

BASENJI CLUB of AMERICA

April 1950

Dear Club Member:

The purpose of the club bulletin is to help promote our breed and to keep the club members informed of Basenji activities. As the new secretary of your club, this duty now falls to me and I must depend a great deal on you club members for any worthwhile and interesting news. I shall report all club activities in the bulletins and shall try to give you advance notice of any planned activities for the future.

The most important event in the near future will be our first Basenji specialty show which I am sure you all know will be held Sunday, June 11, in conjunction with the Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club show at Batavia, New York. Miss Mary McWain of Batavia is chairman of the show committee and will give you any information you might like. Mr. Norman Slater did a fine job with trophy pledges and without too much time either. Just to whet your interest I will tell you that there are prizes or trophies for every class-for winner's dog and winner's bitch-for reserve winner's dog and reserve winner's bitch- and, of course, for best of breed! Isn't that almost enough to make every one of you anxious to attend? Plan on entering as many Basenjies as possible because it will all be so worthwhile. We have one of the best judges in the country, Mr. Alva Rosenberg, and you can all have confidence in his ability. And then just to make everyone happy, Miss McWain says she will make reservations for anyone desiring accommodations. Come and meet the many Basenji owners who will be there. Come and discuss Basenji chit-chat. Anyway, it's a MUST - this first specialty show of the Basenji Club of America.

Mr. Watt sent me a suggestion that your president, Mr. Gilkey, and I thought to be excellent to help build up the club. He proposed that a short article be printed and available to all club members giving the reasons for the Basenji Club and inviting Basenji owners to join and telling why they should join. This I have tried to do, as secretary of your club, and I am submitting a copy along with a club application with this bulletin. When you sell a dog to a person you think would be a good member, give him this article along with the application.

I shall not attempt to give show placings as these are all available in the Kennel Club Gazette. However, Mr. Gilkey suggested I give the names of the dogs who win the club trophies. For the year 1949 one trophy was offered, this to be won by the dog, owned by a club member, winning the most best of breeds during the year. This trophy was won by Ch. Phemister's Maestro, owned by Mr. Phemister and myself. In 1950 three trophies have been offered. The first trophy was offered for best of breed at Westminster in New York. This was won by Kingola's Kan Kan owned and bred by Mr. Forest N. Hall of Dallas, Texas. Kan Kan is a son of Ch. Kingola who was best of breed at Westminster the two previous years. The second trophy was offered at the Chicago show and Mr. Gilkey's Ch. Beau of Rhosenji won this by going best of breed. The third trophy is to be given at a California show later in the year.

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I will report all unusual show winnings - such as placings in the Round Group - all wins in the obedience rings and any success in the field. We should do more in both obedience and in the field, as success in either field will bring a great demand for our Basenjis. There are several club members training their dogs for obedience, in fact, one member hopes to have a dog in the obedience trial at Batavia which we will all want to watch. Please send me any reports of success with the Basenjis so these achievements will get full recognition with the public.

Mr. Forest N. Hall of Dallas, Texas, judged two large shows in Ireland last month - including Basenjis. He has promised to report on the Basenjis he saw in Ireland.

Send me any suggestions you might have to make this bulletin of interest to you.

Mary P. Phémister

Mrs. Alexander Phémister, Secretary

Dear Mr. Teckay -

*I have ordered your tray and Mrs. Hall's tray
also - Hope you will be pleased.*

*These bulletins will be done in black ink
in the future - it wasn't possible this time.
M. P.*