

BASENJI CLUB of AMERICA

June 1950

Dear Club Member;

The long heralded first Basenji specialty show was held Sunday June 11th at Batavia, New York. It was an event to be long remembered by those attending the show. The two day week end was most successful from every angle. Saturday, the day previous to the show, Basenji owners gathered from far and near to the home of Miss Mary McWain in Batavia. Mr. and Mrs. Emerick and daughter Dorcas and a friend from Barberton Ohio-Mr. George Gilkey from Merrill Wis.-Mr. Norman Slater and son Garry from Metuchen, N.J.-all arrived Saturday. Early Sunday morning Miss Eloise Gerry arrived from Madison Wis.-spent the afternoon stewarding for the Basenjies-meeting her friends and leaving that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Marlin E. Ashby from Springfield, Pa.--arrived in the afternoon, the first long trip for Mr. Ashby since his recent operation. Others headed for the show grounds--and all were pleasantly surprised to find that the Basenjies had the third highest number of entries in the show--twenty three to be exact. And now for the show itself. Mr. Alva Rosenberg donned the mantle for our breed and he gave top honors to Ch. Rhosenji's Beau--one of the three champions Mr. Gilkey brought on to the show. Beau was bred by Mr. Gilkey--and I am sure all are most happy to congratulate Mr. Gilkey on this grand win. Winner's dog is the latest English importation to come to this country--English Ch. Black Ace of the Congo, owned by Miss McWain and bred by Veronica Tudor-Williams. He is a tri-color, black, tan and white--and his litter sister, Black Mist of the Congo, also owned by Miss McWain, and a tri-color too--took winner's bitch. Miss McWain is very enthused over the tri-colors and these two wins should draw the interest of the public to the tri-colors. There were no puppy dogs entered. The novice class had three entries with Cecil Dayton's Ali Pasha of Blue Nile taking the blue. Second was Miss McWain's Bahakaa of Blue Nile and third was Mrs. Alice Sherwin's Haku Jackson. In American bred dog class the one entry was Anna Mae Fox's Blue Star Bingo. The open dog class included winner's and reserve winner's dogs--first going to Black Ace of the Congo--second to Faithhaven Biagukim owned by Mtongo Kennels--third to Mrs. J. M. O'Brien's Patch of Kandira--and fourth to L. C. Emerick's Ahmed of Blue Nile. Winner's was Ace--as mentioned before--and reserve, Faithhaven Biagukim. In bitches--no puppies were shown--and the novice winner was Jill owned by Leo F. Walker. Rhosenji's Dee owned by Mr. Gilkey was lone winner in bred by exhibitor class. In American bred bitch class Ernest W. Smith's Fatima of the Nile took the blue ribbon--L. C. Emerick's Faithhaven Abijeane second prize, John H. Wald Jr's Pinda of Wilsenji took third placing, fourth going to L. C. Emerick's Songuti. In open bitch class Skreeta of the Fires, owned by Mabel Cadwell took second to Miss McWain's winner's bitch, Black Mist of the Congo, Reserve winner's bitch was Fatima of the Nile. In for best of breed was the best of winners Black Ace of the Congo and three of Mr. Gilkey's champions--with Beau getting the nod from Mr. Rosenberg--and Ch. Rhosenji's Ginger getting the second nod as best of the opposite sex. Ch. Rhosenji's Beau placed fourth in the hound group. Our heartiest congratulations to all the owners of winning dogs in this first great Basenji specialty show. The success of this show was due to the excellent co-operation of the entire club

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membership. The following people gave trophies and money and Miss McWain, as chairman of the show committee, listed these following donors: Mr. and Mrs. Marlin E. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barrows, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boord, Mrs. Mabel Cadwell, Mr. L. C. Emerick and daughter Dorcas, Miss Eloise Gerry, Mr. George L. Gilkey, Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, Miss Mary McWain, Mtongo Kennels, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Phemister, Mrs. A. S. Sherwin, Mr. Norman Slater and Mrs. Beulah Wilson. Before we know it, the months will have rolled away--so right now is the time to begin planning our second specialty show. Start thinking where you would like to have it and the time of the year when you would like it.

In my last bulletin I asked club members for any suggestions to help make the bulletin of greater interest to you. Mr. Gilkey suggested I list the name of any member who has Basenjies for sale--giving the age and sex of the dogs available. Consequently in the following bulletins I will do so. Mr. Norman Slater suggested I list the names of those planning to show their Basenjies--listing the shows they are planning to take in. This should build up bigger entries and make the shows more worth while. Mr. Slater intended showing his good female, Parke's Own Kisandu, at a number of shows, but he recently had the misfortune of losing this dog. I am quite sure Mr. Slater will have another Basenji before too long and lets hope he will continue to show this Basenji too. So list the shows you plan on exhibiting at with me--bearing in mind the next bulletin will probably be published in August. There are many fall shows which are ideal and amongst them I can mention several that offer Basenji special prizes. At Rye, New York on Sunday, September 10th there will be \$5.00 offered by Mr. Slater for both winner's dog and winner's bitch. Mr. Phemister and I have offered trophies for puppy dog and puppy bitches' classes at the South Shore Kennel Club show at Plymouth, Mass. on Sunday, August 20th These are two beautiful shows--why not support them?

We welcome one new club member, Mr. Stanley E. Williamson of 821 Buckingham St., Columbus, Ohio, sponsored by Mr. L. C. Emerick. We hope Mr. Williamson will show his Basenji--but whether he does or not--we are happy to have him as one of the Basenji fancy.

Mr. Edward Pieters sent us a bit of interesting news concerning the publicity their male Basenji, Mola, is giving the breed. 'Mola has been obedience trained and the Pieters are active in their local training club (Mrs. Pieters publishing their club bulletin) so when their training club puts on exhibitions, 'Mola carries on very creditably for the breed. Our little Ch. Phemister's Melenge does the same in our local training clubs and never fails to draw admiration as she continually keeps her eyes on either Mr. Phemister or me--depending on who is handling her--while her tail is continually wagging. This is the very finest way of introducing our breed to the public--these little polished well-mannered Basenjies--and it is to be hoped that more of you appreciate the advantage of obedience trainings.

MRS. ALEXANDER PHÉMISTER, Secretary
Kingston, Mass.

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I have no correspondence to report to you as secretary of your club, except a friendly letter from Mrs. Cadwell telling me of the fine wins her Skretta of the Fires has had recently. Mr. James Maltbie of New York sent a check for \$2.50 as a prize for our specialty show--but it arrived much too late and I had to send it back with regrets--and with the suggestion he might like to join our club. I shall keep you informed of all club business and correspondence that is carried on through my office.

Mrs. Alexander Phemister, secretary
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