

## BASENJI CLUB of AMERICA

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Dear Club Member:

There is so much to report in this bulletin that it is hard to know where to start. First, I want to acknowledge an omission of an announcement that should have been in the last bulletin. This announcement is that Jonny Cadwell's Tan-Ca-Mu Jungle Jonny has his championship title. The Cadwells, as most of you know, live in Wexford, Penn. Also to acquire their titles recently are two puppies owned by Miss Mary McWain of Batavia, N.Y. These youngsters are Haku Black Icicle and his litter sister Haku Printer's Ink. The Leo Shadics of Philmont, N.Y. are proud to announce that their Phemister's Mainstay is now a champion of record. Mainstay is a litter brother of Ch. Phemister's Maestro. Congratulations are extended to these rightfully proud owners.

We are happy to welcome three new members to our club. Mr. R. V. Smith lives at 154 State St., Albany, Mrs. A. L. Harrington at 128 State St., Albany and Miss Cecil Dayton at 33 Broad St., Middletown - all of New York State.

Many of you club members attended the second annual Basenji specialty show held Sunday Sept. 9th at Rye, New York. You also attended the club meeting held after the Basenji judging. However half of our membership was unable to be there because many live so far away, so I will give a report of the day.

As you know, the Basenji specialty show was held in conjunction with the Westchester Kennel Club Show. This show has the reputation of being one of the most beautiful out-door shows in the East and it certainly lived up to its reputation. Perfect summer weather made for ideal conditions for dogs as well as for their owners. The show was well managed and the entry of forty-two Basenjies was by far a record entry. Row after row of benched Basenjies was a thrilling sight and it was also exciting to see many classes of five, six and seven Basenjies. In the specials class alone there were eight champions. Top honors for the day went to Ch. Phemister's Maestro and you probably know Mr. Phemister and I own him. Best of opposite sex to best of breed was Phemister's Gold Charmer who we also own. Winner's dog and best of winners was Phemister's Sandoa owned by Deborah Westcott of Clinton, N.J. Winner's bitch was Phemister's Gold Charmer. Reserve winners bitch was Golden Glow of Shalimar owned by Marlin E. Ashby of Springfield, Penn. Reserve winners dog was Abakaru of Blue Nile owned by Roberta C. Jenkins of Oak Ridge, Ontario, Canada. The class winners were as follows: Puppy dog, Phemister's Sandoa; Novice dog, Rhosenji's Golddust, owned by Geo. L. Gilkey of Merrill, Wis.; Bred by exhibitor dog and American bred dog, Baritan Ango owned by Norman Slater of Metchen, N.J.; and open dog was won by Mrs. Jenkin's Abakaru of Blue Nile. First in puppy bitches was Mtongo's Gypsy Queen owned by John Cadwell of Wexford, Penn. Geo. Gilkey's Rhosenji's Ideal won best in novice class while Golden Glow of Shalimar won the bred by exhibitor class. First in American bred bitches was Cleo of the Nile owned by Charles M. Schreiber of Alton, Ill. Open bitches was Phemister's Gold Charmer. Many Basenjies who won other placings in their classes were of excellent quality, many having previously won their major championship point shows. Every Basenji was capably handled and each one showed excellent ring manners.

Following the Basenji judging, Mr. Phemister, as President, called for a meeting of the club. By far the largest attendance of membership, the meeting was an enthusiastic one. The secretary's report and the treasurer's reports were read and accepted. It was voted that all unpaid members for 1951 be given final notice that if their dues are not promptly paid they will be dropped from the membership. At present there are fifty-two paid members. Tardy members please accept this as a final warning. Send in your dues to the treasurer, Miss Eloise Gerry, 1105 Dartmouth Rd., Madison, Wis. We want each and every member to stay with us and take an active interest in the club.

The subject of choice of location for our next specialty show was brought up. Because we must have three specialty shows before we can apply for membership in the American Kennel Club, we must abide by the present rules - that we can only have our show in New York State. If we do join the American Kennel Club next year, we can have our show anywhere we choose in the country. Mr. Shadic requested that we consider having the next specialty show with the Schenectady show, also to consider the Paulding show. Mr. Phemister spoke for the Rye show again, saying that an entry of forty-two Basenjis was proof that the location was convenient to a great many exhibitors. It was voted that the secretary contact the secretaries of those kennel clubs to ascertain what these clubs would offer us as an inducement to having our show with them. Your secretary will notify you later and allow you the vote on your preference.

Miss Mary McWain brought up the subject of the cream colors in Basenjis. This color is very objectionable and it was unanimously voted that the American Kennel Club be notified to the effect that creams are a disqualification.

In reply to a letter from the American Kennel Club requesting that our list of annual awards for 1952 be sent them immediately, it was voted that the same awards offered in 1951 be given again for 1952. The same donors who offered these awards for 1951 made the same offers for 1952. These awards are listed in your March 8, 1951 bulletin.

Mrs. Ashby suggested that a fund be started as a trophy for the Westminster show. Whereas Westminster offers no trophy for Basenjis, it was left to the individual members to make what offers they might care to. It was voted that your secretary write to the Westminster Kennel Club requesting that the Basenji dogs and bitches have separate classes at their 1952 show in New York.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mary R. Phemister, Secretary

Mr. Norman Slater of Metuchen, N. J., Box 524, is compiling data for a Basenji bloodline study and requests that Basenji owners send him the name of their dogs, birth date and pedigree of two or three generations.

You will be interested to know that all your club officers and all but one board member were present at the meeting, as well as a great majority of club members, several coming as far as Wisconsin. Your officers are open to suggestions for the good of the breed as well as good of the club. Do not hesitate to write any of your officers if they can be of any help to you.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Alexander Phemister, Secretary