

NOSTALGIA

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BASENJI HISTORY MADE AGAIN!

English Champion AMELIA OF LITTLEBREACH, bred by Mrs. L. R. Percival of England and owned by Elsa and Ray Hubbard of Oxnard, Cal. finished her American Championship in a blaze of glory in the largest entry on the West Coast at Orange Empire Show in San Bernardino. This makes "Stig" as she is affectionately called, the first Basenji bitch to claim the title "International Champion".

HERE'S TIKI-TIKI - FROM AFRICA - TO MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA.

It had been some time since a Basenji has come out of Africa and even longer since one came directly to America. I have been curious to see and learn more of the native dog and was interested in procuring one to compare with our present day standard. Before my recent Safari in Africa, I was in correspondence with Dr. Chapin. So many members of the BCOA had urged me to bring back a Basenji that I enlisted Dr. Chapin's help. Since I was looking for a native Basenji and he had one he could no longer keep, he offered him to me. This was a fine solution since Tiki is of good type and also domesticated. Presently, Tiki's future seems destined to one simply of ornamentation. For anyone interested, he lives with me and will welcome any visitors. Naturally, I would like to register him some day if it is ever possible. I may show him some as listed and hope that the A.K.C. will one day be made to realize through the unified efforts of the BCOA members that new blood is essential for the successful perpetuation of the breed.

Description:

The picture that appeared in the New York Times of Tiki-Tiki was taken when he was seven months old.

- General appearance - a tall, rangy, elegant dog of considerable quality and Basenji character
- Head----- attractive, good wrinkle and expression
- Eyes----- good shape, very dark
- Ears----- well hooded, set a little wide
- Neck----- long, clean and elegant
- Tail----- well set, bad curl - a loose loop (typical of native Basenjies)
- Body----- excellent top line - though long, chest lacks desirable width and depth.
- Legs----- straight in front, nicely angulated behind, hocks well let down, good feet
- Coat----- typical in color and of superior silky, fine texture - white on chest, feet and tail tip
- Umbilical hernia present and dew claws on all four legs
- Disposition----- affectionate and intelligent, enthusiastic with strangers, children and puppies.

-----Bettina Belmont Ward, Middleburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Phemister of Kingston, Mass. are offering S.P. trophy to the Basenji owned and handled by a member of the Basenji Club of America during the year 1958 with the highest aggregate scores in obtaining an obedience degree, including all passing and non-passing scores. Each member participating in Obedience trials is asked to send his scores after each show to the Bulletin where they will be published each issue and tally kept. This will eliminate the terrific amount of work of having one person try to check scores of every show throughout the country.

POETS' CORNER - From our Southern Poetess, Dorothy Wilkins, Pensacola, Florida

WE CALL YOU BEAU TEDDY

- 1. We call you Beau Teddy
Oh wee pup of Star
Our favorite already
That's just what you are.
- 2. It chose you "Little One"
From the rest of your litter
And you sparkled brightly
'Neath it's rays and it's glitter.

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3. One day as you lay
By the side of your brothers
A rainbow found you
And passed by all the others.
4. At that very moment
We called you "BEAU"
For Beau you were named
By the rainbow's glow.
5. You look like a wee bear
As you sleep in your beddy
So we added a name
Now you're christened "Beau Teddy".

GEN. CLAYTON BISSELL of Signal Mountain, Tenn. thanks the Club for their efforts in helping him secure a basenji. General Bissell had basenjies since 1947, his 8-year old one having passed on with internal injuries. They are pleased with their new acquisition and will give it all the love and care any basenji could wish.

SALVOS, HAILS AND HUZZAS

Sparked by an inquiry from Robert Mankey as long ago as August 1955, "But shouldn't we be awarding a cup annually to the Basenji with the most Best of Breeds and the most Hound Group placings?", the Board of Directors early last year, with the enthusiastic cooperation of trophy-minded Bettina Belmont Ward, then President, decided to offer awards for these achievements during the year 1957:

A Sterling Silver Plate, valued at \$50. to the owner of the Best-in-Show Basenji (over the greatest number of entries.)

A Sterling Silver Cigarette Box, valued at \$50. to the owner of the Basenji with the greatest number of Best of Breeds in extramural competition (i.e. competition in which Basenjies owned by members of two or more households participated.)

A Sterling Silver Cup, valued at over \$100. to the owner of the Basenji placing over the greatest number of breeds in the Hound Groups of 1957.

Trophy to the owner-handler of the Basenji with the highest total of 3 qualifying scores for the Companion Dog degree in Obedience. (Scores made during 1956 would be counted, but the degree must be completed during 1957.)

Mrs. Ward underwrote the award for the Hound Group trophy; and Miss Barbara Holes, the Obedience Trophy. The Board voted an appropriation of \$100 to cover the other two trophies.

Ch. Phemister's Kedar, owned and handled by Bob Mankey, in partnership with Jack Shafer and Florence Wolman, would have won such a Hound Group award in both 1954 and 1955; he would have won such a Best of Breed trophy in 1955 (although Ch. Ponjola of Tan-Ca-Mu, owned by Johnny Cadwell, would have won it in 1954). 1956 would have been Ch. Brahme of Syngesfield's year inasmuch as Mrs. Ward's favorite boy won both scores -- 27 Best of Breeds in extramural competition and 10 placings in the Hound Groups over an aggregate of 79 Hound Breeds. And towards the end of 1956 the first Basenji to go Best in Show in any U.S. show -- young Philo's Blaze of Koko Crater, owned by Lt. and Mrs. Albert Ashurst -- might have claimed the Best-in-Show trophy. Instead, he received a very nice tribute in the Bulletin (no photograph, though).

Here, then, according to our sleepy, red-eyed score-keeper, were the top-winning Basenjies in 1957:

THE BEST IN SHOW BASENJI: Dainty Dancer of Glenairley (Drumadon Ducat x Glenairley Melodious), bred by new member Margot Bowden, owned by Mrs. Margaret Robertson.

THE GROUP BASENJI OF THE YEAR:

Ch. Pepe le Moko of Rancho Rest (Phemister's Maeka x Black Susan of the Congo), bred by Ray and Elsa Hubbard, owned by Nate H. and LaVerne Edwards.

THE B. O. B. BASENJI: Ch. Bettina's Ferret (Ch. Gold Pip of the Congo x Ch. Riviana Jollity of the Congo), bred and owned by Bettina Belmont Ward.

THE MOST OBEDIENT BASENJI: Glenairley Black Merlin, bred by Sheila Anderson, owned by Margaret Robertson.

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B.O.B., 1957 BCOA SPECIALTY: Ch. Phemister's Adonis (Ch. Ternji's Bruce x Phemister's Stylist), bred by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Phemister, owned by John Crice Rich.

Postal card from Norman Slater - Ogdensburg, N.Y.: "If I'm not confused, MIACOR'S ZUCHIL is the first Basenji to win a group in the Southeastern U.S. heretofore a barren ground for Basenjies. Dr. Claude Jones of Atlanta was the pioneer for that region. He finished PHEMISTER'S KAMANTE, one of the very fine early U.S. Basenjies. My first Basenji was one of Kamante's get, bred by a later enthusiast not now active - Norman Parke. Kudos to Mrs. Elizabeth Shoemaker for her accomplishments."

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Bob Mankey, Jack Shafer and Cambria's Zarak, WD at Orange Empire Show, San Bernardino, Calif., with a 5-point win.

To Elizabeth H. Shoemaker who celebrated an all-Shoemaker month in January when Ch. Miacor's Zuchil went BB at 8 Florida shows with Ch. Miacor's Zippor going BB at the other 3. The highlights of the Florida season were Zuchil's taking the Hound Group at Clearwater on January 11 under Derek Rayne and Zip's winning his C.D. at Jacksonville on January 26.

To Lewis and Marianne Grybinski who celebrated an all-Grybinski week-end at the Eastern Dog Show Club at Boston, Mass., on Feb. 22-23, with Ch. Phemister's Binski going BB under Forest Hall and Phemister's Ballerina, WB and BOS, over sprightly competition.

To Mrs. Shirley Chambers of Altoona, Pa., who, her first time in any ring, handled her Novice Dog entry, Khajah of Story Book (King Kongo of Koko Crater x Skooty of Story Book) to WD and BW, for a three-point win at Harrisburg, Pa., on March 15th under Heywood R. Hartley.

To Frank A. Jordan of Washington, D.C., also a beginner whose bitch Quinba of White Nile (Crackerjack of Blue Nile x Gheldy of Story Book), went WB for 3 points at the same show.

To John Crice Rich whose Ptolemy of Story Book won his first major at Washington, D.C. and his second at the Bronx six days later.

To the entire Hill Family. Dad's dainty Jocaste of Syngesfield completed her championship at the Saw Mill River KC Show on March 9th. At the Bronx on March 22nd, David's bitch, Lepper's Little Masterpiece (Maggie) got the long-sought last little point that made her a champion plus 2 extra for good measure. Next day, just to make certain, she repeated her performance of WB at Teaneck, N. J. At both shows she was BCS to Mom's handsome Ch. Bettina's Voodoo Demon, B.E.

It was at the Bronx that Maggie suddenly decided, Basenji-fashion, that Obedience was strictly for Poodles, Shepherds and other silly characters. Dashing out of the ring, she scampered back to the Basenji benches, leaving David standing in the Obedience Ring, alone but not at all serene.

Special note should be taken of the fact that each Hill has expertly handled his or her own Basenji from its very first show and that David, who has just celebrated his 17th birthday, is the breeder of several up-a-comeing pups.

Ch. Bettina's Imbizi (BOB and 4th in group at the Gardens) owned by Bettina Ward is piling up new honors to his record. Latest group win at Mansfield, O. sets him up as the first Basenji to have won a group in the mid-west. He is also the only basenji to have two first group wins in the East (Northeast).

