

A Report to BCOA Members: *Progress of the Native Stock Committee*

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Fellow Members of the BCOA,

In 2007 the Native Stock Committee began to take shape. Our committee communicated informally with the AKC about opening the Studbook.

The AKC has provided us with a set of procedures, which our committee has begun to work on. These procedures are included at the end of this report.

Our committee has created timelines for this process which we hope you agree are measured and reasonable. We believe that the entire process must not only be fair but also be as clear and visible as we are able to make it.

The committee takes its responsibility to be fair and even-handed very seriously. Though committee members are committed to developing the best process we can, it is important to keep in mind the following points: the AKC decides whether the process is acceptable to them; the BCOA Board decides, based on objective criteria, which dogs are worthy of registration and you, the members, decide whether you want the Stud Book to be opened to those dogs.

In the 1st quarter of 2008 the Native Stock Committee will perform the following four tasks:

1. Put together a rigorous application process;
2. Work on an evaluation process that protects the integrity of the basenji breed;
3. Review age requirements to insure that dogs are at the proper age of maturity prior to application; and
4. Develop a web site for viewing all imported dogs that are willing to participate. The target date to have our website up and running is April 1st 2008. Dogs will be listed in alphabetical order. Photos will include a simple front shot and both sides with name and point of origin. Later in the process, we will note who submitted an application to the Board for evaluation and then, some time after that, we will note which dogs the Board has approved or disapproved for the members' vote.

In the 2nd quarter, we hope to finalize and submit for AKC approval the procedures for the application process and the evaluation process that will be used by the BCOA Board.

In the 3rd quarter, we will publish and publicize the BCOA procedures for submitting and approving dogs.

In the 4th quarter, we will submit dogs' applications and all supporting documentation for BCOA Board evaluation.

In the 1st quarter of 2009 the membership will vote on opening the studbook for the approved dogs.

And in the 2nd quarter of 2009, if members approve - and the AKC approves the whole process - then and only then will dogs be registered.

AKC Procedures

The Request

When the Board of a breed Parent Club wishes to have the AKC studbook for its breed opened or closed, a formal request must be sent in writing to the AKC Executive Secretary. It must include:

- A. A justification; and the Parent Club Board's assessment as to whether the need is desirable, important or critical for the welfare of the breed.
- B. A summary of any arguments against the proposal of which the club is aware.
- C. A sample of a ballot the club would propose to use and an explanation of the procedure the club intends to use in conducting a vote of its members.

The Process

The request from the Board of the Parent Club is reviewed by the AKC Board. If, in the opinion of the AKC Board it appears to have merit, the Parent Club will be advised to proceed with a ballot of its entire membership. Following said ballot, the club must submit the following to the AKC Executive Secretary:

- A. The results of the ballot. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of those voting would be required for the AKC to consider the request.
- B. A certification that the vote followed the procedures proposed by the club when the original request was made.

An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the club's membership does not bind the AKC Board to acceptance of the club proposal as the ultimate responsibility for the registry does rest with the AKC Board.

Important note: The AKC does not vote on the individual dogs.

Native Stock Committee

Chair: Pamela Geoffroy

Co-Chair: Damara Bolté

Members:

- Tonda Curry
- Andrew Sawler
- Linda Siekert
- Dr. Jo Thompson
- Lisa Voss
- Michael Work
- Susan Coe (website)