1912 and 1913
Basenjis at Crufts

In 2019 Glen Dymock writes: I have been as guilty as the next person when it comes to talking about Basenjis ‘making their Crufts debut’ in 1937. However, in all likelihood, there were Basenjis shown at the great show before this date, especially in view of the British colonial activity of the Victorians who were fascinated by all things exotic.

It is well documented that a ‘Congo Terrier’ was exhibited at Crufts in 1895.

Featured here are two Crufts catalogue pages from the era when the foreign dog breeds began to be listed. Firstly, from 1912 we have an exhibit called Adam described as a “Nuem-Muem or Soudenese Terrier”. The name Niam-Niam (or Nyam-Nyam) was frequently used by foreigners to refer to the Zande people in the 18th and early 19th century. Adam was owned by Mr G Blaine of Maidstone in Kent and won a second prize. I wonder if Mr Blaine had handwriting which was difficult to read?

The next catalogue page is from 1913 when a “Nyam-Nyam Dog” with the intriguing name of Avungara Budwe was exhibited by Mr S J Burton of Chippenham in Wiltshire.

Crufts at the turn of the last century was a great supporter of the rare and exotic breeds. How thrilling it would be to be able to travel back in time and visit these shows!
Basenji University

**Sanitas** Dog Soap, 6d. tablets

**Class 121—SAMOYEDES—MAIDEN BITCHES.**

- **First Prize:** £2, **Second Prize:** £1, **Third Prize:** 10s.


Class 122—SAMOYEDES—GRADUATE DOGS AND BITCHES.

- **First Prize:** £2, **Second Prize:** £1, **Third Prize:** 10s.


Class 123—ELKHOUNDS—OPEN DOGS AND BITCHES.


Class 124—ANY OTHER VARIETY—OPEN DOGS & BITCHES.

1. **302** Mr. G. Rattigan. *Wrinkle.* Class 118.


---

**ELASTENE THE Original and THE ONLY Genuine.**

**HYGIENIC BEDDING**

Is INEXPENSIVE and the BEST for SPORTING, TOY and other DOGS.

**REGISTERED**

**PRIZED BY DOGGY PRESS. USED BY BREEDERS**

The Favourite Bedding at Championship Shows.

In sacks, 2s. 6d. (for Heavy Dogs); 2s. 4d. (Toy Dogs). Extra for Carriage—3d. up to 50; 4d. up to 100; 6d. over 100 miles. Also in small packets and cart. bales.

**CITY OF LONDON WOOD-WOOL CO., Contractors to H.M. Government, PLOVER STREET, HACKNEY WICK, LONDON, N.E.**

---

**Sanitas** Veterinary Ointment. In 1/4 and 2/6 tins

**Class 129—LISSABA TERRIERS—OPEN DOGS & BITCHES.**


---

**RETRIEVERS.**—Judges: Mr. THEO. MARPLES, F.Z.S., (Flat-coated, Golden, Labrador). Dr. CHAS. FRANKS (Curl-coated).

---

**Sanitas** Disinfectant Sawdust. 50lb. bags 5/- ea.