Stud Dog Honor Roll

Am. Can. Ch.
Glenairley Black Trellis

Am. Can. Ch. Joss of Glenairley, CD x

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There is no photo of Am. Can. Ch. Glenairley Black Trellis but Sheila Anderson wrote this about him for “The Basenji” in 1976:

Trellis (Sambo or Sam to his friends) was a most delightful dog. He had an extremely philosophic nature and rarely complained about anything. He enjoyed the show ring and was a very good traveller. …

He was a tall dog, slightly over 18 inches. He had nice long legs and looked aristocratic and elegant. I would have like him shaved down a bit all over, with a little extra taken out of his loin, and off his cheeks. … Sambo was a tri-colour, very black, very white, and very deep tan, with hardly any intermingling of tan with the black (even behind his ears and on his breeching, the tan was very slight.) He even had a super fine coat. …

Sam had the refinements which are so necessary for a good Basenji. His wrinkle was very good, so was his dark, well-shaped eye. He really had a pretty head and expression, and I think this is something present day breeders should watch in their dogs. To me, many of the present day Basenjis do not have pretty heads. …

Sam's tail-set and curl was perfection. Like his sire Joss, he had a tight, double curl. It lay flat against the side of his hip and the set was high. As his topline was level this gave him a very elegant and finished appearance.

Sam could gait very well and he had a naturally high head carriage. Although he was not out at elbow, he had inherited an annoying way of toeing in from his dam Orange Fizz. He did not always do this but it was one reason I was glad to mate him to the very sound-moving little Widgeon. I am sure present-day breeders, if they have recently taken up with Basenjis, would be utterly amazed at the feet and movement of some of the early Basenjis. They can only be described as quite awful, and yet with careful and knowledgeable breeding, the faults have been largely eliminated. I think this goes to show, that anything can be accomplished if one is not 'kennel blind' and knows what one's objectives are.

Although I was the owner and breeder of Trellis, I think those who knew him would not feel I was being too boastful when I say he will always rank as one of the ‘greats’ in Basenji history.