



## Native Stock Committee

August 2008

Dear Long-Time Basenji Breeder,

The BCOA is taking advantage of the Basenji breed's unique opportunity to build genetic variability by increasing effective population size through recruitment of additional founders from the source population to be included in the AKC registry. The introduction of native stock is designed to expand the gene pool, increasing options for breeders looking to produce healthy Basenjies and to ensure the longevity of a sound breed through gene diversity. The BCOA Petition asking for the opening of the AKC studbook to native stock has been approved and now we can proceed with evaluation, acceptance and registration of foundation stock.

There have been several importations of native stock over the past few years. You can see photos of the dogs imported at <http://www.basenji.org> and clicking on the link to Native Stock. There are a total of 25-30 African imports located around the country that may apply to become registered. The Native Stock committee has developed a procedure for evaluation of these dogs before they are considered for AKC registration as foundation stock. One step in the acceptance procedure involves critiques by three separate qualified evaluators. Each evaluator would be unlikely to see more than 2 or 3 individual dogs. It is important for involved evaluators to keep an open mind when evaluating native stock. The BCOA is not looking necessarily for show winners; the BCOA's goal is to increase gene diversity for long-term longevity of our breed.

There will be a list of qualified pre-approved Longtime Basenji Breeders who have been breeding for 15+ years (first litter in 1993 or before) with a minimum of 7 litters and at least 5 champions produced from these litters. This will give us the perspective and knowledge of many years of experience. We will have a list of suitable, willing breeders from around the country to aid owners and importers in obtaining their evaluations. It will be the responsibility of the owner or importer to make and keep appointments with the evaluators. The owner or importer will work with the evaluators to find a mutually convenient time to evaluate their dog, either at a local show or at some other prearranged venue. There will be no compensation for the evaluator's time. We will provide a guide for the evaluators to use to evaluate the dogs. The critiques will be a permanent part of the approval process and all evaluators' ratings will be published in *The Official Bulletin of the Basenji Club of America*. Both ratings and comments will be on the BCOA website.

At this time we are looking for longtime Basenji breeders who meet the criteria listed above. If you feel you meet these criteria, support the BCOA's efforts to broaden the gene pool by allowing the registration of screened native foundation stock and are interested in assisting with this process, we ask that you please let us know by September 7, 2008. Contact details are on the following page. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chair Pam Geoffroy or Co-Chair Damara Bolte' or committee member Michael Work. The sooner we are notified, the sooner we can begin; we look forward to your participation. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela A. Geoffroy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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### Contact Information for Accepting Evaluator

It is up to you to decide how you want to be contacted to arrange evaluations.  
Please supply the information you want used for contact.

Evaluator's Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone(s):

It would aid in the expedition of this lengthy process if you could return this contact sheet to the Committee no later than September 7, 2008. It can be handed directly to Pam, Damara or Mike or attached to an email to:

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or via regular mail to:

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