

# Retabbling Basenjis

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Basenjis are a cautious breed by nature and this is a survival skill which has served them well for thousands of years. The vast majority of Basenji exhibitors are owner/handlers, many of them extremely skilled but some brand new to the sport.

The Basenji is a table breed and according to AKC Judging Guidelines, must be placed back on the table if re-examination is needed. AKC Judging Guidelines also state it is permissible for two dogs to be placed on the table at the same time for re-examination. While allowed for table breeds in general, the Basenji Club of America feels strongly this may not be in the best interest for our breed.

Our show dogs are accustomed to being alone on the table and may be startled to find themselves sharing a small in-ring examination table with a strange dog. The Basenji Club of America cautions judges to always act in the interests of safety and we strongly recommend when re-examination is necessary, that only one Basenji is placed on the table at a time.

The Basenji Club of America thanks you for taking our recommendation in consideration for your future judging.

