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Dear Club Member:

There is much to report in this bulletin--reports of your successful Basenji specialty show--of your club meeting, held right after the Basenji judging at the specialty show--and Basenji news from our Canadian and American club members.

All of you who cooperated and worked for this show will be pleased to know it was a success from every angle. Thirty one Basenjis were entered--by eighteen exhibitors from Canada and from America as far west as California. The day was a glorious one with a cool breeze making it comfortable for both dogs and their owners. The beautiful grounds of the Westchester Country Club made a superb setting for the show.

Mrs. Ashby, head of the hospitality committee, greeted the exhibitors and introduced them around, presenting each with a Basenji Club pin. At ten o'clock the Basenjis were called into the judging ring and for the next two hours Mr. Lounsbury carefully went over each Basenji. Listed as follows are the class winners: Puppy dog was won by Phemister's Kedar owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Phemister: Novice dog, won by Fairmont Kastanji, owned by Mr. Wallace Ayres. The winner of the American bred dog class was Fairmont Koppar Nyckel owned by Mr. Arthur Kreugal and this dog went on to winner's dog. The reserve winner's dog Phemister's Sandoa, was the winner of the open class and he is owned by Miss Deborah Wescott. Mrs. E. A. Westlin's Fairmont Lynn Lysande won the puppy bitch class. In the American bred bitch class, Rotha Haus Kennel's Rotha Haus Mdslle Maddu took honors, while Katema of Carmel, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Phemister, went from first in open class to winner's bitch. Reserve winner's bitch was Mr. Willis Saunder's Mtongo Finesse. Best of winners was Katema of Carmel. Best of breed went to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Shadic's International Champion Vagabond of the Congo. Best of opposite sex to best of breed was Katema of Carmel.

The meeting of the Basenji Club of America was held in one of the beautiful salons of the Westchester Country Club. The use of this room was provided by Mr. Stanley Halle, secretary of the Westchester Kennel Club, and the customary charge of \$20.00 was covered by the Westchester Kennel Club. The attending club members were most appreciative of this comfort and accomodation.

The meeting was opened by President Alexander Phemister who welcomed the club members and their guests. As Mr. Shadic entered the room, an applause of congratulations greeted him. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The secretary's correspondence was read and discussed. Mr. Phemister appointed Miss Mary McWain to head a committee to work on a proposed by-law change offered by Mr. George Gilkey. The chairman of the various show committees gave reports. Mr. Phemister expressed his appreciation of the excellent cooperation of Mr. Ashby as chairman of the show committee; of Mrs. Cadwell who did such a capable job as trophy chairman; of Mrs. Ashby as chairman of the hospitality committee and Miss McWain as head of the show entries, and also all who helped make this show a great success.

Mr. Norman Slater made a motion which was seconded and passed, that the Basenji Club of America take suitable steps to join the American Kennel Club.

Miss McWain, who had been priviously appointed by Mr. Phemister to select a committee for the purpose of bringing in plans for the next specialty show, gave a report. The committee chose the Rome, New York show, held in late June, as their selection for the location of the 1953 Basenji specialty show. This committee

listed five judges as their choices for judge for the Basenji specialty show. Miss McWain reported she planned to send cards to each club member which would give a report of her committee and which would state that they would have until October 15th should they have any dissention over the plans of her committee.

The meeting adjourned about two o'clock and a number of guests immediately filled out application blanks for membership—and each was vouched for and welcomed into the club.

Mr. Leo Shadic has just cause to be proud of his two new champions—English Champion and now American Champion, Vagabond of the Congo and his litter sister, Verbena of the Congo. Mr. Shadic states that Vagabond is the only red and white international champion in the Western Hemisphere.

Mrs. Roberta Jenkins, from Ontario, Canada, who owns Canadian Champion Abakaru of Blue Nile, notified me that he has acquired a number of his American championship points. She also told me that there are several Basenji breeders in Canada who not only are very enthusiastic about their Basenjies, but also have top quality stock.

Young club member Betsy Robertson showed her Basenji, Phemister's Dukama, for the first time in novice obedience at the Westchester Kennel Club show. Although her score of 166 was four points short of qualifying, she made a creditable showing. With her great love and enthusiasm for her Basenji we feel certain that he will acquire his C. D. degree.

We, here at Kingston, are glad to announce that our Katema of Carmel finished her championship at the specialty show.

The following Basenji owners have recently joined the Basenji Club of America; Mrs. E. W. Krampert, Casper, Wyoming; Mrs. C. W. Swinney, also of Casper, Wyoming; Mr. Donald Flenner, 459 Washington St., Springdale, Pa.; Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Ross, Fredericton, N. B., Canada; Mrs. Patricia Yu, 343 S. 18th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Wallace A. Ayres, 8120 165th St., Jamaica, New York; Mr. James T. Cox, 3065 Roberts Ave., Bronx 61, New York; Mr. Arthur Kruegel, 642 Ridgewood Rd., Arcdell, New Jersey; and Mrs. Arthur Morrell, 12 Elm St., Woburn, Mass. We hope these new members will send me any Basenji news they think might interest our readers.

Mrs. Marlin Ashby and Mrs. Patricia Yu exhibited their Basenjies at Ritter House Square in Philadelphia all one day in connection with National Dog Week. Mrs. Ashby also appeared on television with her Champion Phemister's Kongwa in connection with this exhibition.

Mrs. Cadwell, while on vacation with several of her Basenjies, made a visit to a school and not only did her Basenjies make a great hit with both pupils and teachers, but Mrs. Cadwell gave an interesting and informative talk on our breed. All of this fine publicity greatly benefits our breed and it is to be hoped that all Basenji owners will make use of any such opportunities that might come their way.

Sincerely yours,

Mary R. Phemister
Mrs. Alexander Phemister, Secretary