BASENJI STAMP COLLECTION

by Ron Baran

Editors Note: Unfortunately, these photos cannot be in color – they are beautiful! The size of these photos are not to scale.

As a youth, I collected U.S. stamps, but marriage and a family put a halt to that. Now that my three sons are married and have families of their own, I decided to search on the internet to see if there were stamps issued depicting the Basenji. Much to my surprise, there were a number available, most of which I purchased on eBay. The oldest Basenji stamp is §16 from Mozambique, which was issued in 1979. A number of the stamps have the issue year on them. All but two of the stamps are mint. Only numbers 35 & 36 have cancellation marks. Below each stamp is a number that will correspond with the three information pages I have supplied, indicating where the country of issue is located. Being it has been close to 50 years since I’ve had any kind of a geography class, I looked the various countries up using Wikipedia on the internet. A number of the countries are Russian Republics.

The “Year of the Dog” first day covers were purchased on eBay from a stamp dealer in Australia. I am in the process of bidding on additional first day covers.

My first basenji was Lady, who passed away in 2003. I live in Illinois with my basenjis Riley and Casey, and my black Lab/mix named Dexter.

Stamp List

1. Tanzania - East Africa, unification of Tanganyika and Zanzibar in 1964
4. Ajman - Smallest of the United Arab Emirates.
5. Ajman - See Above
8. Zaire - Formerly the Congo in Central Africa.
9. Ingushia - One of the Russian Republics.
10. Republique du Congo - Former French Colony of West Central Africa.
12. Turks & Caicos Islands - Part of the British West Indies and are British Crown Colonies.
13. Abkhazia - A de-facto independent Republic which is officially part of Georgia located on the east coast of the Black Sea.
14. Burmat - Russian Republic, 80% of the Republic’s territory is in the mountainous region of south-central Siberia.
15. Altay - Russian Republic situated in the very center of Asia. Forest covers about 25% of the republic.
17. Republika Saharanai - Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is a government-in-exile founded by the Polisario Front. Currently Morocco administers the majority of the territory. (this is called a souvenir sheet)
18. Tanzania (Souvenir Sheet) East Africa unification of Tanganyika and Zanzibar in 1964.
20. Saarland - (Souvenir sheet) An island off the coast of Estonia.
21. Mordovia - Republic located in the eastern part of the East European Plain of the Russian Federation.
22. Altay - Russian Republic situated in the very center of Asia. Forest cover about 25% of the Republics territory.
24. Republique du Congo - is a former French Colony of western central Africa.
25. Taratras - Republic located in the center of the Eastern European Plain, approx 497 miles east of Moscow.
26. Tova - A republic situated in the southern extreme part of Siberia.
27. Bhutan - A tiny landlocked country between China and India.
28. Karakalpakia - is under the domain of Uzbekistan and is located on the edge of the Aral Sea.
30. Mordovia - A Russian state located between Moscow and the Volga River.
31. Turkmenistan - was a soviet republic in 1925. Gained independence from USSR in 1991. It is located on the east side of the Caspian Sea, just above Iran.
32. Udmurtia - Located in the eastern portion of the Eastern European Plain, between the Kama and Vyatska rivers.
33. Karelia - is the land of Karelians and Finnish peoples and is in a vast inhabited area in northern Europe.
34. Zambia - the Republic of Zambia.

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is a landlocked country in southern Africa.
35. Kalmykia-Republic of Kalmykia is a Federal Subject of the Russian Federation and is located on the shores of the Caspian Sea.
36. Afghanistan - Official Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is a landlocked country located in the heart of Asia.
37. Udmurtia - Udmurt Republic is a Federal Subject of Russia. It is located in the eastern portion of the eastern European Plain.
38. Chuvashia - Chuvashia Republic is a Federal Subject of Russia located in central Russia.
39. Adzharia - Officially, Autonomous Republic of Adzharia is an autonomous republic of Georgia in the southwestern corner of the country.
40. Kamchatka - was a Federal Subject of Russia. On July 1, 2007, it merged with Kamchatka Oblast to form a new federal subject called Kamchatka Krai.
41. Christmas Island (First Day Covers)-the territory of Christmas Island is a small, non-self-governing territory of Australia located in the Indian Ocean.

Ron collected these First Day Covers (envelopes) from a stamp dealer in Australia.

Ron finds most of his stamps on Ebay

Ron also has some movie posters from the movie “Goodbye My Lady”

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