

## BASENJI CLUB of AMERICA

September 19, 1950

Dear Club Member:

In my two previous bulletins I wrote that I would follow suggestions of any club member. The first suggestion, by Mr. Gilkey, was that I list the name of any club member who wrote me that he had Basenjis for sale. Although three months have elapsed since I sent out the last bulletin no person has listed with me any Basenjis for sale. The second suggestion, made by Mr. Slater, that I list the names of any club members who sent me a list of the shows they planned on exhibiting at met with almost the same result. Mr. Stanley Williamson of 821 Buckingham St., Columbus, Ohio wrote me he had a litter of four puppies whelped July 6th. This whelping date in itself is most unusual for Basenjis as we all know almost 98% of all Basenjis--all over the world--whelp only in November or December. I presume that Mr. Williamson has a few puppies available although he did not say just what his plans were for them. Mr. Watt wrote that he is planning on exhibiting at all shows within a traveling distance--and particularly where he knows there will be outside competition. As Mr. Watt is the only person to write me about future show plans, I think it will have to be left up to the members themselves to contact each other to build up better entries for the coming shows. I might suggest that even if an exhibitor knew he was to be the only Basenji entry, he would find it very worthwhile if his specimen is a top quality specimen, because such a Basenji creates very favorable comment in the Hound Group. There isn't a hound with a more beautiful gait, nor one who carries himself with more grace and dignity--than a correct type Basenji. As I wrote earlier I will mention the Basenjis who have done Hound Group winning since the last bulletin. At the Erie show Ch. M'Tongo's Faith-haven Biagukim was placed fourth in the group. Ch. Black Mist of the Congo was placed second in the Group at Syracuse, N.Y. Our Ch. Phémister's Maestro placed

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third in the Group at the Plymouth show and fourth in the Group at Brockton. Of course you noticed the two new CHAMPION prefixes before Black Mist and Biagukim's names! We congratulate and rejoice with the two new owners—Mr. Watt and Miss McWain, and also congratulate the two breeders of these dogs—Mr. L.C. Emerick and Miss Veronica Tudor Williams. Now this time I have a suggestion! No doubt many of you club members read in the Sept. issue of True Magazine a questionnaire on the Basenji breed. The editor gave my name as secretary of the club. Some dozen people have written to me asking for club literature—and a few asking for Basenji breeders in their localities. As you all know, we have no club literature and I had to write as such—although I gave the names of club members who they could contact. Although I have my own personal folders which cover all the desired information I refrained from sending any out—purely because I want no club member to feel that I was using my office as secretary to further any personal interest. However, I feel it is time that our club have some well worded literature to send to any who write for information on Basenjis. This should be written in an appealing manner—call it a sales letter if you wish, but one has only to write the truth, without any exaggeration, to sell our little Basenjis to those who want a dog of distinguishing qualities. My second suggestion is that a list of club members, with their addresses, be printed—the names under the alphabetical listing of the various states. There should be a space left between each state so the secretary could add the names of new members. Our breed is going to have more and more publicity as the fame of our dogs spread, and this is just a whisper—but haven't some of you friends who would like to write to the various magazines for information on Basenjis? It is great publicity for our breed—as each magazine covers a different class of readers—and this publicity is great for our breed—and helpful to each breeder. Although the club secretary should use this literature—each member should have a copy. If

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the club members were interested in extra literature they should have the privilege of purchasing it at cost. I suggest that each member write a short treatise-with the idea in mind that the attractive qualities of our breed are to sound appealing to the prospective purchaser. I think the Board should select the article and it be printed up for each club use.

We welcome the following new club members and hope that each one will take an active part in all club activities. Mr. Charles Schreiber, 230 East 12th St. Alton Ill.; Mrs. George Huntley, Emporia, Kansas; Mr. John H. Wald, Jr. 703 Mary St. Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. Robert Jenkins, Oak Ridge, Ontario, Canada; and Mr. and Mrs. John Cadwell, R.D. 2, Box 29 A Wexford, Pa.

The only club member to send me comments regarding the locale and date of our next specialty show is Mr. George Watt. His opinions are sound and most of you will probably agree with Mr. Watt. Mr. Watt feels that the number of entries at shows in the past should not be a deciding factor because in each case of good entries there was work done and cooperation given. Therefore he feels there will be a good entry and with many exhibitors wherever it is held because we will all work to make it successful. The time element should be seriously considered so that the puppies of 1950 will be of age to be shown. Mr. Watt feels it should be in the Midwest-and his first choice is Erie, Pa.-and his second choice he considers just as good, if not better-is the Chagrin Valley Club show. I am sure the Board will give this suggestion of Mr. Watt's full consideration.

Our breed is growing tremendously but the public is not fully aware of this great success. Many puppies are not being registered by their breeders. Now that the breeding season is approaching, I urge each breeder to register every puppy at time of litter registration. The cost is very small and if all puppies are registered, the records will prove to the dog fancy, who watches the trends very closely, that our breed is jumping right up the trail of success.

Sincerely,

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