

BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA
HELD FOLLOWING THE CLUB DINNER AT THE
ROGER SMITH HOTEL, STAMFORD, CONN., SEPT. 10, 1955

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by President Walter Philo; Mr. Philo introduced each member present as well as guests; then gave a full report on the progress of the movie "Good-bye, My Lady".

The minutes of the regular February meeting were read; a correction was made, and the minutes were approved as corrected. (The correction was in the amount of the appropriation for the descriptive pamphlet which was to be prepared by the president and made available to the members at cost plus 10%; the amount should have been \$50 rather than \$25.) Treasurer James Maltbie gave the financial report, the balance on hand as of Sept. 3, 1955 being \$935.79. The report was approved as read.

Brief reports were made by John Cadwell, Specialty Show Chairman; George Gilkey, Chairman of American Basenji Promotion; and via mail by Mrs. Elsa Hubbard, Chairman of West Coast Promotion, and Mrs. Sheila Smith, Chairman of Midwest Promotion.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED:

1. That special commendation for Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Smith become part of the minutes as an expression of Club gratitude for their work in membership and shows.
2. That the waiting period between time of sending ballots to the membership and/or the board of directors till time of tabulation be reduced from 60 to 30 days.
3. That the secretary if he or she so chooses, may appoint a committee of assistants for the distribution of secretarial work.
4. That the President shall appoint a committee to study the revision of Club bylaws.
5. That the Club shall apply for AKC membership as quickly as possible.

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6. That the 1956 Specialty shall be planned, as regards location, in relation to joining American Kennel Club.

7. That the meeting be adjourned; 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

ELIZABETH M. RYDER
Secretary

For the benefit of new members or those who could not attend, I'd like to expand on a few points in the minutes. First reference is to the need of revision of the by-laws; not only have loop holes been pointed out, but there are matters of policy which need changing. As an example, election ballots have always been counted during the February meeting; this past February, there were the simultaneous drones of the election ballot counters, the AKC-joining-and-financing ballot counters, and floor discussions. Small wonder that an error was made in the minutes. At this Stamford meeting, it was suggested that any members with ideas about by-law revision send the ideas to the By-laws Chairman. One suggestion I'd like to make is that committees of 3 be appointed to tabulate ballots within the 24 hours preceeding the annual meeting.

Of the financial balance, \$392.50 was from the advertising campaign; there has also been more ad money to come in, bringing the total to \$489.50. As George Gilkey is assuming full responsibility for the illustrations for the new standard, our original goal of \$1,000 can be cut by one-third, but we are still short by about \$180 for the duplicating machine and joining AKC. The treasury could stand the expense of these two projects, but there are fairly heavy running expenses, and our ideal is to meet the special projects with special appropriations. Of the members who haven't yet contributed, two or three dollars from each would put us over the top.

Our next specialty show will have to be held in New York State again; there had been hope that we could join AKC quickly enough to be able to schedule the 1956 specialty in another state, but the time element was too close for comfort. The things we attempt to consider are having the show late enough for the previous winter's puppies to be entered but early enough to avoid breeding season. Between the middle of August and the middle of September, there are seven New York shows. Of these, three, including Westchester, seem to offer the most; the three will be included on the voting ballot to reach you soon.

Please take note of the new address:

ELIZABETH M. RYDER, Secretary
RFD 2,
Great Barrington, Mass.

GENETICS REPORT NO. Ia

Your response to my offer of genetics interpretation has been most gratifying, and with the breeding season close upon us, I feel the time ripe for the first presentation. The majority of your letters have been on the question of coat color; so this report will be limited to that. To begin, I must make a few qualifying remarks. I am a graduate geneticist, but not a sage; if you have a problem, possibly I can trace it for you - particularly, if enough other people have the same problem; but just to look at a pedigree and predict the quality of offspring - I wouldn't dare. Next, it is not my desire to name specific dogs as undesirables. As in most every race, there have been Basenjis that never should have been bred, but most animals contribute some good character to their progeny; it's up to us with reasoning power to delete what is wrong. Nevertheless, in the mind of the conscientious breeder, who is striving toward the ideal, one or two dogs are responsible for some certain fault, and, if my interpretations are to be of any value, those dogs must be named. Still it remains to the credit of their breeders that those dogs, who may be named here, were not necessarily at fault in themselves, but rather were incompatible with certain other breedings. It must also be kept in mind that the faults that give us the most trouble are the recessive ones, and much of our difficulty with color began unobtrusively, at a time when virtually nothing was known of Basenjis.

Because of the Specialty Show, this bulletin will undoubtedly be rather lengthy; so I shall hold this portion to a minimum, saving the specific theories, facts, proofs for the next bulletin. Briefly then, the problems with coloring are creams, hound markings, and brindles. The creams are obvious; hound marked dogs are those which are predominantly red, white points, dull black saddle, and frequently some black sprinkling in the red; brindles (here my definition is slightly unorthodox just to avoid too many categories) are red-and-white Basenjis with an even sprinkling of black on the body, or a sprinkling of black down the dorsal midline, or black stripes, or black splotches. Concerning the proper colors of red-and-white and tricolor, we know that red is dominant to tri. So far the picture is simple and genetically sound; suddenly we have three other possibilities, which throw the whole picture into unbalance. Quite superficially, I have determined a formula, strictly temporary; it appears to work, but I doubt its complete accuracy, because of its unbalance; however, it is a beginning. It appears that red is also dominant to cream, and cream and tricolor are both on the same power level, thus exhibit blending which results in hound marking or brindle.

Most of you have asked how to avoid breeding these off colors. This is not the year to avoid and begin eliminating them; this is the year to try to produce them, most especially

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if you have a pure red who, you suspect, is a brindle carrier. It's a radical answer, but it will not only enable the correct formula to be found, but, by having that formula, we can then eliminate. If each one of us would be willing to experiment this year, by next fall we could spot nearly every potential brindle producer. If you think it's wild to suggest breeding for brindles, look at the genetics facts: a breeder owns one red bitch; unknown to the breeder, she carries the cream gene; this year she is bred to a red dog who does not carry cream or tricolor; she produces six red pups, three of whom are carriers. Next year, the three carriers are bred to three red non-carriers; each of them produce 6 red pups with 50% carriers. By the following year, there will be 40 carriers of cream genes. By the third year probably $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 40 carriers will be line- or in-bred, or bred to a tricolor; if that 20 produce 6 pups a piece, there will be 120 pups, 60 of whom will be creams, brindles, or hound marked, and another 30 will be carriers. So, in three years, from one carrier, we now have 70 carriers and 60 off colored dogs; these are minimum figures, because I didn't count breeding each generation beyond its first season. On the other hand, if the breeder had mated his bitch to a tricolor, the first litter would have shown half brindles; those three could have been discarded; the remaining three reds would be bred to a tricolor the following season with the results that all their progeny should be pure reds, carrying the tri gene.

Thus, if you own a red, who has had shaded relatives, breed to a tricolor; if you have a brindle or hound marked, breed to another of the same coloration or to a tri. Next bulletin, I'll give some of the history of the off colors in the U.S. and the three dogs responsible for it.

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to be special kinds of people. (My sons say
"Specially crazy"!) If one hasn't a sense of
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Heila Oender

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