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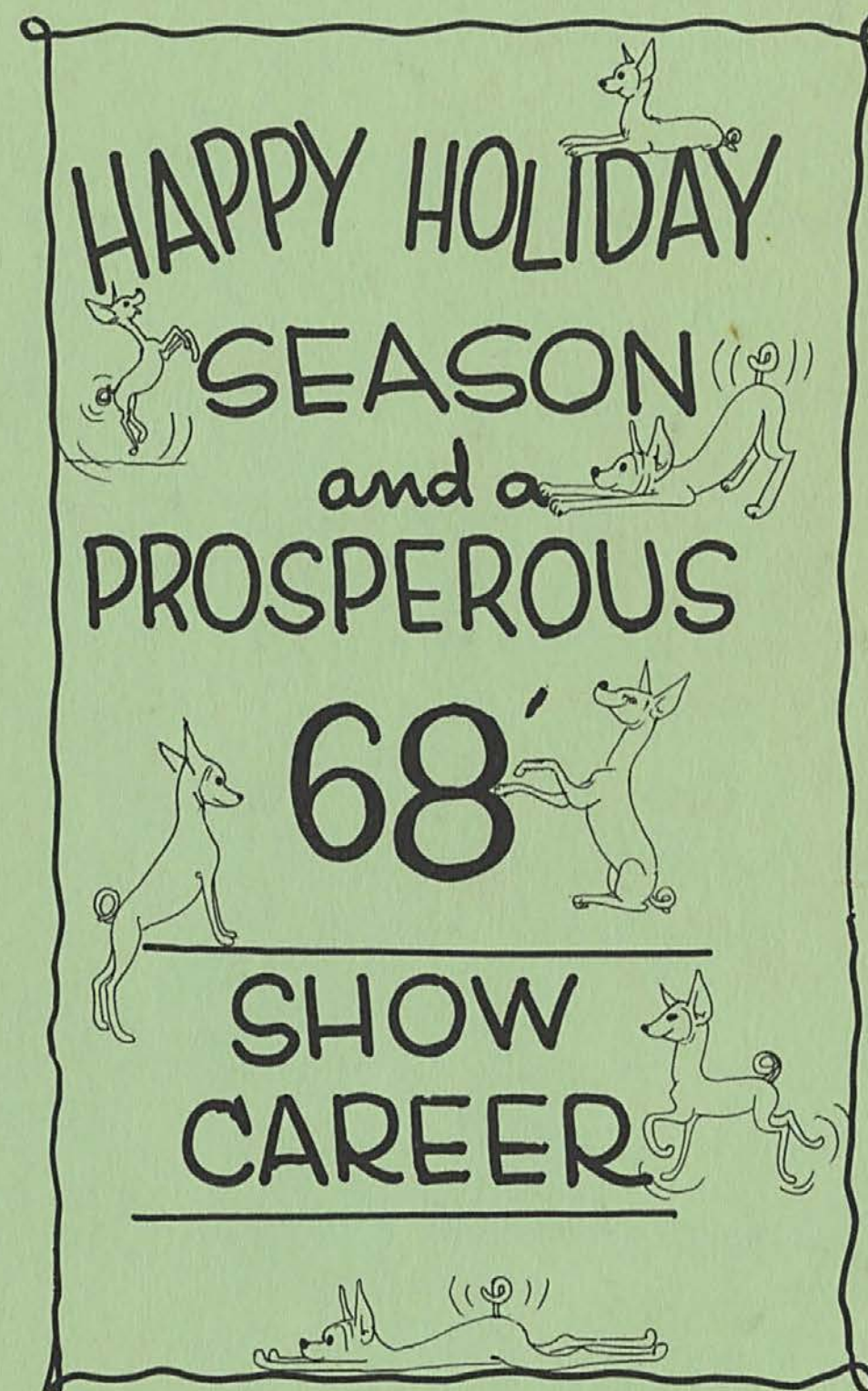
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE Dec. 21, 1967 The "Code" contained in my last message has been so well received that it has been suggested for incorporation into our By-Laws. I believe this suggestion merits serious consideration, since all BCOA members agree when applying for membership to abide by our By-Laws. If the code, expanded to include a pledge to maintain conduct not prejudicial to the best interests of the club or breed, were made a part of our By-Laws it would serve as a standard of conduct which would make the discipline portion of the By-Laws more readily enforceable. More important than this negative approach would be the benefits which could accrue to our members. Membership in a club known to require adherence to a code of ethics such as this would be beneficial and desirable. If the incorporation of the code into our By-Laws is approved, I suggest that each BCOA member be furnished a certificate which he can display, quoting the code and certifying that he is pledged to adhere to it.

Following is a resumé of Board activities since my last report:

ANNUAL MEETING: The announcement of the change in location of the Westminster show back to the old Madison Square Garden came after all arrangements had been made for holding our annual meeting, and the dinner, at the Hotel New Yorker. The day after the announcement an attempt was made to obtain space at Loew's Midtown Motor Inn, closer to the old Garden, but Loew's was already sold out. The meeting and the dinner will be held, therefore, at the New Yorker. Anyone planning to attend, please contact Mrs. Abelson, Dinner Chairman.

BULLETIN: A ballot has been submitted to the Board requesting approval of Mrs. Karin Guam as Editor; to replace Mrs. Marsha Sklar, who has not renewed her BCOA membership.

BY-LAWS: A final draft of new By-Laws is expected to be submitted to the Board about the first of the year.

CHARGE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE: The committee is presently considering the results of investigation on two charges, and is expected to submit their recommendations to the Board shortly. A third charge is presently being investigated.

ELECTION: I had previously reported that the Board had approved sending of voting results of the primary election to all club members "at the same time as they are sent to the nominees" - this should have read "at the same time as they are sent to the Board". This has now been accomplished.

INCORPORATION: An investigation on the feasibility of incorporating our Club as a non-profit organization is being conducted, with results and recommendations expected to be presented to the Board for vote in January.

LEGAL COUNSEL: The Board is presently voting on a ballot regarding the appointment of Mr. R.D. Multer as Legal Counsel to replace Mr. Mandelbaum, who has resigned.

LOCAL CLUBS: The request of the Hi Country Basenji Club for affiliation with BCOA is presently being voted on by the Board.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE: The drive chairman has sent subscription blanks to eligible members. At the reduced rates, this is a bargain for you and of benefit to our Club; and I hope you will support this effort.

MEMBERSHIP: Appointment of members of the Membership Promotion Committee in Canada has been protested by the Basenji Club of Canada, and our Board is presently voting on the deletion of those committee members. The drive for new members is still on, and your help is needed. The 1968 membership Roster is presently being completed and should be distributed shortly.

PROPERTY CUSTODIAN: Our Club owns some ring decorations which are available for use at Specialties and supported shows. The Board is presently voting on a custodian for this property, who would make this material available when needed, and store it meanwhile. When this person has been appointed, it is likely that he would welcome donations of other decorations previously used, which might be helpful to other clubs. If any of you are aware of such material which might be donated to BCOA for re-use by other clubs, please contact Mr. David Hill, our Specialty Chairman.

PUBLICATIONS LISTING: In October the Board approved the publication and distribution of a list of written material on our breed. Copies of this have now been distributed.

TREASURER: Feasibility of having Club funds handled by a firm of CPA's; an annual audit by an outside firm; and the bonding of our Treasurer is presently being investigated.

YEARBOOK: A ballot is presently before the Board from the Yearbook Chairman, requesting approval to cancel plans for the Year - book and return funds and submissions. This ballot was prompted by the lack of interest, which made publication unprofitable.

My yearly Report of Board activities and decisions will be presented at the Annual Meeting; but this will be my last "President's Message" - I am not running for any office in the coming year. When I announced my candidacy last January, I promised to do my utmost to promote harmonious relations within the Club, while striving for certain goals. Most of the goals have been attained: a revised By-Laws has been prepared and a revised Breed Standard is being worked on; our Specialty and Supported Show program has been continued and expanded; our membership has increased substantially; our Bulletin has been published regularly though sometimes belatedly, with plans being laid for monthly publication; action has been taken to recognize several new regional clubs; and improvements have been made in Club operation. The attainment of these goals has been my prime objective during the past year - unfortunately a great deal of my efforts had to be expended in attempts to maintain harmony within the Club.

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Presidents Message continued

A very small minority of our members seem to be concerned only with advancement of personal goals and prestige, without regard for BCOA harmony or progress, thereby causing time-consuming problems for your officers and Board. A prime example is the question of publication in the Bulletin of last year's President's Report. Although this is not required by our By-Laws, the matter was twice put to vote of our Board - in both cases it was not approved, I cannot vouch for why other Board members did not approve; but I felt that most of the pertinent information required by our By-Laws to be included in the Report - that is, the activities and decisions of the Board - had already been published in the Bulletin, and re-publication would be repetitious. In addition, I felt that publication of certain comments in the report would cause unfavorable reactions from some members. This in my opinion would have been detrimental to Club harmony and would have accomplished nothing for BCOA progress. Since I was pledged to maintain Club harmony while striving for progress, I voted against publication of the report. Though I have received nothing from our past President herself requesting that her report be published in the Bulletin; I have spent innumerable hours replying to correspondence and phone calls generated by a very few people who wished the report to be published - I presume so that the unfavorable comments would be made public, - and engendered by others so that they could "reply to it". From this and other similar instances I can draw no other conclusion than that these people, who are among the most influential in BCOA, are more interested in carrying on their pointless personal feuds than they are in BCOA harmony and progress. This is indeed disheartening to anyone who is sincerely interested in "the good of the club and the breed".

My decision not to run for BCOA office in 1968 was dictated by a requirement to spend more time next year on my increasing business commitments, which I often neglected or delayed in 1967 because of BCOA work. However, it was in no small measure influenced by my discouragement with the self-styled BCOA stalwarts mentioned above and disgust with their manipulations in their own behalf. I sincerely hope that your new President and Board will continue, despite the disruptive efforts of those people, to strive for and achieve the aim for which our Club was established ... the advancement of our wonderful breed, the Basenji.

Cordially,

A. L. Braun

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY To have included in the primary election results, the names of the 56 people who received only one vote for the office of Director, we would have had to use another 1-1/4 reams of paper, and then found time for the assembly and stapling job. These names are listed herewith for publication in the next BCOA Bulletin: M. Abelson, B. Anderson, M. Bowden, Mrs. A. Braun, M. Brewer, T. L. Brewer, A. Brocato, H. Butchas, R. Butchas, E. Carter, J. Clague, Mrs. C. Clem, B. Cline, L. Cox, J. Crenshaw, S. Crossley, A. Diener, D. Dodge, P. Ekern, A. Epstein, J. Fenney, Y. Flickinger, Mrs. J. Gilkey, D. Guess, J. Hamilton, D. Heaton, J. Henderson, W. J. Hicks, W. Holbrook, A. Jones, C. Leve, P. Loukota, K. Mainzinger, J. Mullis, R. Neal, Mrs. A. Phemister, W. Philo, H. Polonius, R. Polonius, A. Price, P. Puente, C. Ross, F. Scheufele, F. Simpson, D. Smith, E. Snyder, J. Tooher, A. Upchurch, G. Watts, C. Webb, V. Willie, S. Windus, R. Wozniak, J. Yewell, Shane York and K. Zumbaugh.

SUBJECT: SECRETARIAL REPORT OF BOARD ACTION: Ballot circulated 10/26/67 by Mr. J. J. Brocato, subject "ASSISTANT B.C.O.A. BULLETIN EDITOR" Votes were to be returned within ten days.

THIS BALLOT IS QUOTED, AS FOLLOWS:

Art. VII (Editor of the Bulletin) Sub. Sec. C.

"The Editor shall appoint assistants as are necessary, which appointments shall be subject to Board approval."

At the request of the B.C.O.A. Bulletin Editor the following ballot is circulated from the office of the Vice-President. That Mrs. Ouida McGahee of Valdosta Georgia be Approved for appointment to the office of Assistant Editor. The approval of this appointment would insure uninterrupted of the B.C.O.A. Bulletin should the Editor for cause be unable to fulfill her duties.

APPROVE: Anderson, Brocato, Phemister, Shearer. DISAPPROVE: Bolte' Braun* NO RECORD OF VOTE: Chambers, Hill, Mankey. *Mr. Braun adds this note: "My vote is in line with my previously published conviction that persons responsible for specific BCOA activities should be located in geographically close proximity in order that necessary coordination can be effected without undue loss of time, effort and expenditure. I feel that this is particularly true of those who are responsible for the publication of our Bulletin."

EYE COMMITTEE REPORT December 26, 1967

On October 2nd, 1967, I received a telephone call from Dr. Wyman during the course of which he stated that his first dog for research was donated by Mrs. Margaret Robertson. I reported the statement and other information from him in good faith as having come from an unimpeachable source. However, Dr. Wyman now tells me that Mrs. Robertson did not donate his first or any dog to him for research and that he was in error when he said she did.

As I retain transcripts and/or tape recordings of all telephone conversations on this subject, his statement has been verified. I am sorry that this has happened and will try to make certain that this does not happen again.

Karin J. Quam
Chairman-BCOA Special Committee to
Investigate Possible Eye Condition in Basenjis

THE FORUM Mrs. Ragna Spears, 10223 Vernlyn, San Antonio, Texas, 78230

This column is designed to receive questions through the B.C.O.A. Membership to be answered by a changing panel chosen from the membership. If you have a particular problem or topic for discussion we would like to hear from you.

Participating panelists for this issue are Miss Jo Ann Weller, Arvada, Colorado and Mrs. Bobbie Abelson, Harrison, New York.

Question: "Do you have any suggestions for putting weight on a Basenji who seems healthy, but is very thin and will not eat enough to gain?"

Miss Weller suggests: "Your Basenji cannot be in good health if he is very thin. There is something wrong and the first place to go is to your vet. He has spent years learning about animals and their needs and how to keep them in good health.... This appears to be a medical problem so go for medical help. If the dog is physically in good operating order then the vet will look to the quality of the food he is getting. The vet will tell you that meat by-products in a commercial dog food are very high in protein (its the hoof, hair, etc.) but often less than half of it can be used by the dog--just goes in and out.... Follow your vets advice."

Mrs. Abelson advises: "Some Basenjis indeed, are problem eaters, and very hard to put weight on because they won't eat enough. Others are just real lean and active and burn up all the food they eat. About the second type, there is little that we can do. As the pup gets older they tend to put on some weight, and will eventually look good. Now for the problem eater. We have had plenty of experience with this so here is what I have done:

First, one can force feed by making balls of meal and ground meat and literally ramming them down the dogs throat.... This procedure works well, but I do NOT recommend it. A dog who is being force fed will never get around to eating himself and this becomes a lifetime battle. This should be resorted to only in extreme emergencies. (Forum Editor's Note: This procedure when used for a couple of meals seems to help stretch a non-eating dogs stomach and develop an appetite.)

Second, certain vitamins and minerals act as appetite stimulants. Pills of B/1, B/2 and niacin, given one a day will perk up a flagging appetite. Also good are yeast tablets, an excellent source of B vitamins which my dogs eat as treats. ... Third, using soup to soak the meal and then adding meat creates a more interesting taste so that the Basenji will usually eat more. Also helpful is adding juices from cooked vegetables, meat drippings, and pieces of table scraps cut up very fine so that they are hard to pick out. Fourth, try out several brands and types of dog meats and meal mixtures. Sometimes a poor eater on one type will be a good eater with another type.

Fifth, make all portions SMALL! Put only 1/2 the food in the bowl at a time. A poor eater is often discouraged when a huge bowl is set in front of him while a smaller portion gives him incentive and sense of accomplishment when he through. Sixth, feed less twice a day, instead of more once a day, even in two parts. The poor eaters stomach may be unable to cope with his food needs with once a day feedings. Seventh, sometime you have to tempt a dog to start eating even though they'll finish well enough once they get going. I have had fantastic success with baby food meats, smeared over the food, or fed first to convelescing Basenjis. Eighth, just wait a while and don't let your thin Basenji "bug" you. Mine seem to go through phases of eating and not eating and snap out of it fairly soon if I don't make a fuss about it... And ninth, try to use a fairly concentrated source of calories. Then the dog eats less bulk while getting more nourishment... As an example, Wayne and Ken-L-Biskit are more concentrated than the puffed up Purina Chow. However, Purina makes a concentrated meal designed to give less bulk. Also beef and organ meats are more concentrated sources of calories than chicken or cheese.

And now never fear, since you have all these suggestions so that the "jib is up" for your skinny Basenji it will, in typical Basenji fashion, probably start right in to eating well before you can try out any technique. That's what mine did as soon as I found out a few of these ideas!"

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TIPS FOR TRAINING

Especially for Basenji — owned people
as told by: Mrs. Sally Terroux, Professional trainer and handler
to: Miss Jo Ann Weller, Takuvik Basenjis



These "Tips" may be helpful to all persons training dogs. All breeds of dog can benefit from the kind of training suggested in these "tips". The information, however, is especially designed for people training Basenjis. Because Basenjis do not respond to correction the way most dogs do, emphasis throughout it on the positive approach. This is not a training course and should not be considered such, but it can be used to "basenji-ize" the instruction given by most trainers. If no training classes are available, the books which you will find most compatible with these "tips" are Training You to Train Your Dog by Blanche Saunders and Dog Obedience Training by Mila Pearsall and Charles Leedham.

WHERE TO START

Let's first look at training in general but specifically with regard to a Basenji. Many people ask at what age should you start training a pup? The answer is that it starts at the puppy's birth and the mother is the first and best trainer. We find that most Basenji bitches will house-break the pups, teach them what the boundaries are in both social and physical behavior and probably share a few of her tricks and ways of taking advantage of humans.

A human trainer should begin functioning before the pup is three months old. Actually the pup will generally have some ability to cope with the idea of simple commands when 8 or 9 weeks old (come, sit, stay). The pup should have been introduced to a collar by this time and should have had some experience with a lead. Always use a leather collar for this preliminary work and for fun walks and romps. Do NOT use a chain training collar unless the snap is on the 'dead' ring... The snap goes on the 'live' or 'active' ring only when you are using it for training. When you walk your dog it is best to use a leather collar (always use a non-choke collar), the walk is for him and he will pull but he can learn even with this collar that it's more fun and easier and you'll follow along if he just walks. It seems to work well if you will have a specific collar for a specific purpose. The pup learns quickly—show lead for conformation training; leather collar with rabies tags, etc. for walks, goofing off, car riding, etc.; and chain or nylon training collar with the lead on the 'live' ring means obedience.

By the time your Basenji pup is three months old, he should be learning to walk well on a lead, to recognize and respect 'no', and you should be learning what kinds of things make him happy and how he is apt to behave in certain situations. Start developing a type of praise (petting, tone of voice, certain phrases) that you can use from here on—whatever your particular Basenji likes best.

INDIVIDUALIZE PRAISE

Praise can come in many ways. But to repeat, it must be individualized for each dog. Some Basenjis like to be petted, have their ears scratched, be rubbed with finger tips up and down the spine, checked under the chin or on the chest, or a combination of these. All of them can readily learn to respond to the lilt and enthusiasm of your words of praise. When he wags his kinky tail, grins, or yodels in return, you've hit upon the right tone or action. Don't be parsimonious with the 'good girl' or 'good boy' in a 'I mean it' tone of voice. You will be amazed how accurately a Basenji will read the sincerity in your voice and how positively they will then respond. Food can be a form of praise, but it's just a part of it. If used, do not show it to the dog before the exercise. Give it as a reward, as part of the praise after the exercise. To be effective, food must be used with great regularity until the new pattern of behavior is firmly established with the dog, then wean him very gradually. It is important to maintain control of any use of food as praise, have a plan for its use. Make it small, easily chewed and swallowed and not crumbly or crunchy tid bits. Basenjis like to sniff (!) so prevent any chance for crumbs or bits to get on the floor to be sniffed out.

WHEN TO START

Start teaching your Basenji puppy as soon as you get him... Avoid having to make corrections by stopping him when he first starts to do something wrong. Don't wait until the deed is done. Give him boundary training early, as well as teaching him to come when called, simple play retrieving, and walking on lead. If you make it a regular thing and worthwhile to him, it can become a matter that when you call him 'there's' no place else to go 'but to you! Training is best when it's logical and with a pup it can be just that. He is called because you want him for a reason, and that reason is to give pleasure to him. He is called for dinner, for a car ride, a treat, or a walk. It is a logical reason for being called and he's happy to come. When it makes sense for the Basenji and is not just a routine thing to do, you will find that the dog will do it. All of the early training—stand, sit, down, come, should be done briefly and it should be made worthwhile for the dog as he sees it. Ten minutes training at a time for the young dog is adequate. It can be done a couple times a day and should always be followed by a fun time for the two of you.

Opinions about the best age for starting obedience training with a Basenji vary. If you have done the necessary social and physical training as your pup matured, (see Saunders and/or Pearsall and Leedham) and believe that you understand him pretty well and know what's praise and punishment for him, you are probably ready for obedience ring training. Generally this means your Basenji will be a year or older before you both are ready to start obedience ring training. Some will say that you shouldn't start until the Basenji is at least two—others will say start at six months. The key is the stage of maturity of understanding and respect that you and your Basenji have reached. The more mature the relationship, the better success you are apt to have.

HOW DIFFERENT?

Now, let's look at some of the ways in which a Basenji's reactions differ from those of other breeds. Remember these differences are important although really quite slight. Generally instructions given by a professional trainer or an experienced, capable, amateur trainer are applicable to Basenjis... Each Basenji is very much an individual, however, and the type of praise that is effective will vary from dog to dog and (continued on next page)

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must be suited to the individual Basenji. Basenjis tend to 'read' people. They are very sensitive to their owners and will respond to the owners' feelings and emotions. The trainer (handler or owner) needs to have confidence in himself and his Basenji; the positive approach is the only one that will elicit a positive response from a Basenji.

The Basenji has an exceptionally well developed bump of curiosity which is enhanced by keen eyesight, hearing and sense of smell. Use this to your advantage and keep it in mind throughout training.

Move quickly, keep things varied, keep him alert, don't let it become routine. Owners learn to respect this curiosity by arranging their furniture at home so there is one or more windows at which the Basenji can sit and survey the world. If the owner doesn't arrange this, the Basenji may do it for himself.

Basenjis are easily bored and commonly resort to mischief as a cure for boredom. Therefore you need to watch the dog, give him your undivided attention when you are training him, and always maintain control. Patience is important in training any dog but patient persistence is an absolute must for a Basenji. A major problem is getting them to pay attention, so any training technique that works to this end is useful; but you can't overstep the bounds of good consistent training in any direction with a Basenji. (Don't ever let him get sloppy or, goof up even 'once', keep it short, sweet, fast and pure.) If you can learn to think much as the dog thinks you will be on the road to success and can begin adapting your methods to the particular dog you are training. When it is to his advantage to pay attention, he will; i.e., if he gets bumped or stepped on or dragged a few times because he wasn't paying attention he is likely to decide it is to his advantage to be constantly aware of you.

CORRECTIONS IF NECESSARY

A major goal in training a Basenji is to PREVENT BAD HABITS. Hopefully you will make it impossible from the beginning for him to do it wrong, or make a mistake, so he works only knowing what's right and does it enough times so it becomes a well-formed pattern of behavior. Stop the dog from doing the wrong thing when he begins to do it. Catch him at the moment he starts to misbehave, don't wait until the deed is done and then correct him—it's too late at that point because the Basenji does not respond to corrections as do other dogs. The Basenji is more likely to resent the correction (even to the point where he will completely refuse to do the exercise regardless of what happens to him) rather than react with more effort to please you. If you get to this impasse you generally have to go back to an early form of the exercise and 'guide' him with firm control into doing it right. This should be repeated until once again doing it right is the pattern. In a way, the Basenji's intelligence is a handicap, for he and you must see progress. But you must not progress too quickly for he may not be secure in the exercise and this may make it necessary to repeat, which is boring for both of you.

Corrections must be kept to a minimum, and once a correction is made you should not have to repeat it. Corrections should be fewer and gradually firmer. Compromise if necessary to succeed but make sure your Basenji does succeed in doing what is expected before the exercise is left. If he won't go out and get the dumbbell after a number of tries and you figure it's about time to quit on that, make sure he picks it up off the floor from right in front of him, or back track the exercise til it gets so simple he does do it. Then, after lots of praise (his kind)

repeat the steps of the exercise until you are back where you started with a row of successes behind. Don't let the Basenji stay at the same stage too long—if he repeats the same mistake take time after time, make sure the corrections become more firm with the passage of those times.

The nylon training collar is a tool for guiding the dog into doing what's right. It is ideal suited for making it impossible for him to err—a key to successfully training a Basenji. The nylon collar is especially effective as it is used to give a long pull rather than a sharp jerk. Thus it is not a form of discipline but instead forceably guides the dog into doing what you want. It prevents him from not doing what you want! The chain training collar is used for the short, sharp corrections. Start training your Basenji with the nylon collar (get one that fits closely—just barely goes over the ears) and use it for about the first six weeks. At any time later that he does not respond well to the regular chain collar go back to the nylon collar to reestablish his attention (by making him very uncomfortable when his mind or attention wanders.) Use a very light weight, quarter inch, leather or web lead and snap. Have a four inch handle which can be used as you start off lead, this will be after you have had him on long and lighter cords for some time.

The less the Basenji sees a correction coming, the better. The more it can appear logical, the better. If it seems to be that the correction comes from his not paying attention, e.g. when you run into him on a left turn, he responds by paying attention. In other words, on heeling, if he forges ahead or lags, a quick right or left turn with a short, sharp jerk comes as his fault for not paying attention. Wandering attention is often a problem for the Basenji and sometimes even for the handler. A quick change of pace or direction which brings a quick correction (or in his mind, causes him to be run into or stepped on) should serve to refocus the dog's attention on the business at hand. It is better to keep the corrections with the handler and not have an outside person do any correcting. Again, you know your dog, and you are the one who should administer corrections.

OFF LEAD

The dog that is secure and sharp in his on-lead work, tends to behave just the same off-lead. Therefore you should follow the same sort of steps in off-lead work as you have for the on lead. However, start carefully, extend the length of lead to 6 feet, then 12, then 20 and 30, have him drag a light line before trying to recall completely off lead. But when you do go off lead, have confidence in him. Do your first off-lead work in a confined area (room, porch, etc.), this will again help you avoid the need for corrections—there will be no place for him to go. The positive and confident attitude of the handler is the essential ingredient in off-lead work, there—only when the handler has true confidence in his Basenji should he attempt to go off lead with him. Don't run the risk of doing it too soon, it's better to delay that off-lead business a couple weeks than have to retrench because you did it too soon. Despite a high degree of confidence in your dog's readiness, however, do take the normal precaution, i. e. short strap or handle on collar, confined area, etc..

Off-lead expect and demand the same attention as on-lead. Never act as if you have less control because the lead isn't there. The Basenji is quick to sense a helpless or less than positive approach. Remember that any time your dog is in a confined area, you do have control, off-lead or on... If (continued on next page)

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the dog does not obey, shout "NO" at any distance immediately, walk calmly to the dog, take him by the active ring of the collar and correct gently but firmly. Always walk, even if the dog runs away. Never run, never grab for the collar, never correct harshly as soon as you catch the dog (it will only take longer to catch him next time). Approach him matter of factly, correct him the same way. If two off-lead corrections are necessary in one lesson--place the lead or cord back on the dog.

The way each session ends is as important as what goes on during the session.

If you finish a training session by immediately taking the lead off and letting him tear around, he will probably get the idea that any time the lead is removed, this is the thing to do. It is better to make a point of removing both collar and lead, perhaps shifting to the collar he associates with play time. Watch the kinds of patterns and habits which you establish.

If you plan to enter competition, or in fact in any instance, move quickly during training sessions. Take short brisk steps, make sharp right and left turns, keep the Basenji moving fast on the recall--don't give him time to think! If you move quickly, he will tend to move with you, since you don't give him time to figure out that he might prefer doing something other than what you want him to do.

IN SUMMARY:

A Basenji is different from other dogs in many ways. Those differences can be an intriguing though challenging asset to you if you learn to understand the how's and why's of your Basenji's reactions. He understands and reads you better than you may realize--spend some time learning to understand and read him it will be time well spent.

SO: Learn to know your Basenji as well as he knows you.

Praise him according to his individual likes, know what your dog considers praise.

Prevention is the best training technique you can use with a Basenji.

Corrections must be logical and judiciously employed.

Persistence is an essential pre-requisite for anyone training a Basenji.

Plan now to train your Basenji and begin building confidence in yourself and your dog.

The process can be fun, and the result is a most rewarding partnership.

Your suggestions and comments regarding these "TIPS" will be appreciated. Send them to JO ANN WELLER, 6430 ESTES, ARVADA, COLORADO 80002

GROUP PLACEMENTS REPORTED TO DATE ARE AS FOLLOWS

Terrytu's Dawn Shadow, Grp. 2, Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa on Nov. 11, 1967. Judge: Ellsworth Gamble. Owners: T.L. & Mary Marie Brewer.

Tinas Coma Luzambo Red Nymph, Grp. 2, Alaska Kennel Club of Anchorage on Oct. 29, 1967. Judge: Rutledge Gilliland. Owner: James Kittle.

Tawelfan Lubilance, Grp. 4, Council Bluffs Kennel Club on Sept. 25, 1967, Judge: J.J. Duncan, Owner: Mrs. Joan Clague.

PHOTO-QUIZ

CAN YOU NAME THE DATE, DOG, PEOPLE, AND EVENT?

(See Answer Below)



Pictured above is Champion MIACOR'S ZUCHIL in the year 1959. He was the first Basenji ever to appear in Bermuda. The judge is CKC Judge Mrs. Margeson and Johnny Davis is the handler. Still a spry and elegant young gentleman, that the age of 12 years old he won the veterans class of the Southern Specialty.

SWEAT FROM A WRINKLED BROW is designed to let you tell the cute antics of your Basenji.

This next "tail" is one of the best I've heard yet, read and see. sent to us from Ragna Spears of Texas.

"Below is a letter and a portion of another, exactly as I received them from my Mother. But first let me introduce you to the characters. "Mifwa" is Mother's tri male Basenji, about five years old. The vets told us he was sterile after a bout with hard pad, the worst form of distemper. It was a miracle he lived. "Minx" is my Champion Merlea Dancing Red Minx with whom Mother fell madly in love, so I consented to let her go back to Albuquerque for a few months as a playmate for Mifwa. I assured my parents that Minx never had a spring season and would not come in heat again till Fall. But as you might guess Minx came in. A call from Albuquerque asks "Minx seems to be bleeding a little. Do you think she might have an infection or something?" Well, someone forgot to shut a door tight... and, a peaceful evening was shattered, (right behind the easy chair where Mother was quietly resting). Poor Mother went to (continued on page 9)

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Madam Editor:

My attention has been drawn to a letter in the July number of your Bulletin and I would be grateful if you would allow me to correct one or two misleading statements. Mrs. Stanich states that it is more difficult to become an African champion than an English one as four Certificates are required, not three as in England. But what is the competition in Africa? Mrs. Stanich says that MANY Basenjis have been imported into Africa from England, I have been carefully through the Kennel Clubs official records (which I have) for the past 15 years, and find that in this time only 12 Basenjis were exported to Africa from England, this includes the whole continent of Africa, while during the same time 162 were exported to Canada and the U.S.A.. Here in England we get from 45 to 60 actual animals competing at a time, do they get anything anywhere near that in Africa?

Mrs. Stanich is also mistaken in what she says about the Basenji Club of Great Britain's efforts to keep Basenjis a pure breed. About this time last year, when I was still Club Secretary, I asked our Kennel Club for particulars of the breeding of a dog imported from Zambia (but originating I believe in Liberia) whose progeny were being shown here in England. The Kennel Club sent me a photostat copy of his pedigree and explained that this dog had been registered with the Kennel Union of South Africa and because our Kennel Club have a "reciprocal agreement" with the K.U.S.A. they were obliged to give this dog exactly the same registration as he had there... When therefore the Basenji Club at their A.G.M. by a large majority vote approved the recommendation to the Kennel Club that only dogs from the Congo and the Sudan should be registered as Basenjis and all other imports should have a class 2 registration (there is no class 3) until they have a 3-generation pedigree of pure Basenji breeding, there was no request to cancel existing registrations as we already knew this could not be done. The fact that the Kennel Club mentioned this in the Kennel Gazette would seem to indicate that perhaps the Kennel Club wished they could do it!

My private opinion is that some degree of inter-breeding with the Liberian dogs may have advantages but that the offspring of these inter-bred dogs should not be registered as Basenjis until they have not more than 12 1/2% of alien blood. Even so great care must be taken to breed only those with a typical Basenji appearance. Here in England Mrs. Tress has made a good start with her home-bred puppy, Ridingsgold Sir Buntar of Horsley now being exhibited by Mrs. Stringer, he is mainly of Congo descent with 12 1/2% of Liberian breeding, is pure black and white and looks every inch a Basenji, he already has several "best-puppy in shows" to his credit. I am enclosing a photo of two Liberian dogs taken in Liberia from which it can readily be seen that they are not Basenjis, indeed the two varieties have so many genetical differences that I am sure they cannot be considered the same breed though I imagine that thousands and thousands of years ago they descended from the same stock. From Miss Phyllis Cook, Riviana Basenjis, Great Shelford, Cambridge - recent past secretary of the Basenji Club of Great Britain.

(Photo referred to in the above correspondence, can be viewed in the right-hand column) →

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Studies with Wolves Throw Light on Training of Dogs

Purporting to be findings that may have far-reaching implications in the breeding and training of dogs for specialized roles in both domestic and defense situations are those reported on studies with wolves.

Professor Benson Ginsburg, University of Chicago biologist, has been conducting behavior studies with genus Canis, species lupus, and described his work at a joint meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences and the Pacific Division of the AAAS, held at Oregon State University.

In a serious, scientific effort to discover if aggressive traits can be bred out of wild animals, Professor Ginsburg started with wild mice and worked up through coyotes to wolves.

In the wild state a wolf can attack and kill a moose. In the laboratory, they have ripped fixtures from the walls. Yet Dr. Ginsburg has been able to tame these golden-eyed monsters to the point where his nine-year-old daughter plays with them. He rates wolves as highly social and intelligent but also shy and very ritualistic.

For example, wolves say hello to each other by grasping each other's muzzle in their jaws. Dr. Ginsburg has adopted the same mode of greeting his charges.

"We sniff at each other," he says, "and then the wolf takes my face in his jaws. I bite him back, but since my jaws are not big enough, I bring my hands up to grasp his muzzle at the same time." This seems to be entirely satisfactory to the wolf, he adds.

With the aid of some of his students the biologist has raised five wolves and eight coyotes from birth and reports that he has been able to effect some striking modifications in their behavior. Among observations of the animals kept in cages in the laboratory or in a one-acre enclosure at the Chicago Zoo: 1. Wolves seem to maintain a rather rigid social order. While the female does the choosing and chasing and takes the initiative in romantic situations, a female that strays from a colony into the territory of other wolves becomes an outcast. In one instance, however, the outcast regained acceptance, apparently by helping another female care for her cubs. 2. Cubs receiving the most attention from their human handlers from the beginning turn out to be the friendliest. Those with less contact tend to revert to the wild state if left to themselves for very long. 3. The wolves showed high intelligence in learning to work light switches, water faucets, and to open latches on cage doors.

Studies with tranquilizing drugs yielded some interesting results. Coyotes under tranquilization let the investigators approach closer, were less quick to snap or threaten, and more tolerant of physical contact. Wolves, on the other hand, did not become friendlier under tranquilization. If anything, they became more aggressive. Dr. Ginsburg suggests that this was possibly because the effects of the drug reduced their fear.

Deaths

James Kane Hamilton, 59, of Air Beacon Rd., Apples Corner, Ohio., died Thursday, November 2, 1967 at 11:15 a.m. at Massillon State Hospital after a lengthy illness. Mr. Hamilton and wife Grace were long time members of the Basenji Club of America and very much devoted to the Breed. In behalf of the Club and its Members, we extend our condolences to Mrs. Hamilton and Family.

ADDRESS CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS must be sent to Treasurer, Mr. M. Gerald Jones, Jr., 202 Tulip Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760, prior to your move. Your BCOA Bulletin will not be forwarded.



CANADIAN CAPERS reported by Mr. Malcolm E. MacDonald 44 Glengarry Drive, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada..

During the past few months I have slipped. So much to do and too many dog shows and obedience trials.

Somehow I also confused my signals and missed the last deadline date. I thought I had some material sent through that was never used, but in any case it would be exceedingly stale copy even a few months back.

I am not going to say much about our Specialty. We held it. It was disappointing entry wise and we seemed to have been under a cloud of ill fortune from the start. However, we did make history and established a precedent for the holding of Canadian Basenji Specialty Events and now two applications are before the Canadian Kennel Club for Specialty Shows in the new year. One is proposed for Vancouver, B.C., June 29, and a second for the Toronto area, Ontario, late summer or early fall. These should prove quite popular as both are in a high density Basenji ownership area and will not be up against the competition for entries that our Atlantic Provinces effort experienced in the Centennial Year.

As show secretary I felt a bit embarrassed when my best tri-colored male, puppy "Kayunga" went up. However, later in the week following the Specialty he again took the breed under a second judge. He is a good dog and a real "ham" in the show ring—very steady and a good mover. I had been told by an Ontario judge to bring him to Ontario and that he felt he would do well in their shows. I was going to try him at the recent Ottawa shows but could not make it because of a touch of pleurisy.

It must be our climate down here. Mary Daye, our Halifax, N.S., Basenji pioneer, came down with a heart attack prior to the Halifax Centennial Shows and had just been released from hospital shortly before the shows. She seems to have made a good recovery and expects to again make the rest of the Basenji owners in the area work hard for their share of wins in 1968. Mary's dogs have always done very well and her current champion is "Wazimba's Golden Rocket" a flashy red and white male, that completed his Canadian title this year. "Rocky's" sire is: Can.Ch. Fula Brandy of the Congo, dam: Can.Ch. Wazimba's Sali Mandi. Ruth Tyner's tri-color, "Terry Tu's Black Magic" completed his championship with a two point win the second day of the Halifax Centennial Dog Shows, Oct. 8, 1967. This pending C.K.C. confirmation.. (I have been told that Ruth has received the certificate but I have been unable to reach her by telephone). "Tut" was bred by Mr. & Mrs. T.L. Brewer, his sire was Ch. Peregrine of Rossanty, his dam "Terrytu's Evening Star."

Other new Canadian champions reported are:

"Voodoo Sam"	Sire: Ch. Tinas Comas Top Hat
F.S. Simpson, owner.	Dam: Ginger Gee
"Fula Hazard of the Congo"	Sire: Fulafire of the Congo
P. Ekern, owner.	Dam: Fula fancy of the Congo
"Bomar's Folly of Katanga"	Sire: Am/Can. Ch. Rose-bay's
Dr. M. & Mrs. R. Abelson,	Gay Blade, C.D.
owners.	Dam: Gar-lyn's Bright Blaze

Group Placements in Canada reported since the last writing are:

Can. Ch. Fula Princess of the Congo, Grp. 3, Evangeline Kennel Club, Berwick, N.S., Judge: R.B. Laskey, Owner: M.E. MacDonald, June 23, 1967 (cont'd. next column)

Wazimba's Golden Rocket, Grp. 3, Evangeline Kennel Club, Berwick, N.S., June 24, 1967. Judge: Peter Smith. Owner: Mary E. Daye.

Am. & Can. Ch. Nereke's Black Fulani, Grp. 3, British Columbia Kennel Club, Vancouver, B.C., Judge: John Devlin. June 30, 1967. Owner: P.J. Ekern. Also took Grp. 2, the following day, July 1, 1967 (Basenji Booster), Judge: J. A. Cuneo..

Can.Ch. Fula Princess of the Congo, Grp. 4, Shearwater Kennel Club, Halifax, N.S. July 1, 1967, Judge: A. Collins.. Owner: M. MacDonald. Also took Grp. 4, New Brunswick Kennel Club, Belmont, N.B., November 18, 1967. Judge: George T. Kane.

Can.Ch. Merlea Ebony Mukaku, Grp. 2, Cape Breton Kennel Club, Sydney, C.B., July 22, 1967. Judge: Harvey Gratton. Owner: M.E. MacDonald.

Wazimba's Golden Rocket, Grp. 2, Pictou County Kennel Club, New Glasgow, N.S., Aug. 12, 1967. Judge: R. Montague. Owner: Mary E. Daye. Also took Grp. 2, New Brunswick Kennel Club, Saint John, N.B., Aug. 28, 1967. Judge: John Devlin.

Am. Ch. Tanda's Christmas Symbol, Grp. 1, North Shore Kennel Club of B.C., Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 12, 1967. Judge: K. W. Given. Owner: A. Logan.

Am. & Eng. Ch. Eros of Basenlake, Oakville & District Kennel Club, Oakville, Ont., Sept. 10, 1967. Judge: J. Lungerg. Grp. 4. Owner: Mr. & Mrs. S. Roberts.

Can.Ch. Xalmes Antonia, Grp. 4, Scarborough Kennel Club, Scarborough, Ont. (Basenji Booster) Sept. 24, 1967. Judge: Mrs. E. Joel, Owners: John E. Fenney & Robert W. Patchell.

Nothing has been reported to me regarding obedience re Canadian Basenjis. My tri-Merlea Ebony Mukaku has two legs on his Canadian C.D. qualifying at a Saint John Obedience Club trial Sept. 2, 1967 under judge Mrs. E. Smith and making the highest score in Novice "A". He again qualified at Ste. Marguerite Quebec, Oct. 1, 1967, under judge J. Giacomelli.. The Ste. Marguerite trials were outdoor trials—they were held under cold, wet conditions. Not at all suitable to a Basenji and there were many sounds and strange scents as well as damp conditions to contend with. Let me tell you it was a feat to squeeze out enough points to qualify my boy. To quote Jake Giacomelli when he did pass out Merlie's ribbon—"And first on this end is Merlea Ebony Mukaku with a score of....(well he did pass!) take his ribbon and hide!"

On the previous trial he was doing swell and way out ahead with only the long down to beat. Behind him was the long jump of the adjacent ring. There was a real beig girl behind him with a dandy pair of lungs. When she called her dog to jump she really called HIMM/MM/MM! Poor Merlea jumped a foot in the air and stood there looking in amazement, then finally waded over to me and disqualification! Judge Giacomelli told me afterward I should stay with indoor trials with a Basenji as they were too keen and also minded the dampness if the weather was bad—this making a pretty tough obstacle to overcome.

SHOW WINS Only BCOA Supported and Specialty Show results will be published in the Bulletin. Please refer to the AKC Gazette for complete show results.

NEW CHAMPIONS AND THEIR PEDIGREES: The owner or breeder of a new obedience or conformation title winner is invited to submit his Basenji's 3 generation pedigree for publication in this column. Pedigrees of both official and unofficial title winners are used, although the latter should be so noted, in keeping with the AKC policy. Reference, if applicable are used to indicate that other dogs of a given litter have completed their championships, provided pedigree of that champion littermate appeared earlier in the B.C.O.A. Bulletin.

NEW AMERICAN CONFORMATION CHAMPION

Eng. Ch. Fulafuture of the Congo
 M'Boi of the Congo
 M'Bi of the Congo
 Ch. Peregrine of Rossanty
 Sw. Nor. Ch. Black Fuladandy of the Congo
 Sw. Nor. Ch. Primrose of Rossanty
 Sw. Nor. Ch. Perita of Rossanty
 Ch. Terrytu's Black Magic
 Fula Reveille of the Congo
 Khajah's Black Fula Challenge
 Ch. Fulaflashi of the Congo
 Terrytu's Evening Star
 Mex. & Am. Ch. Cambria's Ti-Tjader
 Ch. Cambria's Raffiiti
 Ch. Cambria's Zohra

OWNERS: Mr. & Mrs. T.L. Brewer

SWEAT FROM A WRINKLED BROW (continued)

bed with a nervous headache that night too, having never witnessed such a spectacle in her life. It would have to be an evening when Dad was out. But we consoled each other that nothing would come of it since Mifwa was, ahem... "sterile"!! (Some 60 odd days later) "Dear Baby," "Suprise of the year - Mifwa and Minx are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. Born July 2, 11 P.M. weight unknown, but fat and husky. I went to bed at 2 A.M. with a nervous headache. Minx will be the death of me yet. I kept waiting for her to have at least one more. The big rowdiation started about 10:30. I heard Minx whinnying out in the garage. I was in the kitchen fixing Henry's lunch for the next day, but I stopped and went to open the door for her. She hasn't learned to push it open like Mifwa does. She came running in whinnying and panting, ran around in circles then wanted outside again. I went out with her then she wanted back in again. We went through that little trick about three times. Then I told Henry maybe she was going to have puppies, but he knows as little as I do and he said "Oh no" it couldn't be that. She never did get real pregnant looking." When she went out into the garage she would chew on the rug I had in her box and start digging on the floor acting so crazy. Then she would run up to me and I would talk to her and pet her and then back in the box she would go. She finally got the rug out and started chewing on some cardboard. Henry got scared then and told me to call you. I was so nervous I forgot to dial the Area Code number, just sat there and dialed your number and of course it didn't ring. All this time Minx was running around in circles practically screaming. Then I remembered you were gone on vacation. So then I called the vet and a recording answered. Even, Lynn, my next door neighbor is gone on vacation. I knew she would probably know more what to do then me because her dog had puppies. So there wasn't a thing for me and Minx to do but go out in the garage and sweat it out. She just tore that cardboard to shreds. She got way back in the box and let out a squeal and I thought I heard her chew-

NEW AMERICAN OBEDIENCE TITLE

Ch. Tennji's Ebony Warrior
 Ch. Red Pepper of Willow West
 Ka and Ba Miss Ginger and Spice
 Ch. Titian Rogue of Willow West
 Ch. Phemister's Highlight
 Golden Amber of Willow West
 Ch. Pamper of Curli Tail
 Rogue's Orion of Suma, C.D.
 Ch. Cambria's Ti-Mungai
 Am. & Mex. Ch. Cambria's Ti-Tjader
 Ch. Cambria's Tabooo
 Cambria's Ti-Pixie Pandora
 Ch. Bettina's Oryx
 Cambria's Sandora
 Ch. My Love of the Congo
 OWNERS: Robert C. Simmons & Yvonne C. Zavayna

NEW AMERICAN CONFORMATION CHAMPION

Fulafire of the Congo
 Ch. Fulahill of the Congo
 Fula fancy of the Congo
 Ch. Madadi of Hills' Half Acre
 Ch. Miacor's Zippor, C.D.
 Ch. Chanet of Hills' Half Acre
 Ka and Ba Meryt-Ra, C.D.
 Ch. Keowee Dedan
 Ch. Brahme of Syngefield
 Ch. Miacor's Zippor, C.D.
 Ch. Phemisters Lustrous
 Ch. Chawania of Hills' Half Acre
 Ch. Rosenji's Beau
 Ka and Ba Meryt-Ra, C.D.
 Hancewicz's Ballarina
 OWNERS: Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Bissell

ing on something. The box opens in front and it was dark back in there so I couldn't see. First thing I thought "Oh my gosh, she has had a puppy and is eating it." I tore outside and got a flashlight out of the car and shined it in the box and saw a cute fat little puppy. She like to licked all the hide off it, just rolled it all over the hard floor. She "rastled" until she got a nipple in it's mouth and it has been sucking ever since.... I guess Minx thinks she would have been better off if I had stayed away from her and let her do her own do.

I took her to the vet this afternoon so he could check her as I was afraid she might have another puppy in her since she still looked a little fat to me. I had to take the puppy along with her in a shoe box. She is so happy over it she just licks it all the time and doesn't want to get an inch away from it. The vet said she was fine and the puppy was husky and healthy.. I can't tell what color it is going to be since I've never seen a real young Basenji. It isn't as light as Minx and not black as Mifwa. It has the same markings as Minx, but its nose is flat and red. Henry said Mifwa should sue the vet for insulting his manhood by saying he was sterile.

(Several weeks later) "i have been going through the junk in the garage and we have really accumulated it in the last 10 years. "Jomo" (the puppy) was right in the middle of everything I was doing trying to play with my feet all the time. His teeth are pretty sharp too, no wonder Minx has weaned him..

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? This is a column designed to answer a common question, "What does your kennel name mean?" If you haven't sent in the meaning of your kennel name yet, what are you waiting for, also Please tell us why you chose the name..

KENJOBI (Kenneth Joel & Marie Birdwell) Our Kennel name comes from the letter in our name and blends well with Basenji. KEN - JO - BI. The Birdwell's are from Anderson, Indiana.

BUSHLAND (Chick McAnally, Amarillo, Texas) I named my Kennel Bushland because I read at one time the Basenji was a "Bush Dog" and decided to take it from that.

SASHALIA (Alice Bair of Pittstown, New Jersey) It was in the early summer of 1958 that I chose my kennel name. The matter had been on my mind, and realizing that known words could not be registered, I had toyed with various combinations of syllables trying to coin just the right word. Somehow the results of my efforts all seemed synthetic and false.

When the Lake Geneva-Madison show weekend came around, I traveled to Wisconsin with the Freeses, of the Briskways prefix. They had two dogs at the time, a Whippet and a Basenji and I had one Basenji. The night between shows we camped, they in their Volkswagon bus and I in a pup tent. The pup tent hasn't been the same since, because their two dogs were staked out a little too close to one corner, and the Whippet (yes, the Whippet) thought it tasted good. That night I raced the air mattress, trying to get to sleep before it deflated, a word popped into my mind. It was "sashay." I had played around with words so much that it required no conscious effort to drop the "Y" and add "-lia." Presto! There was my kennel name..

LIRIPIPE (Charlotte Coviak, Armada, Michigan). A fellow I worked with was having a discussion (spell that argument) with me over the meaning of a word. I don't remember what word it was but while I was looking it up in the dictionary, I came across the word "liripipe". Wondering what kind of musical instrument that was, I read the meaning and found that it is an archaic word for the tassel on the end of the hoods that professors wear. At least that is the impression I got from the dictionary we had. Other dictionaries describe it as a tassel on a monk's hood. Whatever it means, no one uses it anymore, but it is a pretty word and sounds musical so I picked it as a Kennel Name.

JOWEHARD (Don & May Hardin of Cicero, Illinois) At first I tried coining a name around that of our first Basenji, then around something connected with the history or native environ of the breed---but nothing I came up with seemed to 'ring right'. I finally decided to coin a name in honor of the man nearest to me, who gave my first dog to me, and whose name I shall endeavor to make a symbol. I feel the Basenji is a perfect companion (properly trained), of a compelling personality, and worthy of its regal historical past. With these qualities and our goal, I've chosen JoWeHard, after my father--John Wesley HARDin.

IL-SE-OTT (Scott & Ilse I. Goshorn, Hawaii) As you can see it is derived at by combining the two of our first names together. Yet in the process of raising the Basenji in the best way possible, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, there is a certain part of life that must be sacrificed for the welfare of the Basenji. So a part of one name was left out. Also the procedures of routine life has to be split up to properly care for the Basenji. So the names were broken apart, yet connected together by the dashes to make it the most important reason of all. "TOGETHERNESS." We operate our IL-SE-OTT Basenji Kennel Together.

DEPUENTE (Juan and Peggy Puente, Atlanta, Georgia) Well, I believe our kennel name is obvious, but an explanation of our Letterhead might be interesting to the readers. - To quote The Scepter of Egypt - "The game of 'Hounds and Jackals', as it has often been called by modern writers, appears to have been invented in the Middle Kingdom when it enjoyed a widespread popularity, boards having been found not only in Egypt, but also in Palestine and as far east as Persia. Resembling par-chesi in its aim and method of play, the game may be readily understood by studying a complete and exceptionally fine board and playing pieces from the tomb of Reny-senbe at Thebes, well dated to the reign of King Amunem-het IV. The board about six inches in length and shaped like an axe head is of sycamore wood overlaid with ivory and ebony and mounted on four ivory legs carved in the form of the fore and hind legs of a bull. A drawer in one end, locked by an ivory bolt that slides in copper staples, was evidently intended to hold the lion pinlike playing pieces when they were not in use. These comprise two sets of five pieces each, one set carved with the heads of lop-eared hounds, resembling modern foxhounds, the other set having the heads of another large canine animal with upstanding, pointed ears. This animal, once thought to be a jackal, is probably a dog of another type, frequently seen as the sacred animal of the god Anubis."

These heads in the "other set" are, in my opinion, miniature Basenji heads. If indeed they are, then the god Anubis is indeed based on the Basenji - so it followed naturally in my mind that the Basenji should take his long denied place in Egyptian hieroglyphics, and receive the credit for things that have been attributed to jackals, Salukis, Greyhounds, "Gazelle - Dogs" for these many years.

Hence, we transposed the stylized figure of a Basenji into the place of the god Anubis -- incidentally, it was almost too easy to do, the only change necessary was to put a curl in his tail!!! (Note: Anyone wishing to see this work of Art, and it is ingenious, drop a note to the Puente's and I am sure they will answer you on their letterhead)

ALPENGLOW (Willis B. & Ruth Johnson of Boulder, Colorado) In looking for a kennel name, I wanted a name that would suggest a mountain setting, for we live just at the base of the foothills of the Rockies and have the mountains right in our backyard. In addition I wanted a name that would suggest the red color of my very bright coated Basenjis. The dictionary definition of alpenglow is: "A reddish glow seen near sunset or sunrise on the summits of mountains." If you have ever experienced alpenglow you will know that although it is always accompanied by either sunset or sunrise, it is something more and a very special joy. It doesn't just happen on mountain tops. We have it here in our little mountain valley and the effect is that of adding a few magical minutes of reddish light to a day that ended some time ago. It occurs here most often in the fall and in the evening. I have never seen sunrise alpenglow. It follows sunset by several minutes and turns an already darkening day back into light. When it occurs in our neighborhood, I always drop whatever I am doing and go out for a walk. From the number of neighbors I meet, I know that others feel the same way about it that I do. So I found my Kennel name by accident one day last fall when I realized that ALPENGLOW was a name that suggested everything I wanted and in addition had a aura of magic and wonder that seemed appropriate, too.

DASMIA (Frank & Nina Koch of Coos Bay, Oregon) Dasmia is a "coined" word. I used parts of my sons names. DAvid S. from the oldest, and MIchal A. from the youngest. We pronounce it das-me-a. Perhaps if the name could mean anything, it would mean more than one!

A PUPPY DISCOVERING CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house
There were people and children...thank goodness, no mouse!
And not to mention my dogs and my pup
That last one, a rascal, she sure burned me up!

With so much to do, I was rushing about
And she right behind, till I let out a shout
Poor thing, bewildered, she went on her way
But really, to this point, she had quite a day.

For instance, the tinsel to go on the tree
Was spread all about by the dogs with such glee
I can easily bet on which started this game
But from HER point of view, things did not look the same.....

What is this running and fussing about
And the white, mushy, wet stuff that I saw when out
It sure did look pretty, I just didn't know
I'd sink to the bottom in this stuff called snow.

The kids were so good, they did not even try
To give me some goodies or treats on the sly
No running or jumping, so nicely they play
I don't understand, and just what's Christmas Day??

And who is this Santa they're talking me of
Who comes to our house from the sky up above
With eight jingling reindeer hitched up to a sleigh
I never heard of such things, might I say.

What about all of these papers and bows
Oh, Oh! A ribbon is caught on my toes.
What should I do, maybe chew on one side
Oh no! Here she comes, now she's tanning my hide!

My goodness, what is this tree doing in here
Maybe rules change for the cold time of year?
Might as well try it.....lift the leg....there!!
Wrong guess again.....run under the chair!

Boy, that was close, better rest for a while
At least till she weakens and gives me a smile
They're just about done decorating the tree
But what could those shiny, bright colored things be?

When I hit it, it swings back and forth....Oh, what fun!
Oops, it fell from the tree, now the damage is done
You guessed it all right, my rear end sure does ache
How could I possibly know it would break.

Things are now settled, with everyone sleeping
What is that noise, like somebody creeping
There's jingling of bells and clanging of toys
Whoever it is now is making more noise.

I'd better wake Mom and Dad, this could be big
As we peeked 'round the corner, he started to dig
A big man, to say little, white beard and red nose
He dug in a bag full of toys, then he rose.

He put lots of toys on the floor 'round the tree
Then turned when he saw us, My Goodness, Oh me!
Boy, am I glad I'm not standing alone
What's this? The big man's giving us each a bone!

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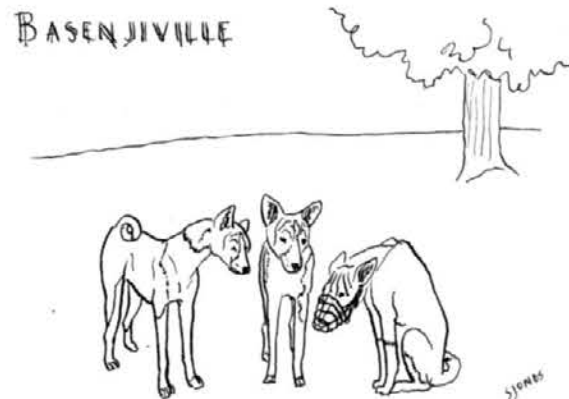
I knew he was nice all the time, I could tell
Now he is leaving, and turning to yell
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SWEAT FROM A WRINKLED BROW - (continued)

She won't even sleep in the box with him. Guess who does... Papa Mifwa. He thinks the puppy is the greatest thing in the world. He even cleans him! The first time I put Jomo's box out under the tree so he would be cool Mifwa stayed right out there by him all afternoon. Now when I take him out to run around you should see mama & papa running around after him just a knocking him over. While ago I went out to check on him and couldn't find him anywhere. He usually runs to me when I call him, but this time he didn't. I hunted through all the junk in the garage without success. After a while Mifwa caught on to what I was looking for and got down on his stomach scooting way under a low table and showed me where he was -- all curled up asleep.

We will be ready to leave in about ten days. I am so anxious to get down there, and let you see Jomo. This puppy is so sweet I don't know if we can ever part with him. "Lots of Love, Mother"

THE BARKLESS DOG OF THE CONGO

Natives of Central Africa Keep the Basenji Principally for its Hunting Ability

BY: OLIVIA BURN as published in the American Kennel Gazette issue dated - June 1, 1937 - -
Compliments of David Streeter, B.C.O.A. Club Historian

To go to an entirely new country, such as the Belgian Congo, for the first time, is exciting to say the least of it. As one slowly churns up the rivers in an ancient paddle wheel steamer, one expects to see the forests festooned with monkeys, elephants taking their morning baths, hippo snouts protruding from the shallows, and so on; whereas, in actual fact, one rarely sees anything more exciting than an odd crocodile sunning itself on a bank, and sliding into the water with incredible ease and no apparent movement, just out of gunshot.

To anyone as canine minded as I am, the really thrilling thing was the discovery of a very ancient breed of dog, the Basenji, of which I now have a flourishing kennels of 15 at Bossingham, near Canterbury, in England.

I have bred and shown wires for many years, but have given them up for this African hunting dog, which is entirely new to England.

Seven years ago, I went out to the Congo to join my husband, trekking into the interior among natives who had hardly ever seen a white woman. Everywhere in the villages were to be found these alert little chestnut dogs, the best ones on the plateau among the warlike or hunting tribes, such as the Bapendi. These people, as recently as four years ago, cut up a Belgian, and distributed bits of him among the villages, thus starting a war and much bloodshed.

At the end of the dry season, the natives burn whole tracts of bush -- strictly forbidden by the State -- to round up game. The excitement -- and I may add, the danger -- is great.

Imagine the roar and crackle of mighty flame. Terrified game antelope, bush pig, wild fowl, not to mention snakes -- rushing out from the advancing inferno -- unclad, gleaming figures of shouting, gesticulating natives! Old flintlock guns going off with ear-splitting bangs! Arrows flying, and everywhere, little red dogs, darting hither and thither, adding more excitement to the scene.

They will follow up wounded game for miles, and pull it down holding it until the hunter catches up. As they run mute, they wear little wooden gourds, tied round their loins, filled with pebbles, which rattle, so that their masters can follow them through the tall elephant grass.

They are of high intelligence and great courage. A female will attack a leopard in defense of her young. The mortality from "coy" (cat) is very heavy. It is difficult to induce a chief to part with a really good Basenji that has proved itself "N'golo mingi na Kumata M'bisi, (very strong at catching game).

They are devoted to their masters, and having a strong homing instinct. If you should make the initial error, as I did, of obtaining an adult bitch unused to white, it is an uneven chance that you will retain her. After three weeks on a lead and apparent acceptance of European standards, my first was liberated -- and was gone!

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Two days later, she fetched up at the village of her birth, 80 miles away, and this, through wildest bush, infested by leopard, and in spite of the fact that she had traveled with me part of the way by lorry.

In many ways, including the extreme cleanliness of their habits; licking themselves all over when wet or muddy -- licking each other too -- and "retiring" to a given spot far away from the house, they are extraordinarily like cats. They are domesticated and very long suffering with children.

In their native haunts, they curl up and they sleep with their backs against their owners to guard the latter from harm. They have a great sense of humor and have a playful temperament that makes them ideal companions.

They appear to stand most climates admirably, evolving, like many wild animals, a special winter coat to combat the English cold. This disappears by May, when their pliant skin becomes smoother, softer, and redder than ever. It is curious that they never seem to smell of "dog" even when wet. A small percentage are black, while others are cream, or pale sand-colored.

The natives treasure these light colored dogs, saying they resemble the white man -- "pilamushi mondelli". But the majority of the dogs are chestnut with white points. These, to my mind are by far the most attractive. They have prick ears, wrinkled foreheads, and tightly curled tails to one or other side of the quarters.

Basenjis are alert, and antelope-like in form, stance, and elegance. They are very fast, which is curious considering the tail, and for long treks they will take to a straight legged run, which they can keep up for miles.

These dogs are indigenous to vast areas of Central Africa, mainly in the interior. Some, from the Nyam Nyam and Manboutu tribes, are thicker and shorter on the leg, but these were used by the hungry as a table delicacy! Such comestible dogs are described in the account of the journey in the upper Nile by Schweinfurth in 1868. They are also mentioned by Schebasta in his book "My Pygmy Hosts" where a photograph of a poor specimen appears.

There is a replica of a Basenji in the Giza Museum, Cairo; another from the 12th Egyptian dynasty; and a dog very similar is to be seen chasing an antelope, on a disk recently excavated from the tomb at Sakkhara, under the auspices of the well known American archeologist, Walter B. Emery.

In spite of being the father ("Bongo of Blean") of 12, he is not above behaving in the most absurd fashion, and flying, with tail as straight as is possible for a Basenji to achieve, like a mad thing, hotly pursued by his yelping, panting young, whose greatest game is a form of "Chase me Charlie". They "jink" with surprising rapidity, almost always ending up in a complete "head-over-heels."

At Crufts, Bongo's attitude towards the crowds was laughable. Being tied up rather short, so that people could not touch him, he had not much room to move. So he sat on his rump, with his hind feet sticking out in front, looking absurdly like a brown bear at the Zoo, with a look of polite disdain on his face.

He trotted into the show ring as though he was accustomed to going to a show every week, and (cont'd. on next page)

THE BARKLESS DOG OF THE CONGO - (continued)

took second prize almost as a matter of course. Mr. Simpson, the judge, said of him: "Bongo of Blean, smart Basenji, capital legs and feet, very nice body, tightly curled tail, perfect hindquarters; one who looks as though he can do a hard job."

I was delighted that the judge confirmed my own opinion, which is that Bongo is the typical Basenji and almost perfect of his kind.

All six dogs behaved beautifully towards the jostling crowds, which pushed and shoved in their efforts to see "the little dogs that don't bark," so that one felt like shouting out; stand back and give the dogs some air."

The questions were legion and all very much alike.

"Don't they really bark?"

"What! you mean they can't bark?"

"Could you tell me, are these the little dogs that don't bark?" And so on, ad infinitum.

By evening, when the crowds were spectators, and those really interested had gone, and our head was reeling, and some of our neighbors had gone to sleep in their benches along with the dogs, our own vocal cords began to give out.

Some people even suggested that the dogs had all been operated on to make them dumb!

It is perfectly true that the Basenji never barks. But it does not mean that they are dumb or bad guards. Some asked: "What good would a barkless dog be as a guard?" Well if I were a burglar, I'd sooner face Fido's senseless yapping any day or night, than Bongo's unsoothing rumble and warning eye.

For ten days prior to Crufts, we had been infested with reporters and photographers. It was worth it though, for the dogs got amazing publicity, and some excellent photographs were taken. We were even met at Victoria Station, London, just like Royalty, by the press. So it was not surprising when inquiries and orders came pouring in directly after the show, to combat which, more stock is being sent from the Congo. At this writing the six latest puppies are now 14 weeks old, four daughters and two sons of Bereke and of Bongo. They are uniform and perfect, healthy, full of pep, and extraordinarily typical of the breed.

When I remember the many vicissitudes and our nightmare journey home from the Congo -- one account of the serious illness of my small daughter, who was with me, and my own ill health, and the dogs to cope with unaided all the way -- and how we staggered ashore in the Old Country on Christmas Eve, 1936, exhausted but triumphant, it seems to good to be true that Basenjis have been successfully introduced into England.

But this success is not surprising, for they are such splendid all-around dogs. They are not gun-shy, and will face the thickest covert where a foxhound would not venture. They make ideal companions, being no larger than a foxterrier and clean skinned.

And best of all, Basenjis make perfect dogs for flat dwellers, for in a world continually being made hideous by noise, these little fellows from the Congo do not bark.....

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A letter is in the making with more details and will be mailed the first week in February.....

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We wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the Members who so generously donated to this Trophy Fund.

Your Chairmen,
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