

2017 BCOA BALLOTS

**BALLOT 2017 – 01 APPROVED**  
**BCOA Board**

**SUBJECT: 2017 Administrative Policy**

Effective Date: January 9, 2017

Please indicate your vote on the 2017 Administrative Policy for the BCOA Board.

1. Motions must, in all cases, be presented to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary. Motions must be seconded, to initialize an action. The President or Secretary shall circulate all motions, which have been seconded, to the Board for discussion and for a vote, which may be conducted by ballot.
2. Ballots may be submitted by USPS, Fax, or Electronic Message and returned by any of the following: USPS, Fax, or Electronic Message. A signature is required, Electronic Messages will be considered signed if returned by the member utilizing an electronic reply and which includes the member's name with the vote.
3. Unless otherwise indicated on the ballot, all Board ballots must be in the hands of the President and Secretary within seven (7) days of the ballot issuance date, which will be noted on all ballots. Ballots sent by USPS shall be provided an additional three (3) days for delivery.
4. Board members consent that actions may be taken outside of a meeting. Such actions shall specify the action taken, and will be distributed to all Board members, by USPS, Fax, or Electronic Message. Action is approved when signed by the number of directors necessary to take that action at a meeting at which all of the directors are present and voting. The approval must state the date of each director's signature. Prompt notice of the taking of an action by directors without a meeting by less than unanimous written approval shall be given to each director who did not approve in writing to the action.
5. Board members shall vote: "APPROVE," or "DISAPPROVE." Actions require a simple majority of the members present at a meeting or of all members for an action conducted outside of a meeting to pass, except where otherwise specified in the Bylaws. Abstentions (a record of not voting) shall not be included in the ballot count.
6. Board members who recuse themselves from an action will be considered as not in attendance for that action. Quorum and the required majority to pass an action will be adjusted accordingly.
7. The President will cast a ballot only in the case of a tie.
8. Matters under review or discussion by the Board and ballots in circulation may be discussed among any or all BCOA members, but such discussion shall not appear in public forum of any sort, electronic or other. Occasionally non-members with pertinent information and/or experience may be included in discussion of a specific ballot.

9. During electronic communication, the subject line should be pertinent to the thread of conversation. If the subject matter deviates from the original content, the subject line shall be changed.

10. Respect and courtesy are essential in discussing club business. Personal comments should be taken to a private conversation between those individuals.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-02 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: BHE Board of Directors for 2017**

Effective: January 9, 2017

Please indicate your vote to name the 2017 Basenji Club of America, Inc. Officers and Board of Directors as the 2017 Basenji Health Endowment Officers and Board of Directors, effective January 9, 2017 with term to end on December 31, 2017.

President – Bryan Gregory; Vice President – LeeBeth Cranmer; Secretary – Janet Ketz; Treasurer – Laura Mae Hesse  
Board - Jon Curby, Karen Hutchison, Suzanne La Croix, Pat Marshall, Barb Reisinger, Stella Sapios, Mike Work

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-03 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: New Member**

Effective: January 9, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following person has applied for membership in BCOA, and her name, along with a call for comments, was published in the December 2016 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing her to membership in BCOA.

Jennifer Bridges [CA]

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-04 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: BCOA Gifts Policy**

Postmarked: January 24, 2017

Effective: January 31, 2017

The main purpose of the gift policy is to assist the BCOA in evaluating potential gifts to verify they are consistent with the club's objectives/mission. The Policy will also record donors, gifts, delivery of items and give ownership of the donated item(s) to BCOA. BCOA will not accept gifts without a Gift-in-Kind Contribution Form being submitted with any gifts to the club.

Please indicate your vote on the BCOA Gift Policy.

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison-Comment: *[Having a gift policy is a good practice that will guide the BCOA in its acceptance of gifts that will be beneficial to the Club, in addition to clearly stating and managing the expectations of the donor.]*, Ketz, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

### **Basenji Club of America (BCOA) Gift's Policy**

The Basenji Club of America (BCOA) will accept gifts in accordance with the objectives of the Club. The Club is not obligated to accept any gift that does not meet those objectives.

Delivery and expense of the delivery of gifts are the responsibility of the donor, unless other arrangements have been made with the BCOA Board of Directors.

Once a gift is accepted, it becomes the sole property of the BCOA. The BCOA reserves the right to decide upon the disposition of all gifts received.

#### **Additionally:**

- The value of a gift is to be determined by the donor. The BCOA encourages the donor to consider, for their own interest, obtaining an appraisal of the gift's fair market value. The valuation and/or appraisal should be made prior to the Basenji Club of America's acceptance of the gift.
- An In-Kind Contribution Form should be completed by the donor and returned to the BCOA for the Club's records.
- Individuals seeking to purchase a gift in memory of a person or event are asked that you work with the BCOA Board of Directors to select a gift that is appropriate to the needs of the Club. The BCOA objectives govern the inclusion of such material in the collection.
- Placement and use of all gifts are at the discretion of the BCOA.
- Monetary donations are welcomed.

#### **We DO NOT typically accept:**

- Items in poor physical condition (marked, damaged, or mutilated)
- Items with mold
- Material that requires limitations as a condition of the gift
- Material that requires updating or other ongoing commitments of maintenance

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

By signing, I verify that I have read and agree with the Basenji Club of America Gift's Policy.

Please list gift(s) with its fair estimated value assigned by the donor. By law, the Basenji Club of America cannot determine the value of your gift(s).

Item Description	Fair Market Value
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Please send electronically or via ground mail to the current BCOA Treasurer as noted in the current year's BCOA Directory.

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Gifts were received by BCOA member \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BALLOT 2017-05 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: 3 Year Contract  
with Videographer for National Specialty  
Shows in 2017, 2018 & 2019**

Effective February 13, 2017

Please indicate your vote on approving the three-year contract with videographer Gary Weitz/Purebred Studios to record, edit, and supply copies of the conformation classes, Sweepstakes classes and the African Stock Exhibition per the contract at the BCOA National Specialties - September 9-14, 2017 in Gray Summit; MO; October 15-21, 2018 in Frankenmuth, MI; and November 11-14, 2019 in Tucson AZ. Reservation Fee is \$100 per year for a total of \$300.

Approved: Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work  
Not in attendance: Cranmer

**BALLOT 2017-06APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: Petition to investigate extending  
the Basenji Stud Book Opening**

Effective: March 13, 2017

The following petition was received from James Johannes by the BCOA Secretary on February 6, 2017.

**Petition to investigate extending the Basenji Stud Book Opening**

We request the BCOA Board investigate having an extension to the opening of the Basenji Stud Book past the current closing date of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and possible modifications to the procedures, such as an indefinite open Stud Book. Any resulting changes shall be put forth to the BCOA General Membership for a 2/3 vote.

Signers listed below. Signatures on file with the BCOA Secretary.

1. Jennie Behles
2. Paul Bowlus-Root

3. William John Bowlus-  
Root
4. Katie Campbell
5. Mary Ellen Chaffin
6. Anita Choluwa
7. Linda Daves Siekert
8. Doreen Duffin
9. Olga Evelyn
10. Jeffery Falkner
11. Glenn Fukuma
12. Sharron Hurlbut
13. R. Lynn Jackson
14. James Johannes
15. Jane Johnson
16. Marianne Klinkowski
17. Judith Lange
18. Carrie Lewis
19. Sandy McArthur
20. Lawrence Nelson
21. Maria Nelson Cogell
22. Eunice Ockerman
23. Brenda Phillips
24. Jordan Reed
25. Barb Reisinger
26. Jared Reisinger
27. Lisa Saban
28. Rand Siekert
29. Sarah Smith-Falkner
30. Rebecca Stuart
31. Alyce Sumita
32. Ann Sobel
33. Lawrence Sobel
34. Michael Work

BCOA Bylaws

**ARTICLE II - MEETINGS**

**SECTION 5. BOARD BUSINESS.** Board business can be held in different ways, all of which must be in accordance with State Laws. Business items may be presented for Board action by:

(b) Written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20 members in good standing. Items presented by such petition shall be voted upon by the Board within six weeks of the date the petition was received by the Secretary. The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail through the Secretary or by phone ballot through the Secretary and/or the President. The quorum shall be a majority of the Board. Current reports of Board action shall be forwarded within ten days of Board vote by the Secretary to the Editors of the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter for immediate publication.

Please indicate your vote on the **Petition to investigate extending the Basenji Stud Book Opening** as BCOA business and, if approved, to send the petition to the Native Stock Stud Book Committee, Chair - Pam Geoffroy, with the following directives:

1. To investigate the possibility of extending the stud book with the AKC, and report the findings to the Board.
2. In the event the AKC will consider an extension of the open stud book, solicit membership input, including possible changes to the procedures.
3. Draft a proposal to the AKC, including procedures, to be reviewed by the Board.
4. The Board approved proposal and procedures will be submitted to the membership for approval, by ballot, prior to being submitted to the AKC. A 2/3 approval of the membership is required.

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison – Comment: *As per BCOA procedure, I approve to open this discussion to the members of the club to move forward in providing their decision on this subject.*, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-07 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: New Members**

Effective: March 13, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following people have applied for membership in BCOA, and their name and information, along with a call for comments, was published in the February 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Dianne Donase [CT], Dwayne Lazore & Graeme Burdon [NY], Marilyn Leighton [CA], Steve & Randee Mathers [TX], Elizabeth Osborne [FL], Orestes Rios & Silvio Matos [FL] and Andrea Villerot & Andrew Williston [MI].

Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Work

**BALLOT 2017-08 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: 2019 National Specialty**

Effective: March 13, 2017

A National Specialty Western Region proposal was received for the 2019 National Specialty. The proposal was submitted by Tari Parish, on behalf of the Basenji Fanciers of the Southwest previously known as Basenji Fanciers of Greater Phoenix. Jennie Behles will be chairman. Linda Siekert will be the Treasurer for the Specialty. The event will be held at the Pima County Fairgrounds, 11300 S.

Houghton Rd. Tucson, AZ 85747. [www.pimacountyfair.com/](http://www.pimacountyfair.com/). Conformation would be scheduled during the period\* of Sunday, November 11 thru Wednesday, November 14, 2019.

These dates will place the BCOA National Specialty in-between 2 Clusters held in the Tucson area, which have several accompanying specialties. The Madera Canyon Kennel Club, two All-Breed shows on November 9 and 10, and the Working Dog Club of Arizona, November 15 followed by four all breed shows, Tucson Kennel Club / Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club, November 16, 17, 18, and 19. In addition, the cluster is followed by four additional All-Breed shows, Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association / Arrowhead Kennel Club shows, November 23, 24, 25 and 26 in Chandler AZ. All events pending AKC approval.

Please indicate your vote on the 2019 National Specialty Proposal including the noted departure for this National from the National Specialty Procedure.

\*Based on the current BCOA National Specialty procedure:

II. Host and Site Proposals; 2 Proposal Elements; c) Dates of the national specialty. *A national specialty must take place between July 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30, shall be at least five consecutive days and utilize a full weekend.*

APPROVE: Cranmer: Comment--I am not in favor of a National not utilizing a full weekend; however, as a one-time exception to National Specialty Procedure, I vote to approve this ballot., Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-09**

**SUBJECT: New Members**

Effective: April 10, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following people have applied for membership in BCOA, and their name and information, along with a call for comments, was published in the March 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Linda Karanewsky [CA], Carlos Lacayo & Monica Camafreita [NY] and Pam Lowrey [IL].

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**Ballot 2017-10 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: 2017 Annual BCOA Membership Meeting**

Postmarked: April 26, 2017

Effective: May 3, 2017, 2016

Please indicate your vote on the 2017 BCOA Annual Membership Meeting.

The BCOA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Purina Farms Event Center, 200 Checkerboard Dr, Gray Summit, MO 63039. The room location and exact time are to be determined. The meeting will follow the African Stock Exhibition in late afternoon or early evening.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-11 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: New/Reinstated Members**

Effective: May 7, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.



The following people have applied for new membership or reinstated membership in BCOA, and their name and information, along with a call for comments, was published in the April 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

New Members: Brenda Cassell [TX], Lori Collins with Junior member Nicole Collins [VA], Martha-Ann Davis [AZ], Judith Glass [TX], Stacy LeBlanc [TX], Nancy & Ronnie Scott [FL], Brian & Kelly Trzeciak with Junior members Jack & Cole Trzeciak [PA].

Reinstated Members: Natalie Culver [CT], Diana Holden [FL], Sylvia Howard [TX], Patricia Kushnir [TX], Karen Jones [CA], Faye & Dean Makishima [IN], Elizabeth Reed [NH], Anita White [TX].

APPROVE: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**Ballot 2017-12 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: 2017 Annual BCOA Meeting  
Parliamentarian**

Effective; May 8, 2017

Please indicate your vote on the 2017 BCOA annual membership meeting Parliamentarian.

Chris Dickey

Professional Registered Parliamentarian

[www.parliamentarian-chris-dickey.com](http://www.parliamentarian-chris-dickey.com)

Parliamentarian Expenses: Fees are \$100.00 per hour with a \$350.00 minimum.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-13 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: New/Reinstated Members**

Effective: June 12, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following people have applied for new membership or reinstated membership in BCOA, and their name and information, along with a call for comments, was published in the May 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

New Members: Steve Wicklund [WA] and Lee & Suzanne Pintar [WA].

Reinstated Members: Betty Swandener [WA].

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, Marshall, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017 – 14 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: New Member**

Effective Date: July 12, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following people have applied for membership in BCOA, and their name and information, along with a call for comments, was published in the May 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

New Members: George Muresan [MI]

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-15 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: Nominating Committee**

Effective May 8, 2017.

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws.

Please indicate your vote for the following Nomination Committee.

Katy Scott, AZ, chairman

Kristine Dougherty, FL

Kyle Cabral, GA

Karen Hutchison, PA

Denise Searcy, CA

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-16 DISAPPROVED**

**SUBJECT: Print and mail by USPS the 2017 National premium list**

Effective: July 31, 2017

Please send you vote to print and mail by USPS the 2017 National premium list, estimated cost is \$800. (Actual cost from Foy Trent \$1300 by Bryan Gregory on 7-27-17) Print and Mailing the premium was not recommend by the National Specialty Chair but since there was some concern by members, President Gregory decided to allow the board of directors to make the final decision.

APPROVED: **Cranmer** (comment--I believe members who do not have access to computers and printers were expecting a mailed PL this year, and as a Board, we need to think of all members of the club having equal access to this information. If we are going electronic-only in the future, we need to give people ample notice so they can make appropriate arrangements.), **Hutchison** (Yes. I reluctantly say yes, in that I do think it is a significant expense that the club could avoid if sent out electronically or as the national committee has done this year with links to it on the national website. I think what has made it necessary this year, it that there was not enough forewarning that there would not be a print version of the PL. I have easily downloaded the .pdf as a reminder to me, just as if I had an original print version. For me it was easy. Unfortunately, I do feel that there are some members that might miss out this year, because it was not well addressed in prior BBs or other BCOA announcements. If there is a way to minimize the number of copies that we do send out, we should lean towards that.), **Sapios, Work**

DISAPPROVED: **Curby, Hesse, Ketz** (comment-A USPS mailed premium is available by contacting the Superintendent, Foy Trent Dog shows LLC.), **LaCroix** (Comment - I support the 2017 National Specialty Host's decision to save money by foregoing printed premiums. There is precedent for this in our past and it truly is becoming business de facto throughout the dog show industry. We have multiple pipelines wherein members can be notified of this and through which any member desiring a printed copy of the premium may request it from the BCOA.), **Marshall** (7-27-17), **Reisinger** (7-27-17)

**BALLOT 2017-17 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: New Members**

Effective: August 15, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following people have applied for membership in BCOA, and their name and information, along with a call for comments, was published in the July 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Alice Bair, IL; Angie Weatherhead, AZ; William & Jane Told, FL.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-18 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: Extension of deadlines for Judge Selection Ballot**

Effective: August 15, 2017

Please indicate your vote to extend the Judge Selection membership vote deadlines.

New Deadlines will be as follows: Ballots must be returned by mail to the Judge Selection Tallier, Brenda Phillips, postmarked no later than Friday, November 3 and received by the Tallier by Friday, November 10, 2017.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-19 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: Studbook Extension Length**

Effective: August 15, 2017

Based on the Native Stock Studbook petition submitted by BCOA members, please send your vote to ballot the studbook Extension for 10 years. See Ballot 2017-06 for complete details.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-20 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: Studbook Extension Tallier**

Effective: August 15, 2017

Please indicate your vote for BCOA member Jane Johnson to tally the Studbook Extension ballot.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-21 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: Medallions for AKC Events**

Effective: August 15, 2017

AKC has offered the opportunity for BCOA to purchase medallions for Basenjis in the AKC National Championship, AKC Obedience Classic and the AKC Agility Invitational on December 16 & 17, 2017. The medallions are Conformation [BOB, BOS, BBE, SD, SB] 5 for \$125.00; Obedience\* [top scoring Basenji] \$45.00; and Agility [top scoring Basenji] \$45.00. Please indicate which of these you vote to purchase, if any.

Conformation -Yes

Agility - Yes

Obedience\* -No

\*OBEDIENCE MEDALLION INFORMATION: Research conducted shows no Basenjis have qualified for entry in Obedience.

Approve: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-22 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: Sweepstakes Judge Expenses 2017**

Effective August 15, 2017

The 2017 National Specialty Host Group has requested a one-time exception to exceed the cap for Sweepstakes judge expenses (\$400) stated in the National Specialty Procedure. This amount was based on costs for air fare, accommodations, meals and transportation that have not been updated for over a decade.

Please indicate your vote.

### III. Judge Nomination, Selection and Compensation

#### A. Eligibility                      2. Sweepstakes

Expenses such as travel, meals may not exceed \$400.00 US. BCOA Specialty Group will pay hotel expenses and meals for the duration of the judging assignment.

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

#### **BALLOT 2017-23 APPROVED**

#### **SUBJECT: Public Education Program**

Effective: August 15, 2017

The Public Education Committee submitted a proposal for a One Day Educational Program hosted by the Basenji Club of America for 2018. Estimated expenses approximately \$900. Cost per attendee will be \$85.

Presenter: Molly Sumridge.

Couch Wolves© - Primitive Dog Ownership and Training

Rebranding the "Untrainable" Dog – Take Back Your Walk – Leash Handling Skills

Location: Wilmington Kennel Club - 2035 Sunset Lake Road - Newark, Delaware.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

#### **Ballot 2017-24 APPROVED**

#### **SUBJECT: BCOA Health Statement and Information Letter for AKC**

Effective: August 15, 2017

Please indicate your vote on the Information Letter and BCOA Health Statement 2017. (See below.) Both documents will be submitted to AKC.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

*Peter Piusz*

*Mark Dunn*

*The Basenji Club of America considers itself a leader in health testing and breed research. We are active in archiving significant advances in the breed's overall health through the development DNA testing, programs for breeder education, and introduction of new foundation stock. In addition, we have established the Basenji Health Endowment, specifically to provide grants for breed specific research.*

*It was extremely challenging to develop a Health Statement which portrays the breed positively, recognizing the achievements we have already achieved in breed health. The club did not want a Health Statement which read as if the breed was plagued with numerous issues, but it still wanted to address health issues of concern in a constructive manner. Significant thought and revisions were put into the statement which was drafted by the Basenji Club of America's Health and Research Committee, and reviewed and finalized by the 2016 and 2017 Board of Directors.*

*The Basenji Club of America requests that the Health Statement be published in its entirety. Each basenji must be evaluated based on previous testing, professional evaluations, and pedigree research in order to determine what testing is required and is expected by the Parent Club. Health testing and professional evaluations for the breed cannot be condensed into a succinct summary of yes or no, requirements and /or recommendations, as currently published at <http://www.akc.org/dog-breeders/bred-with-heart/health-testing-requirements/>, noted as "LISTED BELOW ARE ALL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB BREEDS WITH YOUR BREED'S HEALTH TEST REQUIREMENTS."*

*The Basenji Club of America's opinion is that such summaries lead the "general public" to assume pure bred dogs are plagued with numerous health issues, especially for those breeds with long list of required testing. This is an issue which the AKC should address through the thoughtful presentation of the information. Basenji Club of America respectfully requests a link to the Parent Club's Health Statement in lieu of such summaries as currently published.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Basenji Club of America Board*

#### Basenji Club of America Health Statement

As a collective whole, the Basenji is a very healthy breed. While there are two significant diseases--Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) and Fanconi Syndrome--that have plagued the breed, careful, wise, responsible, and conscientious breeding, along with recent genetic testing, has pointedly diminished the occurrences of these diseases. Conscientious breeding continues to ensure an overall healthy basenji.

There are hereditary eye conditions that can occur throughout a basenji's lifespan. Regular examination by a veterinary ophthalmologist, a certified Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) is essential, beginning at 7 weeks of age. The results of all OFA Eye Certification Registry certificates should be available to potential breeders and people interested in a potential puppy. Basenjies with hereditary eye conditions, where the mode of inheritances are unknown, should be bred cautiously with the goal to reduce the occurrence in future generations.

DNA Testing (Affected, Carrier, Clear: Affected dogs should not be used in a breeding program unless bred to a Clear, and only as a tool to keep a pedigree from potentially being lost and keeping the additional genetic material that comes with said dog in the gene pool. Carriers should be used only to clears, too, for the same reasons as stated under Affected dogs. It is important to stress that a Carrier result still leads a normal, healthy life, no different from Clear. It is only in the breeder's plan that the Carrier result must be addressed responsibly).

Fanconi Syndrome is a condition in which the renal (kidney) tubules do not function properly. Instead of properly reabsorbing water, electrolytes, and nutrients into the body, the tubules "spill" them back into the urine to be expelled from the body. Unlike kidney failure which is a failure of the kidneys to process out waste and clear chemicals from the bloodstream, Fanconi Syndrome causes the loss of too many which need to be replaced orally through supplementation. Untreated Fanconi syndrome results in muscle wasting, acidosis, poor condition, and eventually death. With on-going treatment using the Gonto Protocol, Fanconi basenjies in which the disease is caught early have, on average, the same life span as a non-Fanconi basenji.

Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) in basenjies can cause progressive vision loss leading to blindness. Although there are multiple forms of PRA, one form caused by PRA-BJ1 accounts for approximately 50% of all PRA disease affecting basenjies. Due to the late onset of PRA, it is important to have the DNA genetic test for PRA-BJ1 completed before breeding. The gene test for PRA-BJ1 is offered by multiple labs, including the OFA and OptiGen. We suggest all breeders and owners list their results on the OFA website. The results should be available to potential breeders and people interested in a potential puppy.

Descendants of basenjies, where both parents have DNA tested clear may be declared genetically free of Fanconi and or PRA-BJ1. However, even though errors in DNA testing are extremely rare, further testing for the first generation should be considered for breeding stock.

Hip dysplasia occurs in a very small percentage of basenjies. (As of 12-31-2016, basenjies ranked 159 out of 175 of all breeds with more than 100 cases. Of basenjies tested, only 3.34% were abnormal.) If a breeder chooses to evaluate for hip dysplasia, it is preferable for X-Rays to have been read and registered with an accredited agency such as, Penn Hip, [www.pennhip.org](http://www.pennhip.org), or the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org). A copy of the results should be readily available to individuals looking to use the animal for breeding, and/or interested in a potential puppy.

Hypothyroidism occurs in a very small percentage of basenjis (5.38% of the dogs tested as of 12-31-2016). It can be a result of autoimmune thyroiditis. The OFA has an open registry for dogs that have been tested for autoimmune thyroiditis at 12 months or older, using approved laboratories. Basenjis with autoimmune thyroiditis should not be bred.

**BALLOT 2017-25 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: Studbook Extension Tallier**

Effective: August 29, 2017

In ballot 2017-20, the BCOA Board approved BCOA Member Jane Johnson [PA] as the Studbook Extension Ballot Tallier. Jane is ineligible to tally this ballot since she was a signer of the original petition.

Please indicate your vote for BCOA member Karen Terry [PA] to tally the Studbook Extension ballot.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-26 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: AKC Disaster Relief Donation**

Effective: October 9, 2017

Recent natural disaster (hurricanes) have prompted many dog clubs to make donation to AKC disaster funds to help families with general supplies and care for displaced pets that are being held for their families until they can return home or relocate. AKC Reunite K9 Support and Relief Fund has raised \$350,000. BCOA will donate \$1000 to AKC Reunite (Pet Disaster Relief) in support of these relief efforts. Please indicate your vote to send \$1000 from our Rescue funds to the AKC Pet Disaster Relief.

APPROVED: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-27 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: AKC Lifetime Achievement Award Selections**

Effective: October 12, 2017

Based upon the final tally of votes by AKC Member Clubs from across the country, AKC has announced the nominees for this year's annual American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards. Three awards, one each in the categories of Conformation, Companion Events, and Performance, will be presented in recognition of exceptional participation in the fancy. First awarded in 2000, the purpose of the awards is to celebrate those individuals whose many years of dedication have led to significant contributions to the sport of purebred dogs on a national level.

Please indicate your vote.

Conformation - Dr. Claudia Orlandi; Companion Events – Betty M. Winthers; Performance – no selection.

Conformation

Thomas H. Bradley

**Dr. Claudia Orlandi**

Col. Joseph Purkhiser

Companion Events

Christopher Cornell

Patricia R. Krause

(posthumously)

**Betty M. Winthers**

Performance

Kevin Culver

A. Kenneth Engle

Judy Powers

**BALLOT 2017-28 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: New Members**

Effective: October 18, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following people have applied for membership in BCOA, and their name and information, along with a call for comments, was published in the September 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Eugene Biller & William Kanouff, [FL]; Mary & Steve Cuporaso, [NJ]; Mitzi Dearborn & Ernest May, [WI]; Sharron Schmidgall, [MI].

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-29 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: New Member**

Effective: November 13, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following person has applied for membership in BCOA, and the name and information, along with a call for comments, was published in the October 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing her to membership in BCOA.

Bethany Redo-Rahm, WV.

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Sapios, Work

**BALLOT 2017-30 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: BHE Board of Directors for 2018**

Effective: November 11, 2017

Please indicate your vote to name the 2018 Basenji Club of America, Inc. Officers and Board of Directors as the 2018 Basenji Health Endowment Officers and Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2018 with term to end on December 31, 2018.

President – Bryan Gregory; Vice President – Suzanne La Croix; Secretary – Janet Ketz; Treasurer – Laura Mae Hesse

Board – Lisa Auerbach, Jon Curby, Karen Hutchison, Pat Marshall, Barb Reisinger, Stella Sapios, Mike Work

APPROVED: Cranmer, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Sapios, Reisinger, Work

**BALLOT 2017-31 APPROVED**

**SUBJECT: New Members**

Effective: December 11, 2017

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following person has applied for membership in BCOA, and the name and information, along with a call for comments, was published in the November 2017 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Julie & Margaret Dugan [DE]; Michelle West & Basil O'Shurak [AZ]; Nancy Sherman [FL].

Approved: Cranmer, Curby, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Marshall, Sapios, Work

