THE ORIGINS OF OUR STUD DOG AND BROOD BITCH HONOR ROLLS

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Basenji University Reports

Sharing information about basenjis in the United States in the 1960s took place in two publications: The BCOA Bulletin (Chib formed 1942) and The Basenji (established July 1964). Each publication had various columns which were often gossip about events and people, but each also had serious articles about the breed. Diane Laue did the arduous work of combing through the published AKC show results to add up points for all the winners and make a Top Ten Tally each month in The Basenji. These are all great records to go back to.

The ‘Artic Capers’ column started in September 1965. The introduction written by co-writer Lois Cooper states: “Greetings from the farthest north Basenji owner in North America! Since there are only two Basenjis in Fairbanks, and just a few more in Anchorage, perhaps between the combined efforts of Sam McKee and myself, we can bring you occasional news of Alaskan Basenjis.”

Sam McKee was interested in statistics and records. He began looking at obedience competitors’ pedigrees. He moved on to top producing brood bitches in previous columns, he didn’t come up with an actual list until late 1966 and it was published in January 1967. He noted:

“For what it is worth, here is the honor roll of brood bitches. You will note that I have included dams which have produced at least four American champions. I chose this cut-off point in order to have approximately as many bitches listed as there were stud dogs on the list published in October 1966. For your information, the rest of the dams break down this way: 47 with 3 each; 84 with 2 each and 229 with 1 each.”

While Sam had talked about top producing brood bitches in previous columns, he didn’t come up with an actual list until late 1966 and it was published in January 1967.

The information was obtained from the old AKC Gazette’s result publications. As each basenji finished a title, its name, birthdate, and parents were published in the printed issue. The size of each month’s issue became larger and larger with all breeds included. The record keeping was done on index cards with each stud dog or brood bitch that had produced a single champion having an individual card. As one can imagine the boxes of cards grew and grew!

These lists caught people’s interest and an official Honor Roll was set up for annual publication in The Basenji with the set of rules for inclusion determined by Sam McKee.

The Basenji University began providing computer generated reports so the index cards were abandoned. In 2011, Julie Jones took over and double checked all the old figures from information available online at the AKC website. Julie has set up Excel spreadsheets to maintain the records. To prove that from little things big things grow: the numbers on the Honor Rolls now are 451 stud dog and 637 brood bitch honorees! The lists are published each year in the BCOA Yearbook and then an updated list goes online at the website through the Basenji University.

The Basenji University was founded in 2010 and one question for the BU was how to determine which important dogs should be represented in the Basenji Timeline. Some old dogs of clear interest are there as well as a link to all the AKC All-Breed Best in Show basenji winners with a photograph. But just winning is not the only important consideration determining what dogs should be represented. In order to offer a broad section of the breed’s significant basenjis, the online Honor Rolls are illustrated. A click away is a PDF of the honoree with a photo plus date of birth and parents.

A search was undertaken using old magazines as well as personal collections to find photos of long-gone dogs. Unfortunately, none of us lives forever and even our most ardent fanatics sometimes lose those old photos through moves, etc. Of the 451 stud dogs, 28 have photos missing and the 637 brood bitches are missing 83 photos. The numbers of photos missing does not include those who are still getting photos to the Basenji University for the 2017 Honor Roll inductees.

Why bring this up? If you have a basenji honoree, be sure to send in your photo for inclusion no matter what year it was inducted. The Committee writes to everyone they can contact, but doesn’t hesitate to write to us at BasenjiU@Basenji.org if you don’t get a request. Don’t procrastinate as those years slip by too easily. Your Honor Roll basenji should be part of the breed’s historic record.

What about those dogs from by-gone years who are missing? It is not too late to add their photos if someone can find a photo! A few of the missing ones are foreign-bred so perhaps some overseas breeders can help with these. GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. Contact friends and acquaintances who may have a photo! It would be a wonderful thing to get closer to 100% photo representation!

Online Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Honor Rolls

https://www.basenji.org/BasenjiU/Owner/103History/Honor/ SD2017.html


This is how the game is played. First, you make a 3” x 5” card for each American champion and obedience titled Basenji, showing the name of the dog and also the name of his sire and dam. Second, you sort the cards into alphabetical order by the name of the studs. Then you make another 3” x 5” card for each stud, listing on the back side the names of his pups which have finished their championships.

Third, you sort the first set of cards into alphabetical order by the names of the dams. Make still another set of 3” x 5” cards, one for each dam, and list on the back side of these the names of her pups which have finished.

Fourth, you sort the first set of cards into alphabetical order by the names of the dogs that have finished, separating the champions from the obedience-titled dogs. At this point, you have a set of cards.

All you have to do now is keep your list up to date. When you get mail, you recheck your records. Of course, I owe a large debt to the work done by the late George Gilkey in compiling the list of champions published in the BCOA Bulletin several years ago. And to Norm Wallace who got me interested in the numbers game and furnished me with stud books going back to the first AKC registered Basenji and also did a lot of the research into pedigrees.

Others, too numerous to mention, have assisted with the work at one time or other. I would like to add that Bettie’s patience has been sorely tried as I while the hours away playing with cards, etc.

The Numbers Game

By Sam McKee
“Artic Capers” The Basenji January 1967

Sam McKee was a retired navy man living in Alaska where he worked at a CPA and enjoyed the basenji breed when he began writing columns for the newly formed magazine The Basenji.
The Original Honor Rolls - Stud Dogs 1966

26  CH Cambria's Ti-Mungai
24  CH Flageolet of the Congo
19  CH Brahme of Syngefield
14  CH Lepper's Mr. Spats
13  CH Reveille Recruit
12  Riviana Jasper Lad
11  CH Bettina's Oryx
11  CH Glennairley Golden Fresco
11  CH Pemister's Kedar
10  CH Bettina's Orb
10  CH Fulahill of the Congo
9   CH Comet of the Congo
9   Fula Reveille of the Congo
8   Bettina's Ligonha
8   CH Kingolo
8   CH Miacor's Zippor CD
8   CH Miacor's Zuchil
8   CH Rhosenyi's Beau
7   CH Andeasley Atlantic
7   CH Cavalier of the Congo
7   CH Copernicus of the Congo
7   CH Glennairley Black Tellis
7   Kingolo's Kontender
7   CH Merika Sun Dancer
7   CH Tinas Coma-Mumbo Jumbo
6   CH Chico of the Congo
6   Drumadon Ducat
6   Joss of Glennairley
6   Piccolo of the Congo
6   Robert of Littlebreach
6   CH Tenni's Ebony Warrior
5   CH Andy of Glen Ho
5   CH Circus Boy of the Bambuti CD
5   Fleet of the Congo
5   CH Fulaflaun of the Congo
5   Gino of Rancho Rest
5   CH Glennairley Golden Topaz
5   CH Hamio of Hills Half Acre
5   Kwillo of the Congo
5   CH Lutes Zim Zim

The Original Honor Rolls - Brood Bitches 1967

15  CH Glennairley Black Munia
13  CH My Love of the Congo
13  CH Riviana Jolity of the Congo
11  CH Bettina's Bronze Wing
10  Ka and Ba Meryt-Ra CD
 7  CH Cambria's Taboo
 7  CH Glennairley MLisse
 7  CH Poppet of the Congo
 6  CH Andeasley Americana
 6  CH Asak of the Zande
 6  CH Marlise Jacinthe
 6  Riviana Dumb Blond
 6  Zinder of Carmel
 5  CH Cambria's Axon Isia
 5  CH Chane of Hills Half Acre
 5  CH Ericonji's Rubigold
 5  Fulaflancy of the Congo
 5  Glennairley Black Trinket
 5  CH Luddymane's Black Angel
 5  Orange Fizz of the Congo
 5  Pemister's Prestige
 5  Pemister's Sunglow
 5  Wdegon of the Congo
 4  CH Bee-Jac's Fantasy
 4  CH Bettina's Demani
 4  CH Blackpepper of the Congo
 4  CH Cambria's Queen Xoite
 4  Carnival of the Congo
 4  Ericonji's Congo Bele
 4  CH Fulaflashi of the Congo
 4  CH Glennairley Song Bird
 4  Kasenyto
 4  Lutes Ansara of Prestige
 4  CH Prunella
 4  CH Redwing of Rancho Rest
 4  CH Tinas Coma Caper
 4  CH Tinas Coma Venus
 4  CH Tresld's Dik Dik
 4  CH Victory of Syngefield
 4  CH Zinnia of the Congo
BROOD BITCHES with missing photos

CH A Congo Sun Imp Connie Ouimac CD 5 DOB 1992
CH Bijna Golden Clara 4 DOB 1988
CH Bijna Bouncy Toof Toot 4 DOB 1988
CH Bijna Frockin Banical 6 DOB 1955
CH Blackkeepper of The Congo 4 DOB 1993
Blueder Elly Deblee 5 DOB 1979
Blueder Elly Deblee Spirit 4 DOB 2005
CH Dulaah Farah To Tutu 4 DOB 1987
Budinis’s Bit of Beauty 4 DOB 1991
CH Calaia Embu Shilshsha 4 DOB 1991
CH Calaia Ever Red 4 DOB 1988
CH Cambria’s Lili Marlene 4 DOB 1997
Campi 4 DOB 1977
CH Camaranadal’s Jemimah 4 DOB 1935
Emerant’s Elvira 4 DOB 1960
Encerji’s Congo Belle 4 DOB 1962
Encerji’s Dancing Doe 4 DOB 1959
CH Epoch of Honour Posus 4 DOB 1958
CH Deziel’s African Zara Nova Gacon SC 4 DOB 1993
Ch Cambaro’s Black Trinket 4 DOB 1993
Glenairley’s Black Trinket 4 DOB 1993
Glenairley’s Meadwarlock 4 DOB 1956
Glenairley’s Kiltlass 4 DOB 1956
Glenairley’s Meadwarlock 4 DOB 1954
Glenairley’s Meadwarlock 4 DOB 1954
CH Glenairley’s Song Bird 4 DOB 1996
Hatua’s Hopper’s Bell 5 DOB 1986
Hacker’s Reilly’s of Hawkinsville 4 DOB 1996
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Hacker’s Reilly’s of Hawkinsville 4 DOB 1996
CH Hager’s Pinky 4 DOB 1996
CH Hasan’s Parker Sonnen-Son 4 DOB 1994
CH Hasun-Kuri The Lost World 4 DOB 1997
CH Hasun-Moon’s Zipper CD 4 DOB 1995
CH Hasun-Azit Golden Dancer 4 DOB 1994
CH Hatmen-Les Lion On The Loose 4 DOB 1997
Piccolo of The Congo 4 DOB 1951
CH Hackel Of The Congo 4 DOB 1954
Ruvira Jiapai Gad 12 DOB 1952
Robert of Littlebreach 4 DOB 1999
CH Rompin’s General Purpose Jerlin 4 DOB 1995
CH Slauberg’s That’s Amore 7 DOB 2000
DC Select-Gana Incarnation MC 6 DOB 1994
CH Shadoburry’s Black Nose 5 DOB 1987
CH Giras Khaman Ringside Rumar 5 DOB 1991
CH Tamurangan’s Chae The Legacy 6 DOB 1983
Tawifai Kibobd 6 DOB 1970

Most breeders and owners have been great about sending photos of their Honor Roll basenjis. However, even some of the most supportive have not been able to come up with photos of all their Honorees. Maybe someone out there can help find old photos? You might be able to find photos of some of the older dogs in the cases where the owners and breeders are no longer available to send in photos. There may be photos of some of the imported dogs in foreign archives. Do you know one of these retired fanciers who may have a photo that is needed? Contact us to encourage their participation. Can we fill in some of these blanks?

The basenji’s name is followed by the number of AKC champion offspring and of some of the imported dogs in foreign lands? If the date of birth to give you an idea of the honoree’s era.

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