



# Procedures for Submitting Native Stock

## Introduction:

The evaluations and voting are stringent to answer the concerns of the membership about the previous opening of the Studbook. The evaluation procedures developed for the native imported dogs 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." All applications and evaluations will be published.

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. A two-thirds vote in favor will be required before the dogs are submitted to AKC.

The AKC agreed to allow the studbook to 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. The Studbook opening is from January 1, 2008 through 31 December, 2013.

## 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 December 1.

- 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. See: Photo Submissions for Native Stock Applications. 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.
- Photo requirements are specific: See our prepared webpage for all guidelines and requirements for the 3 photos to be prepared to accompany your application. The webpage address is: <http://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Application/Photos.htm>.

**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 December 1.

**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 31 to be part of the 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.

### **Step 9**

- All individuals in each group getting a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of "Approve" by the voting membership will be submitted to the AKC to be registered as Foundation Stock.

### **Step 10**

- The BCOA will follow this process once per year for five (5) years. After December 31, 2013 the Studbook will once again be closed.