Cover Story

Basenjis: Sighthounds Lovers

What with all the ruckus about Basenji aggression on the lure, an important fact has been overlooked.

I have only seen one of the little things finish a course. This brought about cheers from the crowd. By my experience, the dam things either quit or quit to fight.

Some say they are a combination sighthound- scenthound. Frankly, if they scent as well as they sight, then they aren’t worth a ---- at either and should be in the Terrier group, where man has a meaning.

Chairman
Get the ---- Things Off the Field, Michael D. Talt
Maplewood, Minnesota

P.S. New Bumper Sticker: Have you nuzzled your Basenji today? Send $4.00 to: Get the ---- Things Off the Field, c/o Mike Talt.

EDITOR'S COMMENT:
Well! Somebody out there is RESPONSIBLE for this man’s opinion of our breed. His experience has certainly not been mine. At my first trial, one of my older dogs exhibited no interest in running and did quit halfway through the course...and that was for their coursing careers, but all the others raced eagerly, without a thought of bothering their competitors. But obviously, there is a problem somewhere here. Please refer to Lure Coursing Committee Chairperson’s articles, “On Course” on page 4 of this issue and pages 20-21 of the last issue (Nov-Dec ’81) and to “Chase Comes Naturally” on page 5 of this issue. Linda Benson considers this problem in “What’s It All About” in last month’s “On Course.”

We have yet such a unique and delightful breed, offering a personality distinct from any other breed of dog. But due to the Basenji’s unusual intelligence and independence, his owner and handler MUST also exhibit some intelligence in working with the dog. LET’S GET WITH IT! Secondly (and it should be so obvious as to go without saying) please consider the temperaments of the dog when you plan a breeding. There are so many lines of delightful, playful, easy-going Basenjis in this country, there is NO excuse for perpetrating a family of overly aggressive, suspicious, shy, or unfriendly Basenjis. These temperaments can and should be selectively bred away from...and, Mr. Talt, they REALY ARE THE MINORITY, A SMALL MINORITY, IN OUR BREED.

P.S. If you would like to rebut Mr. Talt’s opinion, write to The Field Advisory News, Runny Reed, Editor, R. S. O. D., Oquinn, Iowa 50212.

COVER STORY

CH. KIANI’S THICE AS TUFF
(CH. KIANI’S TUFF STUFF X LUCKY LADY OF WOZ)

“Lacey” is pictured finishing her title with her fourth major win under Judge Bill Russell. She is NOBODY’s COMPETITION for her sire, CH. Kian’s Tuff Stuff, and his FOURTH GET TO FINISH THIS YEAR. Pictured with Lacey is breeder/handler Connie Brittson and now owner, Jenny Warner. Inklcktats Basenjis. Lacey’s first litter is due at any minute. Proud sire-to-be is a Golden Businessman, Klickitat’s Big Click. We anticipate a very tidy litter, excelling in wrinkles and expression and high set ears. Inklcktats Basenjis...Leo and Jenny Johnson, P.O. Box 189, Dallesport, WA 98617 (509) 767-1502.
Secretary's Report

Membership Applicants

Your approval is requested of the following procedures for 1981-82:

1. Unless otherwise indicated on the ballot, all Board ballors must be in the hands of the President and Secretary within 14 days of the postmarked date of the ballot.
2. Ballots may only be initiated by Board members, but in all cases will be presented to the President for certification through the Office of the Secretary.
3. The quorum for a Board vote shall be a majority of the Board. An affirmative vote shall require a majority of those voting, except where otherwise specifically provided in the Bylaws.

APPROVE: Albrecht, Camp, Cox, Curby, Green, Kelley, Mankey, Russell, Stefancic
NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte, Work

Ballot NO. 2 11-16-81 - PASSED

SUBJECT: BANK, circulated in accordance with the Bylaws, Article II, Section 2 (d)
Your approval is requested that the Treasurer, Marilyn Stefancic, may use Texas Federal Savings, Dallas, Texas, for all BCDA accounts.

APPROVE: Albrecht, Camp, Cox, Curby, Green, Kelley*, Mankey, Russell, Stefancic
NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte, Work

COMMENT: Kelley*: I'm sure Marilyn will remember to have several other officers on the signature card... just in case, I'll mention it.

Ballot NO. 3 11-16-81 - PASSED

SUBJECT: EXTEND MEMBERSHIP THROUGH 1982, circulated at the request of President Curby
Your approval is requested to extend through 1982 membership in the BCDA of all new members that were approved on ballots in October, November, or December of 1981.

APPROVE: Albrecht, Camp, Cox, Curby, Green, Kelley, Mankey, Russell, Stefancic
NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte, Work

Ballot NO. 4 11-16-81 - PASSED

SUBJECT: 1984 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SITE SELECTION CHAIRPERSON, circulated at the request of President Curby
Your approval is requested to appoint Kathy Albrecht of Minnesota as National Specialty Site Selection Chairperson.

APPROVE: Camp, Cox, Curby, Green, Kelley, Mankey, Russell, Stefancic
ABSTAIN: Albrecht
NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte, Work

Ballot NO. 5 11-16-81 - PASSED

SUBJECT: 1984 NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGES SELECTION CHAIRPERSON, circulated at the request of President Curby
Your approval is requested to appoint Lomits Kircus of Texas as 1984 National Specialty Judges Selection Chairperson.

APPROVE: Albrecht, Camp, Cox, Curby, Kelley, Mankey, Russell, Stefancic
DISAPPROVE: Green
NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte, Work

Ballot NO. 6 12-11-81 - PASSED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS, circulated in accordance with the Bylaws.
The following persons have applied for membership in the BCDA and their names, along with a request for comments, have been published in the September/October, 1981 BCDA Bulletin. No comments have been received by the Secretary. Your approval is requested to accept them as members.

1. Elizabeth B. Dolman of Port Aransas, Texas #742
2. Elton D. Force of Santa Barbara, California #746
3. Mrs. Vicky S. Jacobs of Tepotz, Kansas #739
4. Mrs. June E. Kent of Pine Grove, Pennsylvania #741
5. Mr. & Mrs. D.B. Knickel, Hilliard, Ohio #687
6. Miss Rita M. Landes of West Covina, California #747
7. Mr. Kenneth A. Linberg, Isla Vista, California #745
8. Mrs. Alice Mickiff of Peoria, Arizona #744
9. Mrs. Anne Smith of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada #743
10. Mrs. Georgann Willet of Houston, Texas #753
11. John J. & John C. Wright of McArthur, California #740

APPROVE: Albrecht, Bolte, Cox, Curby, Green, Kelley, Mankey, Russell, Work
NO RECORD OF VOTE: Camp, Stefancic

Ballot NO. 7 12-11-81 - PASSED

SUBJECT: COMMITTEES, circulated at the request of President Curby.
Your approval is requested for the following to serve as Chairpersons of said committees for the 1981-82 Club year.

COMMITTEE

1. Bylaws
   Barbara Camp, Texas
   Marianne Klukinowski, California
2. Committee on Long Range Goals
   Paul Couplin, Illinois
   Rose Mary Johnson, Virginia
   Andrea Paysinger, California
   Frances Borcher, Michigan
3. Junior Showmanship
   Mary Woodward, Missouri
   Elizabeth White, Maryland
   Robert Mankey, California
   Diane Coleman, Arizona

APPROVE: Albrecht, Bolte, Cox, Curby, Green*, Kelley, Mankey, Russell, Work
NO RECORD OF VOTE: Camp, Stefancic

*Green Comment: May I suggest the Health and Research Chairperson break down the committee into individual Basenji-related diseases and research.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND THEIR ADDRESSES:
The Secretary of the BCDA must submit all applications for membership in the BCDA for publication in the Bulletin. Members are asked to send any comments on an applicant to the Secretary. The two names under each applicant are the sponsors.

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Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008
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On Course

Chase Comes Naturally

Basenjis are smart, fast, and make great pets.

Jeff Parker of the Daily Pilot Staff, reprinted from the Daily Pilot, Orange County, California

Dark dogs chasing hooless rabbits may not sound like the canine event of the year, but excitement ran high recently when the Basenji Club of Southern California convened on Mason Park in Irvine for a demonstration of Basenji lure racing.

Lure racing, in which dogs chase a rabbit-skin lure pulled by a motor, has been popular for sighthounds such as Greyhounds, Whippets and Afghans for years, but the quiet Basenjis are newcomers to the game.

The racing demonstration followed an AKC-sanctioned Basenji puppy match - the "coming-out event for some 40 show dogs," said Rebecca Dobbs, who helped with the lure attached around the long course and brought the lure back to the starting area. "It will be over faster than you think," she said.

"Basenjis can really fly," I've clocked my little bitch at 32 miles an hour.

The handlers prepared their dogs for the race and Noblett took the time to do what most dog enthusiasts do best - exult in the virtues of their chosen breed. "I think Basenjis are the only dog," he said with a grin, "because I raise them and sell them, and when someone comes to me to buy one, I always ask them the same question. I ask them if they want to have a dog that's smarter than they are. They can run forever, they never shed, they don't need much exercise. They're quiet, odorless, very smart, and they make great pets. They haven't gone through an evolutionary change since almost 3000 B.C. They've got extremely powerful jaws but they're so sensitive that one of my dogs once brought in a baby bird, and put it in my hand without hurting it. The bird didn't even leave because the Basenji didn't have any loose skin, so when they fly, the skin will give and the dog won't get hurt badly. Basenjis are classified as sighthounds, but they can smell better than most sighthounds. That's what makes them such terrific hunters - they can scent 80 yards in level ground and they can see even better than that. Like I said, they're the only dog," said Noblett.

The only dog, three of them, lined up and lunged for the rabbit-skin lure that sat tantalizingly out of their reach a few yards ahead on the grass. Hal took his position over the foot pedal to control the lure, the starter yelled "Tally-Ho!" and the handlers set the dogs free.

For those who would like more information on trials and coursing in general, I highly recommend a subscription to Field Alias. It is published by the American Sighthound Field Association. For a yearly subscription, send $10 to Bunny Reed, R.R.3, Odgen, Iowa 52012. For referrals to coursing enthusiasts in your area and information on local trials, send me a card and I'll be glad to help.

Postscript: To find your dog's ASFA point total, write to Elizabeth J. Blalock, 10661 Starrett Court, Cupertino, California 95014. Give her your dog's registered name, number, and years when he ran. (She appreciates a self-addressed, stamped envelope.) She'll give you an up-to-date point total.
Persistent Pupillary Membrane (PPM)

In early gestation (before 30 days), the lens of the eye is nourished by a vascular system fed by the hyaloid artery. Around gestational day 20, a membrane called the future Visual Lacuna (VL) begins to assume the responsibility for feeding the developing lens. Around gestational day 45, the hyaloid system begins to disappear and the TVL has the entire responsibility for supporting the lens. The TVL remains in place with progressively less blood supply until post-gestational day 10. As the blood supply decreases, the TVL deteriorates and is generally completely gone by post-gestational day 14.

Sporadically, in some breeds of dogs, the TVL does not completely deteriorate by post-gestational day 14 and may persist 2-4 months after birth. Remnants of the TVL which persist beyond post-gestational day 14 are called Persistent Pupillary Membranes (PPM). These are, in most cases, completely gone by 6 months after birth.

In some cases, the PPMs attach to the surface of the iris and create cataracts. In other cases, the PPMs attach to the cornea and cause white spots called corneal scars or leukomas. Some cases have attached to both the lens and the cornea. PPMs come in all shapes and sizes and may be very extensive and visible to the naked eye, or may be very small and require considerable magnification to be seen.

Examination for PPMs should be done by a veterinarian qualified in examination of the carinate eye. Examination is generally done with a biomicroscope or slit lamp and usually requires dilation of the pupil. This examination should be done when the puppies are 3-6 months of age.

As a general rule, the condition does not significantly reduce vision and does not require either medical or surgical treatment. Extreme cases may cause marked reduction in vision, but very rarely blindness.

In mm, intracorneal ocular inflammation has been cited as a cause of PPM. Sheep grazing on sealeaf-ous pastures have developed PPMs. It has also been reported in cattle and cats. In Basenji dogs, the condition is believed to be due to an inherited failure of the TVL to deteriorate at the proper time.

The exact mode of inheritance of PPMs in Basenjis has not been exactly determined. Several breeding studies, as well as after-the-fact examination of numerous Basenji breeds, have demonstrated that the defect is not due to a simple recessive of a single dominant gene. Siblings from the same litter may be mildly or severely affected, and mildly affected animals may produce severely affected offspring. More extensive breeding trials are necessary to accurately understand the mode of inheritance. It may prove to be a defect with partial penetrance or one involving multiple gene sites.

Colobomas

A coloboma is the congenital absence of a portion of the structure of the eye. They may also be described as a failure of closure in a midline structure. Many parts of the eye are, in the embryo, really two halves of the same part which come together and fuse during development. When the closure or fusion is incomplete, a coloboma results.

In the Basenji breed, this occurs very rarely in the iris and is usually of no consequence. It may occur with or without persistent pupillary membranes. It may also occur in the back part of the eye and involve the optic nerve as it enters the eye. When the coloboma occurs in or near the optic nerve, loss of vision, and in some cases blindness, can result. This can be a very serious defect. On the other hand, the defect may be very small and cause no noticeable loss of vision. The severity of the defect may differ between eyes in a single litter or even differ in a single animal... Severe colobomas may also lead to complete retinal detachment and subsequent blindness.

Optic nerve colobomas can only be detected by examination of the posterior part of the eye with an ophthalmoscope. This requires dilation of the pupil and should be done by a qualified veterinarian. This examination generally takes longer than that done for PPMs. This defect may be seen when the eyes open, but examination should be delayed until the dog is 6-8 weeks of age because of the difficulties in examining very young puppies.

The inheritance is believed, but not yet proven, to be the same as PPMs and may, in fact, be a variable demonstration of the same genetic defect. It is of interest that many animals with ocular defects also have another midline defect - unihich heredities.

While knowledge of the exact mode of inheritance...is lacking, it is generally accepted that these defects are inherited...congenital defects of the Basenji...As such, it is recommended that afflicted animals be eliminated from breeding programs. There is no other way to reduce the incidence...(which) is currently much less than was seen 15 years ago, mainly due to the...efforts of serious Basenji breeders.

Selected topics:
- "Indocinology of the Male/Female"
- "Breeding Management"
- "Breeding Soundness of the Male/Female"
- "Nutrition in Reproduction"
- "Canine Genetics"
- "Infectious and Reproductive Diseases in the Female/Male"
- "Genetic Engineering"
- and many more...

TO THE READERS:

I am conducting research concerning pet owners' experiences in communicating with their pets after they have died. I have already received some true and interesting stories through association with animal organizations, colleges, ESF groups, and customers at my pet shop. I am convinced, through this initial research, that many such happenings do exist, but many people are afraid to discuss them. Many people are unable to explain how such phenomena do occur and would feel foolish if they discussed them publicly. Any factual life-after-death experiences, recalled in as much detail as possible, involving animal phantoms, animal ghosts, animal spirit hauntings (audio or visual) and any other unusual pet phenomena would be appreciated.

Please send information and referrals to:
B.J. Spellman
P.O. Box 300
Parkville, Maryland 21234

Rottweiler - This Film Must Be Stopped!
"Killer Dogs Torture a Reactor Community"
...a nationwide effort by Rottweiler Clubs to prevent distribution of the 3-D movie, "Rottweiler". If this deroberative and exploitive film is accepted by the entertainment industry (movie, TV, cable or print media) it will not only irreparably damage our breed, but will open the door to similar films which will abuse and violate dogs of all breeds as well as all species of animals! The trend must be stopped NOW!

"Staring Eyes Overwhee and Ten of the Deadliest Dogs in the World"
Rottweiler Club members saw the first ad for this sensationalized "epic" on our breed in a few months ago. At that time, the film was in production. Letters to the producer were ineffective. No human representatives were on the set. We are told, "because the project is non-profit." Now the producer is about to seek distribution of the film in Hollywood.

To try to prevent the movie from being accepted by the film industry, Rottweiler Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Newsletter Editors have agreed to send a letter of protest from each club to the persons listed below, and to distribute this material...

"Action and Teton Leap From the Screen Into Your Home"
Here are the names of the executives to address:
- Ted Ashley, Chairman of Board and Mr. Frank Wells, Pres. at Warner Bros., 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522
- Mr. Dennis Stanfild, Chairman of Board and Mr. Alan Hirschfield, Vice-Chmn. at 20th Century Fox, P.O. Box 909, Beverly Hills, CA 90213
- Mr. Frank Rosenfelt, Chairman of Board and Mr. David Begelman, Pres., Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, 1002 West Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230

We are specifically demanding: non-distribution of the film...total deletion of all reference to the Rottweiler by breed name from both film and advertising, and we threaten only boycott, not picketing.

In support we might picket would imply attracting attention - advertising. Also, we are seeking help only from Rottweiler owners and other surious, sympathetic members of the general dog fancy...
TALLY REPORTS
Jean Mourer

TOP BASENJIS IN BESTS OF BREED
(Through Nov. Gazette)
1. Ch. Mata Hauri Hai Karate (Hauri & House) 35
2. Ch. Kiowa Warrior of Papalote (Carriole) 24
3. Ch. Arabrac's Mountain Mamba (B & C Jimenez) 23
4. Ch. Arabrac's Morning Toast Reveille (Symington) 21
5. Ch. Sunhiey Tony Vikenton (S & M Russell) 20
6. Ch. Kazer's Watsie Keno (Webb) 17
7. Ch. Barika's Sundance Sound Off (Grim & Kolicnet) 16
8. Ch. Sonbar's Celestial Draco (Wupomo, Swanson & Bright) 16
9. Ch. JDer's Texas Ranger (Neufeld) 13
10. Ch. Akubba's Mistral F & D Passold 10

TOP BASENJIS IN BESTS OF BREED
(Through December Gazette)
1. Ch. Mata Hauri Hai Karate 42
2. Ch. Kiowa Warrior of Papalote (Carriole) 28
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SPECIALTY RESULTS: THE GREATER CHICAGOLAND BASENJI CLUB 1ST ANNUAL WINTER SPECIALTY
Rosemont, Illinois
Friday, December 11, 1981

SWEETSTAKES
Judge: Mr. Joseph Lepper

PUPPY DOGS, 6-9
1. Simba's Lighting Streak of Woz 2. Priscus Rambunctious
PUPPY BITCHES, 6-9
1. Chrisman's Skyrocket of Woz 2. Sudatius Alicea
3. Warlock's Flaming Fanchon 4. Sudatius Eilside

DOGS, 12-18
1. Marquis' Tai-Tawn Simba...J & R Hayes 2. Hanbourne's Sir Henry...Mitchell
3. Khubisi Trademark

BETTER IN SWEETSTAKES. WARLOCK'S PERFECT PROMISE

REGULAR CLASSES
Judge: Ms. James F. Clark

PUPPY DOGS, 6-9
1. Priscus Rambunctious...Butcher & Howard 2. Priscus Audacious...Calhoun 3. Simba's Lighting Streak of Woz...Simmons
PUPPY BITCHES, 6-9
1. Chrisman's Skyrocket of Woz...Howard 2. Sudatius Alicea...Hayne

OPEN BITCHES, RED & WHITE
1. Warlock's Perfect Promise...Cookbill (RI) 2. Warlock's Flaming Fanchon...Cookbill (RI) 3. Sudatius No Kuirubis 4. Sudatius Gignre Belle...Sheehan

AMERICAN - BRED DOGS
1. Sudatius Biaugler...Hayne
OPEN DOGS, RED & WHITE
1. Sonbar's Brand...Hayne 2. Moore's African Dancer...Katz 3. Sheehan's Inception Bagger...Campion 4. Reed of Kuirubis...R & D Taylor

OPEN DOGS - AOC
1. Ketsch's Borfinim Lucius...Dominus 2. Trac-Bigot of Muskegon...McClellan

WINNERS DOG: SONBAR'S BRANDY
RESERVE: PRISCU'S RAMBUNCTIOUS

VETERAN DOG
T. Ch. M'Daa Kazuri's Iamau...Gigus

BEST OF WINNERS: SONBAR'S BRANDY

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: WARLOCK'S PERFECT PROMISE

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (Novice)
T. Karl Munz

BEST OF BREED: AM/CA/N CH. PEDRO FOREST FLUTE OF SUN DIATA...Gigus & Biggs
Almost three centuries of Basenjis

The Christmas Dog Shows

Winnetka, Illinois

The Greater Chicagoland Basenji Club held a second Specialty this year for the first time. It was one of the three specialties held by the Chicagoland Winter Specialties on Friday, December 11, 1981, and the judging was held at the Swepstakes and by Mrs. James E. Clark, Regent of the Club. The plankas and a picture of the best of breed appear elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday dawned cold and clear as the preceding day, and Sue Hoyne drove three of us, Phyllis Elliott, Joyce Williamson, and me, to the site of the show, the Shokto Valley K.C. show drew an entry of 33 for Judge James Edward Clark. The show was at the same site as the previous year's, the O'Hare International Trade Exposition Center.

Monday, the winners were:

1st, Puppy Dog: Slina's Lightning Strike of Woz (Ch. Falisha's Star Wars of Woz x Ch. Claris' Black Chantilly) Breeder, Cecelia Wozniak. Owner, Teena Simmons. A dainty, elegant black with nice topline.


3rd, Open Dogs: Sonbar's Brandy. (Ch. Dale's Texas Ranger x Sonbar's Celestial Forge) Breeder-Owner, Marion Horlbeck. An exquisite dog with a nicely arched neck and a nice tail.


Best of Winners: Ch. Rorrilla's Penny (Ch. Kukuk's Mr. Banjo x Ch. Kukuk's Possess) Breeder-Owner, G.L. Cookrell.

Best Opposite Sex: Ch. Tie Too of Woz (Whistling Britches of Woz x Joalin Christmas Time) Breeder Arlene Barnes. Owner, Cecelia Wozniak.

Best of Winners: Brandi

Judge Mr. James Edward Clark commented on his entry as follows: "I thought my WD was outstanding. I thought the Bitch was a little more exclusive and a little more correct in head and head wrought. The BOS was again just something that I consider to be correct type in the breed but lacking in head detail. The first five that I had in my Open Dog class were of my type. All of the mouths were good. There was a great improvement in feet. Temperaments were generally obviously good."

We adjourned after the judging and reconvened at the Holiday Inn for the dinner at 7:30 that night.
Christmas Dog Shows
continued

1st, Puppy Dogs: Stamba's Lightning streak of Woz
2nd, Puppy Dogs 9-12: Kadee's Ful O'Fire (Ch. Kadee's Kenya Loki of Woz x Ch. Ipars Kadee Kaja Baba of Woz)
3rd, Open Dogs: Mr. Bojangles Calypso of Woz (Ch. Tri-Tan's Uzuri Supow卢 as Ch. Joelin Flower Child of Woz)
4th, Open Bitches: Sundiata Pogi Gullu (Ch. Pergo Forest Flute of Sun Diata x Guzzi B'toka of Sun Diata)

Best of Breed: Ch. (awaiting AKC confirmation) Sonbar's African Brandy
Best Opposite Sex: Ch. Tia Too of Woz
Best Winners: Pogi Gullu

Comments by Judge Nickles were as follows:
"My bitches were better than my dogs today, and my little Best of Breed today had type and balance, beautiful almond eyes, dark. (He) had the wrinkles, very nice wrinkles, good length of neck. Movement was good."

See you all next year!

Pigeons Exhibited, with their properties judged.

Properties of the Carrier Pigeon:

No. 1. Blu (5) 5 5 5 5 5 2
No. 2. Texture (6) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 3. Bandena (4) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 4. Regularity (4) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 5. Presence of eyepatch (4) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 6. Flattness (7) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 7. Length (9) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 8. Straightness (9) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 9. Dend (7) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 10. circumference (7) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 11. Ruling (6) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 12. Length from eye to wrinkle (4) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 13. Weights (4) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 14. Straightness (9) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 15. Throat (4) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 16. Length (9) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 17. Cartilage (9) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 18. Length of feather (6) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 19. Thickness of neck (4) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 20. Weight of shoulder (4) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 21. Length of limb (4) 5 5 5 5 5 5
No. 22. Colour (6) 5 5 5 5 5 5

Grand total: (110) 87 87 87 87 87 87

Order of prize list:
1st, 2nd, 3rd
GETTING ALONG: A Guide to Preventing Fighting Among Your Basenjis

Chris Olson
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From time to time, we get calls, all of us who have had Basenjis for a few years, from newcomers to Basenji owners, asking what to do about dogs that are fighting. I hesitate to address myself to this problem in writing, as I do not want to give the impression that this is either expected or aberrant behavior in our breed. Nor is this a "let's face it" article. Basenji personalities are as varied as human ones. There are fighters, there are shy ones, there are outgoing lickers, bouncy, bubbly types, and sweet quiet, may-I-please-sit-on-your-lap types. Each Basenji personality is then exposed to all sorts of home environments, from kennels where there is little human contact to show circuits to never-leave-the-house family pets.

Of course. But leaving all that, I wish to address specifically the problem of what to do if you have to deal with two Basenjis who are not getting along. The problem can be greatly reduced if you set up the meeting between the two Basenjis properly to minimize the likelihood of actual combat and 2) you adopt a no-nonsense, authoritative attitude yourself.

As with all aspects of Basenji ownership, a certain sensitivity, or intuition, towards the dogs is necessary. I can almost pinpoint the exact instant one of my dogs is going to pounce on another, and the precise timing of my loud "NO!!" can put an end to the altercation before it begins.

My experience with the shall-we-fight-or-not situation has covered all sorts of situations, and there are certainly situations where you simply cannot get the two would-be fighters together, such as two unacquainted stud dogs (or even some acquainted ones) when one in-season female is present. Or two unacquainted females when one has a new litter of pups. But I have had success, surprisingly, with bitches visiting my stud, living agreeably in the house along with my nine-year-old spayed female.

Two strange dogs, introduced, or once friends but now reintroduced (a problem can be watched if one of your dogs goes out with a handler for more than a weekend), may react in one of two ways:

1. Immediate acceptance, tails wagging or 2) ignoring each other, and later acceptance.

Negatively: 1) Immediate attack at first sight or 2) wary circling and ferocious growling, but no immediate attack.

The two positive responses are no trouble, obviously. The immediate attack response is the most difficult for you to counter, and may indicate that the two will never accept each other and must be forever kept separate. In this case, you can try keeping the separate, but where they can see and smell each other, and after a long time, a week or more, try a meeting again, on leashes.

It is the last negative response, the wary circling and ferocious growling, that I have found to be the most common Basenji response to a stranger of the canine variety. Each dog tries to smell the other, and both make a ferocious noise. These dogs do not really want to fight, and each is warning the other what a tremendous fighter he or she is, hoping the other will not initiate an attack, somewhat like our military campaigns with the U.S.S.R. It is of paramount importance that these two wary dogs NOT be allowed to slip into a fight. Once they do, it is much more difficult to create another fight can be forestalled for the first hour. If one of the dogs is loose together, you can breathe easier, but watch for sudden movements. You are losing ground, resting, the two newly acquainted bitches lying on the bed with you, happily ignoring each other. The doorbell or telephone rings, you are out of bed, and the two bitches are in instant battle. They are startled, each thinks the other responsible, and the only safe thing to do is to defend yourself, each thinks.

But to the beginning. At first, you may be wisest to introduce the dogs at a distance, on lead. Let them see each other from across the room, then let them trade places so they can sniff where the other was. If possible, let them go outside and sniff where the other urinated. Then just rest awhile, visit with your newcomers, or whatever, dogs on leashes at your feet. When the dogs are ignoring each other and resting, you can try walking one or moving it a little with the other watching, then vice versa. One couple I know found their two bitches did not come when one came back from an extended stay with a handler, and let the two together with muzzle on for several weeks. Eventually, the two bitches resumed their earlier friendship and the muzzles were removed.

After the dogs are accepting the fact of each other's existence, I remove the leashes, but carry a large stick, such as a broomstick. My dogs realize the significance of the stick, and will respect me if I speak very loudly and brandish it as they threaten the newcomer. This looks terrible, but rarely do I actually have to use the stick. Later, simply a loud voice does the trick. But you must sound threatening. I have heard people try to control their Basenjis with their voice without success because they did not sound threatening enough... and I mean threatening. You've heard the threatening voice of a Basenji? Well, that equivalent you must find in a human voice.

Even when the two dogs have been successfully getting along, it is best not to leave them alone together, such as in a kennel or yard, when you leave the house. I made this mistake recently, thinking my two dogs had all their differences ironed out since reintroduced three days before. I drove to town, and while gone, all was fine. But when I drove into the driveway, the dogs got excited, menaced the ground, and must have bumped each other and the fight was on! Several months later, these two male dogs are again great pals, and can now be left together with assurance that this will not happen. I just should not have left them together so soon.

One word about crates. Do not leave one dog in a crate with bars wide enough apart that a paw, ear, or nose can poke through, and a second dog loose, if the two are not getting along. Absolutely dreadful cage can take place in such a hopeless fight.

Perhaps most important of all: if a serious fight does occur, DO NOT TRY TO SEPARATE THE DOGS WITH YOUR HANDS. Both dogs may love you dearly, but in the heat of battle may not distinguish between your flesh and the flesh of the enemy. Use a stick or a heavy blanket or pillow or chair or whatever is handy, but NOT your hand. (Right, Val?)

But we have found, that with proper management, situation and authoritative attitude, most Basenjis we know can be persuaded to get along without fighting. And the more often your dog is convinced that he or she is expected to be polite to canine strangers, the more easily he or she will accept the NEXT newcomer.

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