basenjjs

This section prepared by Dr. Jo Thompson, March 2008

Dr. Jo Thompson, Director of the Lukuru Wildlife Research Project, is a renowned wildlife biologist who has lived and worked in the most remote regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for the past 17 years. Primarily she has been working to protect a unique great ape, the bonobo (Pan Paniscus) and other species of high conservation concern. In addition, working broadly across Africa, through her research she has been celebrated as a leader in field-based conservation biology, population biogeography, central African natural history, and the implications of population genetics. Continuing to work as one of only a very few conservationist who remained throughout a ten year war in the DRC, Dr. Thompson organized a pioneering effort to support conservation work in the DRC throughout the worst years of the war, led a one-of-its-kind mission of top Congolese conservationists to meet with Security Council member state ambassadors at the United Nations, worked tirelessly for biodiversity conservation in central Africa, pioneered a 'human-needs' approach to conservation through her intimate knowledge of the most primitive people, and continued field activities under the most challenging conditions. These contributions distinguished her as an internationally acclaimed real-world science-based conservationist.

Working in often times harrowing conditions and dangerous frontiers as a world expert on bonobos, she was awarded the prestigious title of 2004 Rolex Awards for Enterprise Associate Laureate. Dr. Thompson received her doctorate degree from the University of Oxford, England; Master's degree from the University of Colorado, Denver; and her Bachelor's

degree from Wittenberg University, Ohio. She is an active member of the IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group - Section on Great Apes, the Primate Society of Great Britain - Conservation Working Party, the United Nations Environment Programme – Great Ape Survival Project, and most recently co-edited and contributed to a seminal book on bonobo conservation. Dr. Thompson is a contributing author to several books regarding aspects of wild bonobo ecology, distribution and evolution. She has published multiple articles in peer-reviewed and popular wildlife and conservation journals and magazines. As a repeat recipient of funding from the National Geographic Society, Dr. Thompson's work was highlighted in the February 2008 issue of National Geographic Adventure magazine.

The Basenji is an ancient breed, evolved in its original form in response to the natural environmental conditions of Central African tropical forest habitat fulfilling the role as an integral part of the tribal hunt for wild animal meat. The Basenji is also a breed officially recognized by the American Kennel Club since 1943. As with many breeds managed in a closed registry, the modern Basenji has been bred from a few founders towards the ideal form defined in the breed Standard. Today, the modern (the portion no longer a part of the original source population) Basenji outside Central Africa stems from 26 original progenitors. As a result of this very small pool of founders, some more heavily represented than others, the modern population of the Basenji suffers from a high degree of inbreeding, indiscriminate loss of genetic diversity, and the lethal expression of several health-related recessive traits.

Looking to improve breed welfare and in an effort to expand the very limited modern gene pool already recognized as problematic, in 1990 the American Kennel Club proactively registered 14 native imported Basenjis from Zaire (now called the Democratic Republic of Congo) based on the assessment and recommendation of the Basenji Club of America. Of those 14, eight contributed much needed diversity to the gene pool rehabilitation effort and assisted in reducing the expression of deleterious genes in the moribund gene pool. Confirmation of the initial success of that singular endeavor can be seen through the comprehensive screening of the African stock registered in 1990 resulting in a high quantity of positive health findings and the addition of much needed gene diversity.

The inclusion made by AKC in 1990 was a good, short-term first step in the right direction but it was not sufficient for the long-term welfare of the breed. As a trial, it served the betterment of the breed and demonstrated that importing new African stock does directly reduce the degree of inbreeding and, more importantly, functions to reduce or even eliminate the expression of deadly health issues. But the limited number of dogs was inadequate to change the long-term course of the breed. Where do we go from here? The answer lies in reopening the AKC Studbook to approved native stock Basenjis. What situation would warrant such a step?

1. Advances in DNA testing in response to health concerns may result in further loss of gene diversity.

In the decades since the AKC opened the studbook, exciting advances have been achieved in response to breed related health issues. Most recently, a linked marker DNA test for Fanconi Syndrome was made provisionally available during the 2007 breeding season to be used as a predictive test to aid in determining the probability of a breeding dog carrying the gene for Fanconi Syndrome. Most recent reports (9 January 2008) reveal that 50.6 percent resulted in a probably clear finding, indicating that approximately half of the tested population is comprised of individuals that most likely inherited normal DNA from both parents. It is important to note that this datum may be biased towards a positive finding since the tested population includes those individuals in the breeding program from the 1990 registration and those individuals already selected by responsible breeders based on pedigree analysis that suggested pairings with the best probability of producing healthy offspring. In an effort to eventually eliminate the disease by selective breeding away from the harmful gene; this important health advance may result in the loss of a high percentage of the already limited gene pool. This limiting of the breeding pool in addition to the already existing deficiency of the modern Basenji population gene pool will accelerate the further reduction of genetic diversity in the breed resulting in other deleterious health concerns.

2. Overrepresentation of individuals in the breeding program, loss of some unique breeding lines due to attrition, and a clear strategy for effective population size.

Coming from such a limited effective population of founders, genetic material can be rapidly lost and continued genetic problems develop. It has been suggested that three of the original founder stud dogs represent over 95% of the Y chromosomes in the modern population gene pool. Compounding this, several breeding lines have died out in recent years, further limiting the genetic diversity of the modern Basenji. Sound population genetics suggests that an effective population size could require as many as 300 unrelated individuals in order to have a population large enough to maintain normal amounts of additive genes to retain 95 percent heterozygosity for 100 years. When the number of breeding individuals gets below critical levels the loss of genetic variation is very rapid. The number of contributing founders in a population must be large enough to carry and preserve genetic variation. Realistically in the current circumstances (see point 3), our strategy is to achieve a goal of 100 founders to infuse critical genetic vitality into the breed.

3. As development encroaches into the most isolated pockets of remaining primitive people in Africa, western breeds are being introduced into the pure Basenji source population.

The Basenji is fortunate in that it is a natural breed. At the moment there still exists a limited source population of indigenous dogs to draw from in Central Africa, which meet the breed standard and provide the full compliment of breed specific genetic variation for out crossing within the breed. But the moment is passing. Having worked and lived in the interior hinterland of the original Basenji's range for nearly 20 years, I have direct knowledge of the changing landscape as it impacts the potential to obtain pure Basenjis. Native to the Congo Basin forest block corresponding to the watershed of the

Congo River, Basenjis can still be found in this geographic region. Due to dramatic moves to develop the remote forests of the Congo Basin, the small window of opportunity is quickly closing.

The historic range of the Basenji is that part of Africa where tropical forest exists. This region, and concurrently the primitive provenance of pure Basenjis, is one of the world's most threatened ecosystems as we move rapidly into a new era of exploitation and opening up the Congo Basin. The Basenji coexists with forest-dependent people isolated through time away from contact with Westerners. First-time commercial harvest of pristine ancient forests, mining operations, industrial agricultural interests, and widespread civil strife has resulted in displaced forest dwellers. Huge tracts of the forest are being opened up by logging companies with other extractive industries following in their wake into previously inaccessible areas. Unmanaged road-building in the context of a country riddled by pervasive corruption and poor governance increases pressure on forest-dwelling people to maintain their isolation. Progressing stability in the region is increasing development, stimulating economic growth, and exacerbating environmental exploitation for revenue. All economic development indicators reported in 2007 confirm that Central African economies are growing at an accelerated rate. Relevant to access and isolation of pure Basenji groups; infrastructure, human development, agriculture, rural development, migration, and human population growth are some of the indicators of the fast approaching Western contact. In regions where Europeans and Westerners have brought their dogs, a great deal of hybridization has resulted and diluted the source gene pool. This tsunami of change emphasizes the urgency with which we need to access these isolated locations and save pure Basenjis at the source to replenish the gene pool of the modern breed outside Central Africa.

4. *As the loss of forest animals consumed by people as the principal source of meat escalates, the demand for dog meat increases in those primitive cultures of isolated people who still maintain true Basenjis.*

Many people of the Congo Basin choose to eat the flesh of "man's best friend" making dog meat very popular. In some locations dog meat is restricted to members of royal families. In other locations, according to custom, only men have the right to eat meat this "sacred." Many primitive villages, where pure Basenjis may still be found, have not been influenced by Western mentality about this tradition and this presents yet another threat to the potential for finding Basenjis at the source.

In Summary

As a breed club, part of our strategy is to build genetic variability by increasing the effective population size through recruitment of additional founders from the source population to be included in the AKC registry and to encourage breeding to these dogs. The introduction of native stock is designed to expand the gene pool, increasing options for breeders looking to produce healthy Basenjis and to ensure the longevity of a sound breed through gene diversity. Owing to the success of the 1990 registration of native stock and considering the combined threats discussed above, the solution is to provide a needed influx of breed appropriate new genes. It is our desire to ultimately have a five-year window of opportunity to import native stock. Armed with the knowledge of a successful previous effort and the potential for greater success during an essentially finite window of opportunity, the BCOA can easily justify the critical need to reopen the AKC studbook for the long-term well-being of the breed.

Summary of BCOA Members' Concerns about Opening the Stud Book

The common theme of these concerns is a desire on the membership's part to be informed about the process so they can make informed decisions about the impact any new imports will have on the breed. The Native Stock Committee is working to keep the membership informed about the process not only by creating a web site but also through quarterly updates available through the club magazine, *The Official Bulletin of the BCOA*.

1. *The BCOA members want to have a voice in what dogs are allowed into the AKC studbook. In 1990 when the studbook for Basenjis was opened to include new native stock the members voted in favor of opening the studbook but were disappointed that they had no say in which dogs were allowed in.*

To address this, the Native Stock Committee would like to group the dogs already evaluated and approved by the BCOA Board of Directors by area from which they were imported. This will be presented to the membership by way of a ballot that asks the membership to take a vote on opening the studbook for each import area of already approved dogs. Thus they will know which dogs will be included in the studbook. This is of course contingent on AKC approval, as this would be a change in the process.

2. *The BCOA membership is concerned that any African dog considered for admittance by BCOA shows reasonable evidence they are, in fact Basenjis and not mixed breed pariahs. Members are worried most about the lack of Basenji type in some of the imports being seen at recent national specialties.*

To address this, the Native Stock Committee proposes a procedure that will have three pre-qualified individuals involved: an AKC approved Basenji judge, an AKC approved Basenji-breeder judge and a breeder with at least 15 years in the breed. These individuals will evaluate the dogs using a "Guide for Evaluators" that the Native Stock Committee is preparing. The Guide will help the evaluator to seek out the dogs that most represent the Basenji breed. The dogs will be rated from an excellent individual to an unacceptable individual. Any dog that receives a "Fair" rating or above will be presented to the BCOA Board of Directors for their approval for the dog to go forward to the members for a vote by area of importation. Grouping by area of importation will allow the members to decide if this group displays consistency amongst themselves within the collection area.

3. *Some BCOA members have asked that three generations be bred before allowing any dogs to be accepted into the studbook.*

This would undermine the purpose of opening the studbooks by diluting the genetic contribution of each of the new founders we seek to include. Another concern is with all the new spay/neuter laws it will be next to impossible to keep unregistered dogs in the numbers needed for three generations of unregistered dogs to get to the actual dog eligible for registration.

4. *Another concern that BCOA members have voiced is that even if the new imports are pure Basenjis, they may have nothing of quality to offer the breed as a whole. This concern is both about conformation and health.*

The prior imports have had an effect on the diversity we seek. Every dog descended strictly from the 1987/88 Avongara imports, that have been tested thus far using the Linked Marker Test for Fanconi syndrome, has tested Probably Clear/Normal and none have produced a PRA affected at this time. While many dogs with the 1987/88 Avongara prefix have produced champions, the dog Avongara Imba Tena (100% direct Avongara descendant) has sired 18 champion offspring and the imported, foundation stock bitch Avongara N'Gondi produced 5 champion offspring. These accomplishments have them on the breed's Stud Dog Honor Roll and Brood Bitch Honor Roll.

5. *Another concern voiced amongst the BCOA membership is access to information about the imports. They want to be able to see pictures of the dogs and more importantly want health testing for the current health issues in the breed performed and made publicly available prior to their being considered for admission to the studbook.*

The committee is currently addressing these concerns by publishing a website open to all new imports. After applications have been received the website will show each of the submitted imports with data from their applications and evaluations. Finally the website will evolve to show only those who the Board has approved for balloting by the membership. The website is at <http://www.basenji.org/> under Native Stock. The application for each import will include a request for health testing of the following OFA tracked conditions: CERF, Hips, Patella, Fanconi Marker Test, Hemolytic Anemia Test and Thyroid Test. We will require the Fanconi Marker test and Hemolytic Anemia test and strongly advise all other tests possible at time of application.

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING NATIVE STOCK

Introduction:

The evaluation procedures developed for the native imported dogs with regard to membership concerns have these highlights:

There will be three pre-qualified evaluators who are judges and/or long-time breeders doing hands-on evaluations of the imported dogs with regard to whether they are Basenjis and the quality level of each individual. The imports will be graded by the evaluators from Excellent to Unacceptable. Any dog receiving a Fair or above rating will be presented to the BCOA Board for their approval. Any dog getting a positive majority vote by the BCOA Board will be put on a general membership ballot by area of importation.

Please note that in the procedure we are asking for the required membership vote of 2/3 in favor to open the studbook after the evaluations by area of importation instead of before as you request in the AKC procedure. The reason we are asking is that the members have shown concern over some of the dogs imported from Africa not being Basenjis. We have also developed the evaluations to be much more stringent to answer the same concern of the membership. We would appreciate your feedback on this subject as to AKC's intent for requiring the members to vote on opening the studbook with the Club's Board approving the individual dogs. This might help us decide if we should have the general membership evaluate the dogs individually which is what some members indicated they preferred; have them vote on the groups of evaluated dogs by import area, or have the membership vote to simply open the studbook with the BCOA Board determining which of the evaluated dogs would be allowed to apply for registration as foundation stock.

BCOA is also requesting that the AKC studbook remain open for BCOA approved native stock Basenjis for a period of five (5) years. The five-year window will allow us the greatest opportunity to maximize the number of dogs imported from Africa before we no longer have access to this dwindling resource.

Requirements:

Applicant must be at least one year old at time of evaluations.

Applicant must be imported after 1990 directly from Africa or in utero from Africa.

Process:

Step 1

- All necessary forms can be found on the BCOA web site: <http://www.Basenji.org>. Additionally one can write to Native Stock Committee Chair: Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St, North Attleboro, MA 02760, to obtain printed copies of all forms.
- Print Application for "Submitting Native Stock."

Step 2

- The person submitting an application is responsible for setting up, and keeping appointments with evaluators. The Chair of the Native Stock Committee must be notified of evaluator selections for each dog when the application is sent in. Applications are due by November 1, 2008.
- Evaluations will be done in person by three pre-qualified AKC judges and breeders. There will be no additional charge to you for the work of the Evaluator but you must work with the Evaluator to find a mutually workable time and place for evaluations. We will provide a list of approved evaluators to choose from.
- Please note: One evaluator must be chosen from each category listed below.

Evaluator Categories:

- AKC Judge: approved by AKC to judge Basenjis,
 - AKC Basenji-Breeder Judge: is or has been a Basenji breeder and is approved by AKC to judge Basenjis,
 - Long-Time Basenji Breeder: has bred Basenjis for 15+ years, bred 7 litters with 5 champions and is a member in good standing with BCOA.
- The evaluators will evaluate each applicant using the "Guide for Native Stock Evaluators" as posted on the BCOA web site: <http://www.basenji.org>. All dogs receiving an evaluation rating of Fair, or above, will be presented to the BCOA Board for voting.

Step 3

- Photographs: The required 3 photographs must be in color and show full body (from ears to feet): 1) front on, 2) left side and 3) right side. Size: no smaller than 5" x 7" and no bigger than 8" X 10". These are the photos as required by AKC and they will be used when the dogs are to be registered. There will be NO exceptions regarding the photos.
- Similar pictures of all offspring (if applicable) must be included with the application when it is submitted.
- Some comments on photos: The photos may be taken indoors or outdoors. The dog may be free standing or show stacked. The dog can be standing on any surface or a table. At least one of the photos should be on a hard surface so that the coloring on all the feet is shown. Do not cut off feet or ears in the photos.

Step 4

- Send in filled out application form for dog(s) and the 3 required photos of each dog. Evaluator appointments will be part of the form so be sure to have the appointments made. Include the nonrefundable \$50 fee (check or money order) made payable to BCOA and mail to Native Stock Committee Chair, Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St., North Attleboro, MA 02760. Send application and photos in as early as possible. The final date for applications and photos is November 1, 2008.

Step 5

- Print out forms "Form for Native Stock Evaluators" and "Guide for Native Stock Evaluators" for evaluators to use. The forms can be found on the BCOA web site <http://www.basenji.org>. You must have these with you when you go for your evaluation appointments.
- The person submitting an application is responsible for setting up and keeping appointments with evaluators.
- Proceed with the evaluation appointments.

Step 6

- Collect and submit the 3 completed Evaluator Forms to Native Stock Committee Chair: Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St., North Attleboro, MA 02760.
- Evaluator forms must be in the hands of the Chair by December 15, 2008 to be part of the year's submission to AKC.

Step 7

- The Native Stock Chair will send completed applications with photos and evaluations to the BCOA Board of Directors. The application fees (checks or money orders) will be forwarded to the BCOA Treasurer.

Step 8

- The Board will vote on each application individually, using the photographs and evaluator's comments. Note: If an applicant fails to make it to the ballot they will have the option to go through Step 1 through Step 7 one additional time in the following year.

- The Native Stock Committee, via an official BCOA Ballot, will present all applicants who receive a majority vote of Pass by eligible Board members to the membership at large to be voted on.
- To allow BCOA membership to make informed decisions, photographs of each applicant being voted on along with the Evaluators' scores will be published in the *BCOA Bulletin* before the voting date. The BCOA web site <http://www.Basenji.org> will have the same information as well as the evaluators' comments and application information before the date for voting.
- Each Board approved applicant will be grouped by area of import for ease of voting. The ballot layout appears on page 17 of this document.

Step 9

- Any group getting a 2/3rd vote of "Approve" by the voting membership, and AKC approves the Native Stock Committee's procedures for inclusion, the studbook will be open to the approved native Imports and their eligible progeny.

Step 10

- The BCOA would like to follow this exact process once per year for the next five (5) years; the time necessary to import the invaluable native stock needed to maximize genetic diversity before modernization enters remote areas where potential stock is located. After five years the studbook will once again be closed.

GUIDE FOR NATIVE STOCK EVALUATORS

The goal of registering recently imported African native stock is to increase genetic diversity while maintaining the integrity of our breed.

In order to increase the diversity of our current breeding population the BCOA is looking for native dogs that typify the breed's standard; the overall impression that these are Basenjis. These dogs do not necessarily have to be show quality Basenjis bearing in mind they are a product of natural selection and viability. Indigenous people do not breed Basenjis according to any rules or standard, nor is there proper containment of bitches in season. The alpha dog in any remote village area is the one who gets the job done.

Being naturally aloof means some of the applicants may not be easily examined, this is to be expected and not penalized in their evaluations. Consistent with AKC rules & regulations, one should not accept a dog that attempts to attack during an examination.

Import applicants will be rated in person into the following categories with consideration of the dog standing and moving by three independent evaluators. The examination procedure should be similar to what is done in the show ring. A numerical value has been assigned to each of the six categories, which allows for averaging of the three evaluations.

Dogs receiving an average rating of Fair (2) and above will be presented to the BCOA Board for further consideration.

Evaluation Categories:

Excellent (5): Applicant is of sufficient quality for the show ring and could be competitive. Applicant displays typical features of the breed with some exceptional features.

Very Good (4): Applicant may have obvious faults but overall there is no doubt the applicant is a Basenji. The individual might not be very competitive in the show ring but would not look entirely out of place. Applicant displays typical features of the breed.

Good (3): Applicant may have a number of obvious faults but overall there is no doubt the applicant is a Basenji. Fault examples might be: the applicant is over or under size, have the wrong proportions, unusual coloration and/or have a loose tail curl.

Fair (2): Applicant is a Basenji but of lesser quality than the three previous ratings. The applicant might have multiple faults but still has something to offer the breed. For example, the applicant could have: a superior front assembly, outstanding movement, proper bone or exemplary head as well as the desired genetic diversity.

Poor (1): Applicant may have some similarities to a Basenji but is not a Basenji. Example: A silhouette would remind you of a pariah type animal but would not remind you of a Basenji.

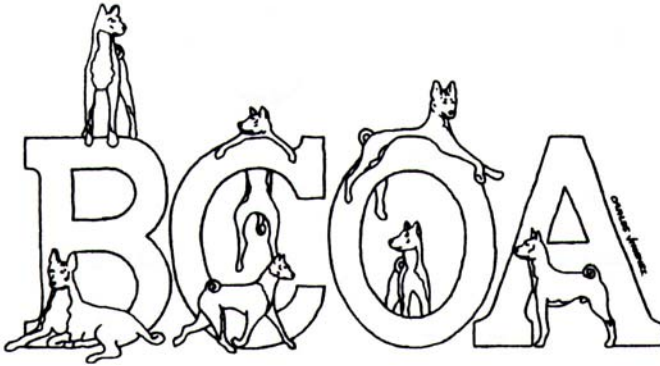
Unacceptable (0): Applicant bears no resemblance to a Basenji.

There will be a place for comments from each evaluator on the application. The evaluator's comments will be available for the BCOA membership to read.

We appreciate your participation in this very important process to give our breed greater gene diversity for the future.

"Guide for Native Stock Evaluators" for descriptions of evaluation categories.

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