

Black and White Basenjis down from Kiki of Cryon

Exclusive Pictures: The First Black-and-White Basenjis whelped in the U.S.

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Although the black-and-white variety is listed in the Basenji standard, it had never been seen outside of Africa. Recently a number of fortunate circumstances combined to produce several of this rare coloration. The history of the black-and-white Basenjis is steeped in mystery, since the natives have been always considered the black dog an evil omen. They were usually killed immediately (or eaten) and since there was virtually no opportunity for black-and-white dogs to breed, they were very rare.

When English breeder, Veronica Tudor-Williams, got the little bitch named, “Fula,” in Africa several years ago, she did mention seeing one black dog in one of the villages. Fula evidently had black genes fairly close in her background, as when her progeny was inbred, Khajah’s Black Fula Challenge was produced.



Miliku, Dr. Standifler, and Kiki of Cryon (left to right).
Photo courtesy Baton Rouge Advocate, Feb. 17, 1963

The adult bitch pictured, Black Diamond of Cryon, has also been responsible for two more black-and-white Basenjis, both bitches, whelped here in the U.S., sired by Ch. Chuckaluck of CurliTail, CD. This litter of three had two black bitches and one red and white male. The bitches are now owned by Mrs. Quida McGahee of Valdosta, Ga., and Mrs. Sandy Beaudoin of Houston, Texas, two devoted fanciers who are intensely interested in the black strain.

Interestingly enough, we came across an article in the English publication, “Dog World,” March 6, ’64 issue that says Fulastar of the Congo, sister to Fulaflashi, the dam of the puppy pictured, was recently bred with Fulafuture of the Congo and produced two black-and-white puppies out of a litter of four. These puppies are owned by Mrs. Kathleen Juniper, the owner of Fulastar of the Congo.

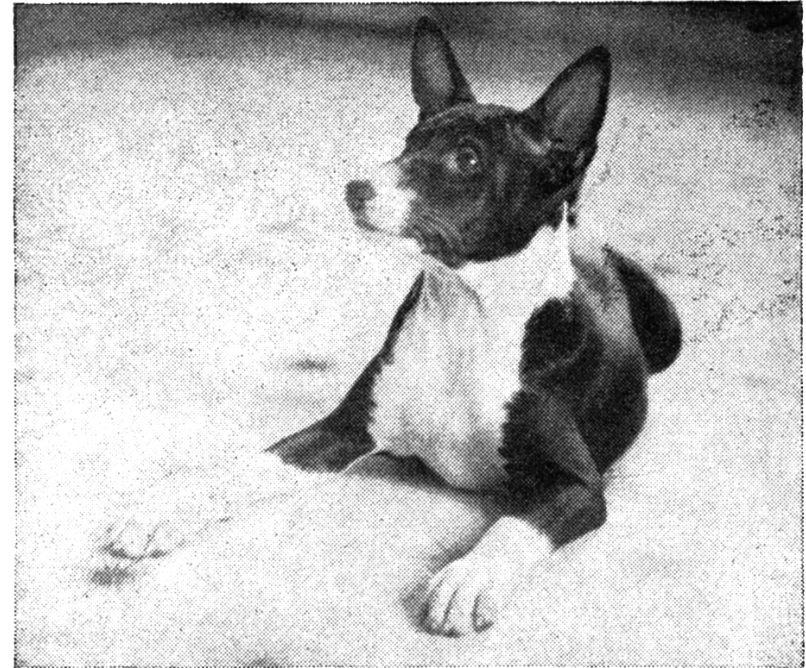
Mrs. Juniper believes they are the first pure black-and-white Basenjis bred in Europe.

As far as we know, these four reported, plus the two English puppies, represent the only black-and-white dogs in America and Europe! We would welcome information on any other blacks.



BLACK DIAMOND OF CRYON, a black and white Basenji, owned by Shirley Chambers, was bred by L. C. Standifer, Baton Rouge, La. Her sire is Gunn's Ramses ex Kiki of Cryon (African bred). She is just two years old.—Photograph by Genth.

The hair of the black-and-white Basenji is coal black right down to the roots, and is like the coat of an exceptionally good tri-color but, of course, without the red

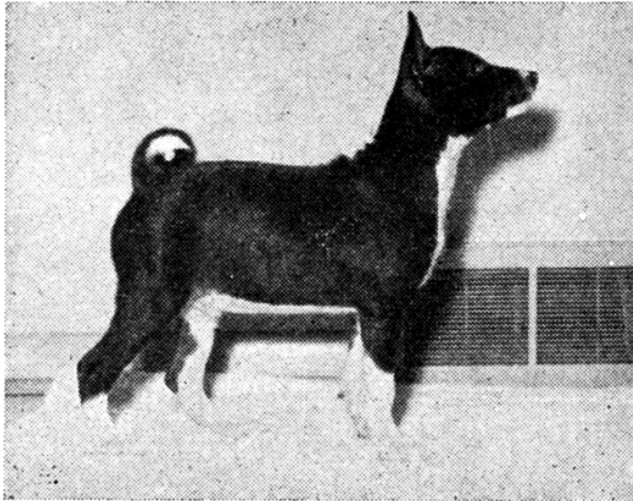


KHAJAH'S BLACK FULA CHALLENGE, Basenji, bred and owned by Shirley Chambers, Altoona, Pa., is a black and white sired by Fula Reveille of the Congo ex Fulafashi of the Congo; he was whelped Jan. 10, '64.—Photograph by Genth.

markings. It is possible that exposure to strong sun may, in time; give the black a brownish cast, but presently the color is as pure and black as that of a Labrador retriever. The skin is different, too, being bluish in color instead of the customary pink. The skin on the inside of the ears, pinkish when the puppy was whelped, is now the bluish color, too. Studying the picture of the elegant and dramatic bitch, it is easy to realize how the startling coloration and dark, glittering eyes may have influenced superstitious natives to consider them omens of evil and bad fortune

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The advertisement to the right was on the same page as the above article.

See the article about Glen Stanich's Coptokin black and whites in the Timeline. They appear in 1965.

The above article was written while there was little experience of black and whites, well before the two types of black coats were understood. The black and whites down from Fula turned out to be a genetically recessive black which tended to get intermixed with tan hairs when the dogs got older. The Liberian black remained a pure black color. Read on to see how things progressed.

Breeding History of Kiki of Cryon

Whelped 21 November 1960

Sire: Black Hunter of Dusize Black & White in Liberia (Wheeler's Poor No Friend x Smokey)

Dam: Wheeler's Goa Goa Red & White in Liberia Liberian Wheeler's Brown Brother x Wheeler's DuBarry

First litter born June 1962 sired by Gunn's Ramses (Am Ch Firebird of the Congo x Coral of Sin)

Produced: Black Diamond of Cryon (Black and White F)

Second litter born October 1963 sired by Ch. Chuckaluck of Curli Tail CD
(Ch. Comet of the Congo x Ch. Poppet of the Congo)

Produced:

Kruba of Cryon (Red and White M)

Princess of Kryon (Black & White F)

Sanokwele of Cryon {Black & White F} **Photo right ➡**

Sandy Beaudoin writes in 2010:

"I can't add much to Kiki story. At the time I was living with my partner and her family in Houston when I got a call from these folks saying they had an unregistered black and white Basenji from Libya and were hoping to breed her and someone had given them my name as having a stud. Chuckaluck of Curli Tail was my first Basenji and I was quite intrigued by the prospect of breeding to a native dog. We did the deed for a "Puppy Back" and I gave the pup to my partner's son. Life interfered and I lost track of the pup, but I do believe Timmy bred her at least once. To the best of my feeble memory the dogs continued down the line to be "Basenjis" through and through."



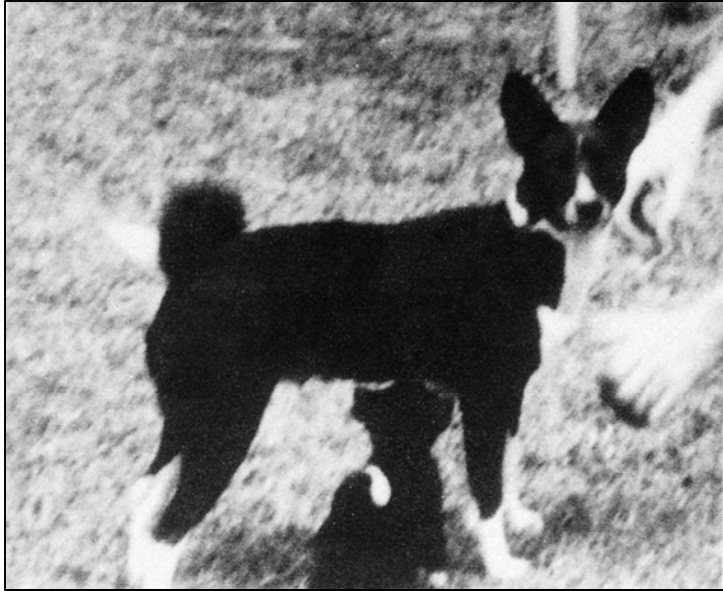
Third litter born December 1964 sired by Kruba of Cryon (Ch. Chuckaluck of Curli Tail CD x Kiki of Cryon)

Produced:

Fissabu of Cryon (Black & White M)

Peppercorn of Cryon (Red & White F)

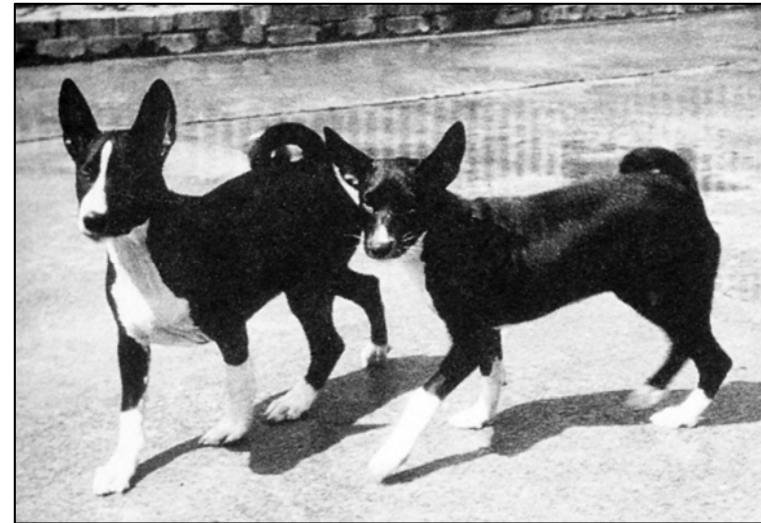
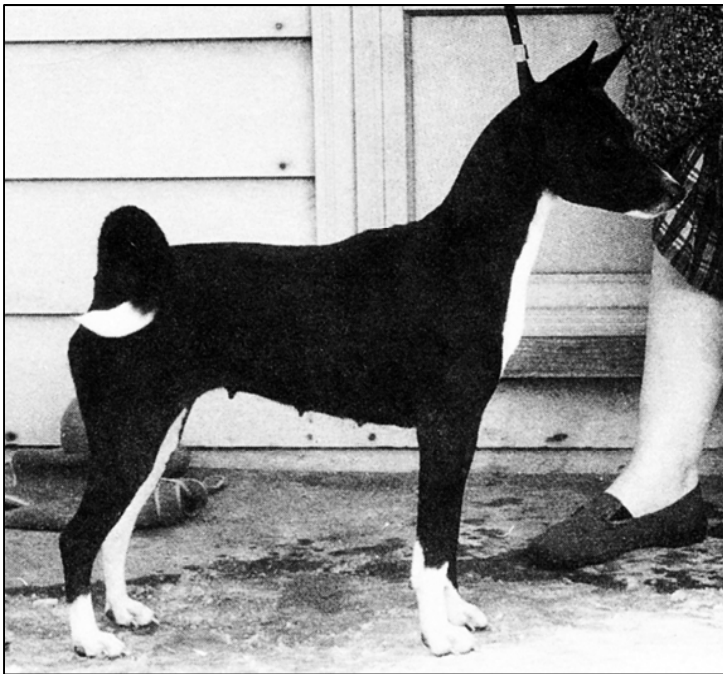
Salala of Cryon (Black & White M)



In 1989 the Shirley Chambers related the story and it was paraphrased in “*The Basenji, Out of Africa to You*” with these four photos included:

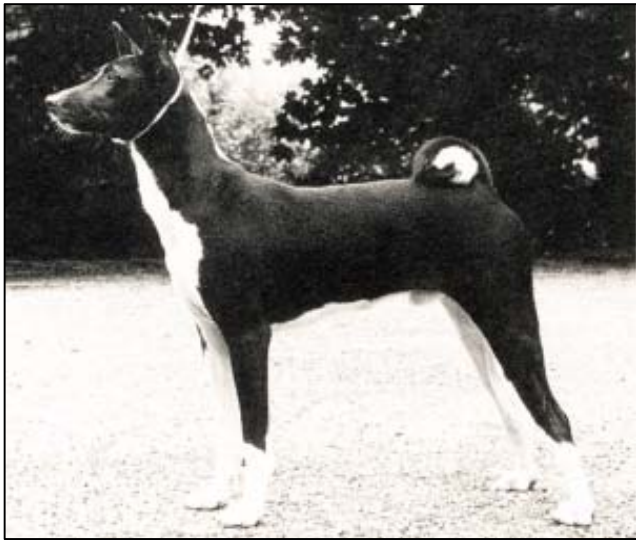
The first Basenji to be registered with the American Kennel Club as a black and white was Khajah’s Black Fula Challenge who was born in January, 1964. Challenge came from two red and white English imports bred down from Fula of the Congo. When Challenge matured, he developed some tan hairs in his black coat but not in the typical tri-color pattern. This color has come to be known as “Fula black” and is not considered desirable. The first pure black and white champion in the world was South African Ch. Taysenji Tahzu who was part Liberian and part Anglo-American stock. Tahzu was brought to England when owner Elspet Ford re-turned home from Africa.

There were other efforts to bring black and whites out of Liberia including those of Gwen Stanich in the Midwest. However, the most important import to the United States was Kiki of Cryon. Her daughter, Black Diamond of Cryon (sired by Gunn’s Ramses, who was from English



Top Photo is Kiki and lower photo is Black Diamond of Cryon

Sheen and Satin of Horsley as pups in quarantine



Ch. Sir Datar of Horsley as a young dog

bloodlines) was bred to Khajah's Black Fula Challenge and two of these pups were imported into England by Cdr. and Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Chambers of Khajah Kennels described Kiki as having particularly good proportions and a well-curved tail. Diamond, she felt, could rival anything, in any color, in the modern show ring. The dog puppy, Sheen of Horsley, became the grandfather of the first black and white bitch champion, Eng. Ch. Sircillitar of Horsley. Some Horsley black and whites returned to America after three generations of breeding in England when they could then be registered with the American Kennel Club. Ch. Sir Datar of Horsley came to Khajah Kennels in 1969 and quickly became the first black and white American champion. He has been important in the development of black and whites in America.

The Cabrillo Kennel Club in California on May 19, 1973, was the setting for the first black and white Hound Group winner, Ch. Bushveld Black Shikari.

A couple of related photos which were not in the section of the book:



Ch. Sir Datar of Horsley's grand-sire:
Ridingsgold Sir Buntar of Horsley

Sheen of Horsley x Eng. Ch. Ridingsgold Fantasia
Whelped 3 December 1966 in England

☛ Photo Left

Ch. Sir Datar of Horsley's sire
Eng Ch Sir Ceciltar of Horsley, JW

(Ridingsgold) Sir Buntar of Horsley x Silene of Horsley
Whelped 5 January 1968 in England

Photo right ➡



Since the time that book was written
Ch. Bluestone's Wild Buckwheat
became the first black and white
AKC all-breed Best in Show winner in 2000

Photo right ➡

