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URGENT! Please Read:

Now that you've got your attention - DEADLINES for All copy (ads, articles, notices, etc.) are January 25 for the January/February/March issue; April 25 for the April/May/June issue; July 25 for the July/August/September issue; and October 25 for the October/November/December issue. It takes two weeks for organization, typing & paste-up, and two weeks at the printer, then 7-10 days for labeling, sorting, bundling and mailing. Please pay attention-there are only four deadlines per year.

GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR PREZ:

Barbara Camp

1. AKC HAS REMOVED Black & Tan as a color on the blue slips for Basenjis, and replaced it with tricolor.

2. AKC HAS REMOVED "The color is preferably chestnut red, and then come various shades of red and fawn" from The Complete Dog Book - Official Publication of the AKC.

3. AKC HAS PREPARED a memorandum which will be sent to all local Basenji clubs and to all AKC superintendents advising that the color divisions of the Open class for Basenji will be red & white, black & white, and black & tan.

RAFFLE - - The Southern Ways & Means Committee is raffling a Kennel-Alert Exercise Pen with cover and clips to benefit the BCOA.

Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. To purchase, contact Connie C. Reed 6214 Lisle Drive Harrisburg, NC 28075

Ticket stubs and check or money order must be received by July 15, 1986 to get the drawing at the National.

EDITOR'S NOTICE: All orders for delivery yesterday must be placed before noon tomorrow. THANK YOU!
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**SCRAMBLED RAFFLE WINNER** --- The winning ticket in the raffle for the Scrambled Artwork donated by Andie Pasinger was drawn on the first show of the Mission Circuit in Southern California. The winning ticket number is 330091. Will the holder of this ticket please contact Andie to collect your prize. CONGRATULATIONS to you, and MANY THANKS to those who supported the last two Bullions with advertising. THANKS ALSO to Andie for this attempt to stimulate interest in Bulletin advertising.

**SPECIALTY & JR. SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE:** Mrs. James Edward Clark

**Sweepstakes Judge:** Ms. Damara Bolte

**OBEDIENCE JUDGES:** Rex and Ruth Tanaka

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Please specify your trophy donation BCOA, EBC or lure coursing or any combination.
PICTURE THIS!

PHOTO CONTEST: The Basenji Club of Southeastern Wisconsin is having a Photo Contest. We know that everyone has pictures of their Basenjies they love to show. That's what we are looking for! Those special pictures that show how lovable and endearing Basenjies can be. Enter that favorite picture of your Basenji at work, play or rest, as puppy or a parent, getting into trouble or helping out. Profits of this contest will go into the fund for the 1987 National Specialty.

CONTEST RULES:
1. Black and white or color pictures may be entered. (No polaroids, please.)
2. Pictures must be accompanied by entry fee. One picture $5.00; three pictures $15.00.
4. Pictures will be judged by three members of the BCOW.
5. There will be five winners: 1 First Honors, 2 Second Honors, and 3 Honorable Mention.
6. Prizes to be awarded as follows:
   First Honors - one prepaid full page ad in the 1987 National Specialty catalog or the cash equivalent.
   Second Honors - one prepaid half page ad in the 1987 National Specialty catalog or the cash equivalent.
   All winners will have their winning picture placed in a full page ad in the BCOW Bulletin.
8. To have pictures returned, the entry must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and the picture must have the entrant's name on the back.
9. If there are not enough entries to cover the cost of the contest, all entry money will be returned.
10. The BCOW reserves the right to use any of the entries in club publications.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BCOW AND MAIL ENTRIES TO:
Pat Bright
W. 8071 North Side Drive
Piney Woods, Wisconsin 53114-9788

JUDGING THE DOG: Summation of a Presentation at the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club's Breeders' Panel Seminar on February 16, 1985
By Ann Rogers Clark

When we study our breed standards as a judge or breeder, we must take the input from them and then ascertain the type of the animal. Type, to me, is what makes the dog look like its breed -- and for my breed, I must begin my appraisal at one point and then continue in an orderly fashion. Correct type, in my opinion, is apparent in examining the animal in direct profile. Is he proper size and color for his breed and is he in proper balance, for his breed, in the following respects:

- length to height
- size of head to size of animal
- balance of head length to all-over size
- foreface to back skull
- depth of head to head length

Does the animal in question have the correct topline and tail for its breed? On a "normal" breed, does the top of the shoulder appear to be directly over the point of elbow? Are the shoulder and forearm in balance, and of correct length and angulation for its breed? Does the hound's angulation balance that of the forelegs? Is the following pleasing? Then the animal is typical and within the guidelines which make him an acceptable animal for the use for which he is intended.

Now, how does he move in profile? After all, this is the truest test of the sum total of all his parts. Does he make the same picture moving as he did standing? Do his topline and tail carry the weight of the standard? Can he be held in several different attitudes (on a loose lead) without destroying the ease of movement? Does the front leg extend freely without laboring action? Does the rear take a full stride under the body, and then is it able to follow through its arc? Temperament can be observed closely at this time -- typical for its breed as well as activity and elegance in those breeds demanding of this. Add all of this input to your own private computer before you have even touched the specimen or looked closely at head or expression, checked rib spring or muscle tone! Now the close, touching examination - check head, eye, ear, mouth - fit and placement of neck and shoulder - correct rib, tail set, feet all around --

Now check for coming and going soundness, and then move more around to see that typical, useful, functional movement that is the truest test of the function and fit of all parts. What you have accomplished at this point is to judge the overall picture. You have made your first cut on type and now are in a position to reward the soundest of your typical specimens --

A sound, untypical dog of any breed is useless.

A typical, sound specimen is priceless.

DO YOU LOVE FANCY CERTIFICATES?

Jan Bruner

Well, I'm still a novice, so I do! I bet a lot of you out there have Basenjis that qualify for one or more Fancy certificates, and you don't even know it! Where are these certificates from? They are from Dog World Magazine -- and they are free if your dog qualifies. What does your dog have to do to get one?

In the breed ring:
1. Two or more Best In Shows at all breed point shows.
2. Championship won without defeat - in dog's sex in the regular classes, including Best of Winners at all wins, and never less than Best of Winners.
3. Championship won in three successive all breed or specialty shows, with never less than 5 points at each show entered.
4. Championship won in two or more countries, either in breed or field work.

In the obedience ring:
1. Degree won in 3 consecutive trials, with a score of 195 or above at each trial.
2. All three obedience titles (C.D., G.D.X., U.D.) won in a period of nine months, either in the U.S.A. or Canada.

You send in photos at your own risk. The March 1986 issue of Dog World published on page 94 a disclaimer about unrequested photos. If you want a photo back that you sent in long ago, now is the time to write and ask for it back. The assistant editor says he's begun to throw out some old photos, especially those that have no return address on the back. If you want a photo back that was published in the magazine, state which issue (month and year) and what page the photo appeared on. Also state what breed of dog!

GOOD LUCK, and enjoy your 11" x 14" certificate when it comes!
Obedience Tally -- Final for 1985

Elizabeth White, Chairman

Twenty-Four Basenjis earned obedience titles in 1985. Companion Dog titles went to 19 Basenjis. Four Basenjis earned the Companion Dog Excellent title, and one Basenji became a Tracking Dog. About 6% of these Basenjis were owned by BCOA members (12 of 19 C.D. owners, 3 of 4 C.D.X. owners and 1 of 1 T.D. owner). I find it interesting that the owner of the 1985 High Average Score also held the 1982 A1 Novice Average spot with another Basenji.

Good News -- the 1986 BCOA National Specialty will feature a Basenji obedience trial on July 30th. Fantastical News -- Rex Tanaka of Hawaii, who trained 3 U. D. T. Basenjis, will judge Novice A & B and Open A & B at the 1986 BCOA National Specialty. Ruth Tabaka of Kent, Washington, will judge Utility. Now I just have to decide who I should take to the trial! The Final Tally for 1985:

Novice
1. Ch. Kiburi Kayanne of Jana, T. Foley 189.6
2. Cock N' Bull's Swana, J. & J. Brown 188.83
3. Kerab's Eboni Super Sh, C. & J. Balta 188.16
4. Ch. Merit's By Jove, L. & J. Benson 187.83
5. Eden's Touch of Kenya, N. Gross 187.6
6. Kamloore's Dinara of Lusanne, D. Dedek 185.3
7. Ra-See Red Bu-Gare, S. Briscoe 184.0
8. Sky Charger's Tri-Boy, C. Bilyeu 183.83
9. Tristan Tamarango Belcanto, A. Gallon 183.6
10. Ch. Shaanil Night Surprise, J. L. Secaur 183.5
12. Wifred Beouwol of Ashcrest, A. Neil 182.6
13. Ch. Abusha's Persol's Artikli, E. White 182.16
14. Ch. Reveille Caper to Sundance, L. Hughes 182.0
15. Caucasian Christina, M. 0. Polan 180.6
16. Ashab's Fassy Friday by Cardo, T. Powell & L. Williams 179.5
17. Ch. Fantasia's Apollo, L. & J. Secaur 174.83
18. Ch. Mata Hauri Super Sheik, D. & K. Hauri 173.6

Open
1. Vikesen's Police Reporter, G.D., M. Rubin 188.83

Tracking Dog
1. Thackeray Tiara Gem Reveille, D. Spinhour

High Single Score: Kerab's Eboni Super Sh, C. & J. Balta 195.5 at Grenley R.C., 8-18-85 Second Place

Other Basenji Qualifying in 1985:

Novice: Ch. Bucbrest Raven O'Undundance
Ch. Christmas Fancy O'Pupaloic
Datar's Fatima of Kelyn
Dbrian's Blithe Power of Woz
Gergenol

Open: Ch. Shahallah Mariah of Bahati, G.D.

I wish to thank all who recognize this Outstanding Quality. (All the time)

Who is It??
You-Basenji Club of America Members
See YOU ALL there! GOOD LUCK!!

Barbara Camp, Resident
Letters, We get Letters.

Editor:

I read the responses in the March, 1986 issue about the article on The Future for Basenji, then revived the article in the December, 1985 issue. Next I went through my box until I found the September, 1984 issue on the Sommers' Africans, where they discussed the problems of getting them registered. How much support they have received over the years and I don't know. I meant to write, but never have. So why not take the task of getting these and others already out of Africa registered before sending them to Africa! Not that I'm opposed to such a trip. Ever since I first heard about brindles, I've wanted to go to Africa and get one.

... It would be nice to have some "new blood", but breeders have been breeding traits in and out for centuries. It will take everybody working honestly to correct this problem. Maybe someday we will be called upon to re-stock Africa... after the famine is over. We don't even know if there are wild Basenjis, though I would like to believe so, and tell people so.

Alice R. Walker

Dear Sandy,

After reading Mr. Hendren's article "The Future For Basenji" in the Oct./Nov./Dec. Bulletin, I have the following comments and questions, it's very true that our breed originated from a small gene pool and that we don't have a lot of bloodlines to choose from. It's also true that we have a lot of inherited problems in this breed. Before we go mining for the "new" blood... consider that the problems we currently have are not from our original stock. What guarantee do we have that this "new" stock will carry the same problems? There is NO TEST to determine Fanci or malabsorption. There is NO WAY we can test the new stock to be sure they don't have or carry these problems. How can you know the extended pedigree of the dogs you import? Can you be sure they are not the same related to our original stock? When you do your breedings, to make generations that satisfy the ARC or try to test for Fanci and malabsorption by watching to see if any of the get demonstrate it... where are you going to house all these dogs for the rest of their lives? In kennels? Is this much of a life for a dog?

I do NOT feel Mr. Hendren's simplistic solution to our breed's future is at this time, realistic. I sure hope people aren't rushing money off to this guy so he can indulge in his fantasy at our expense.

The true future of our breed lies in the development of an accurate test that pre-determines Fanci and malabsorption at a young age. Once breeders have that, affected stock can be weeded out and new stock, tested clear in advance, can be imported if there is a need. I think 50 years of dedication, love, careful breeding and darned hard work deserves more effort to rid it of its current problems than Mr. Hendren wants to be bothered with. He says in his article that he doesn't feel tests and treatments for Fanci and malabsorption are likely to happen in the near future. And why not? If we take some of his suggestions for raising funds for importing dogs and, instead, apply those efforts to raising funds for research, according to him, we ought to have the money we need in NO TIME AT ALL!

America is a throw-away society. Something breaks -- you don't fix it -- you throw it out and buy a new one. Somehow, I feel our breed is worth "fixing". Breeders... send your backs to Bowes and Brotschweer. There lies the future of our breed, at least in terms of trying to rid it of two serious and frustrating problems.

Jan Bruner

Will Basenjis still be around by the time I am 40? This question is always on my mind as I watch my two dogs lounging in the sun, racing around the yard, or curled up next to me. I'm relatively new to the Basenji community (6 years showing and breeding) and already I have had my first dog with Fanci. As each breeding season comes around I'm faced with the problem of finding a stud. As a young breeder, I am in support of Russell Hendren's plan for importing new blood. Not solely for the purpose of health, but for an increased gene pool to improve appearance. Each year it becomes harder and harder to find dogs that I want to breed, and when I do the dog is closely related. If this is a problem now, what will happen in ten years from now? Basenjis have graced most of my life (12 out of 23 years) and I would like to enjoy them for many more years. Please don't put your blinders on ("the dogs have diabetes", "there is no problem") and reason away ("we can breed the problem out") one of the few choices we have to save this elegant breed. Help us keep the gift of the Pharaoh alive.

Renee Minoux Harris

LETTERS continue...
Hi Sandy -

Just received my Jan/Mar, Bulletin today. I want to call to your attention a mistake in the Basenji Club of Cincinnati Newsletter. This was the Open Red Bitches should read 1. Joanna's Jewel of Kameglo 2. Tasarkian Sparkling Angel 3. Kubisi Omega 4. Vin Van's Volta Power; instead of as published. You can double check this order in your September 1981 AKC Show Awards. Since I bred the second place bitch, it's important for me to get the record straight. Thanks! (Editor's Note: Sorry -- the results were copied from the marked catalog supplied by the show chairman.)

Jan Bruner

Dear Sandy,

At Arminta's request, I have written up a short article on the present activities of the GCRG for the next available Bulletin. The Club has a lot of, and we will have ample work for all members!

I have just learned that Germany has no AKC-recognized governing body registering Basenjis. Can you put me in touch with any German Basenji fanciers? Are you following the possibility of an African safari with such great interest as I? It would be thrilling to be able to go and see native Basenjis.

Alice Bair

Dear Sandy,

Thank you very much for the great job you did of composing our ad on the back cover of the Oct/Nov/Dec. Bulletin. We were very impressed with the end result. It was just what we wanted. Thank you again. (Editor's Note: I'm so glad you liked it! We aim to please.)

We also wish to comment on some items in the Jan/Feb/March issue of the Bulletin. In the Health Committee report, Barbara Jimenez thanked the Mid-Atlantic Basenji Club (of which we are members) for donating half the proceeds of their roast to the Basenji health research. In the BCGA Business report in the same Bulletin, it is reported that supporting Basenji health research in this manner has been BANNED. Ballot number 19 (NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROFIT) states that all profits from future Specialties are to be put into the Regional Welfare Fund. However, the new regulation specifically bans donating any of the money to leave the region. This gives the unfortunate impression that the BCGA considers money to be more important than the health of our breed. Since we are sure this was not the intention of the BCGA Board, we request that this regulation be changed.

Even if money were the sole mark of success of a Specialty, allowing half the profits to go to worthwhile causes also helps raise money for the BCGA. We only played a small part in the 85 Specialty, but some people worked very long hours for several months. One thought that kept them going was the knowledge that, "if we make a success, we will have benefited the health of all Basenjis." This gave the committee the encouragement to make the Specialty the success it was. In its turn, this helped the financial stability of the BCGA. Even though $1,186.77 was donated elsewhere, $3,136.77 went to the BCGA. Other clubs can be expected to do as well, as they are permitted to have such a good cause as their incentive. If the profits are restricted to regional welfare accounts, a club would think it had done its duty if it broke even. If the regional Ways & Means accounts were increased by $100, a Specialty-giving club could feel perfectly satisfied. The 85 Specialty benefitted Basenji health research, but it also significantly benefitted the BCGA.

We request that the regulation enacted by Ballot number 19 be amended. We request that the BCGA allows, or even encourages, donations of part of the profits from Specialties to causes that benefit Basenjis. This action will not only help our breed, but will also help the BCGA.

Terry Atkinson
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Dear Ms. Melody Russell,

As a breeder, I am extremely disturbed by the number of genetic defects reported in the various breeds. If we are to protect ourselves and the reputation of our respective breeds and progeny of dogs in general, we must protect our breeders from defects that affect the dog's suitability as a pet. The best way is to provide information that will explain what the problems are and how serious each is. Considerable information on genetic defects is available, but not in suitable form. Our proposal is to compile this information in several different ways. In addition, we would like to include other appropriate information that may be requested by our members. We wish to survey pre-weaning weights of pups, pup weights on a weekly basis until the pups are weaned suggested by a breeder/researcher, frequency of defects, whether the whelping was natural or Cesarean, etc. Suggestion for other topics are welcome. Individual survey results will, of course, be confidential.

Terry Atkinson

Health and Research Committee

Dear Mr. White,

Funding is not available. Publishing is not a glamorous "in" business. Therefore, if each breed club will loan a modest amount, supplemented by loans from your members who are particularly concerned about the objectives of the project, we will pay 12% interest when the project is completed, approximately one year from now. We would appreciate publication of this letter in your bulletin so that individuals may participate as well. Individuals should mention their breed, because suitable acknowledgements will be included for all participants.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Barbara Jimenez

I feel one of the primary responsibilities of the BCGA Health & Research Chairman is to keep in contact with those who are working with Basenji health problems and to report their findings, needs, etc. to the membership. In light of this, I spoke primarily with Dr. Bovee at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, who has been working with Pancreatic syneude; and Dr. Breitsechwart at the North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine, who is doing research with the immunodepression syndrome, which has small intestinal disease (IPSD) of the Basenji. I'd like to report on my conversations with them here.

By the time you read this, you will probably have already read in the Basenji that Dr. Breitsechwart will be running protein electrophoresis tests for Basenji owners at NC State. This is obviously in an attempt to standardize the results of tests being run in various labs around the country. I understand full details concerning procedure, cost, etc. will be included in the Basenji article. Dr. Breitsechwart also told me that he has a preliminary lead on a blood serum test for IPSID. Another very positive development is that he has received funding from lamin's for a further year study on the diet that dogs with this disease develop.

This study will compare the results obtained in feeding lam's chicken-based diets with two diets that are identical but have meat and soybean bases. I know many breeders who have had significant (although non-science) results with their dogs' disease problems by switching diets, so it will be interesting to see what this study turns up.

Dr. Breitsechwart also asked for help from breeders in his study of another syndrome that he and his fellow researchers have found in Basenji. This would be characterized in very young puppies by congenital deafness, subluxation of the phalanges (frogs), calcification of cartilage (which would appear as lumps under the skin), and edema of the lymphatics. If any breeder has, knows of, or produces a puppy with these symptoms, please contact Dr. Breitsechwart.

Both Dr. Bovee and Dr. Breitsechwart emphasized to me that what we need to continue their work is affected dogs. In both cases, they would need to be dogs who are suffering from Basenji syndrome or IPSID, but are not yet debilitated. Making the decision to donate such a dog would undoubtedly be one of the most difficult decisions an owner would ever have to make, but such donations are essential if the work on these diseases is to continue. Dr. Breitsechwart explained the frustrating situation of having the affected dogs to work with but not the funds, or having the funds and not the affected dogs. Right now, he and Dr. Bovee have the funds -- they are looking for us to donate affected dogs. If anyone has a dog they would consider donating to either Dr. Bovee or Dr. Breitsechwart, they may be contacted as follows:

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Another response to Russell Hendren's article: "The Future for Basenji"

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Most Basenji fanciers agree that Basenji face serious, genetically-based health problems, but there is disagreement over what to do about them. I believe that Mr. Hendren's proposal to import new Basenji stock from Africa has a strong chance of success, because the available genetic facts about Basenji. Our breed might well be called the Amish of the dog world. Like the Amish, they have an unusually high frequency of genetic disorders that are rare in the general population, and they have these disorders for many of the same reasons. Basenji and the Amish suffer from the founder effect, a genetic phenomenon described by Vyce (1) as follows:

"When a few individuals or a small group migrate from a main population, only a limited portion of the parental gene pool is brought with them, so that some rare, deleterious genes are lost from the gene pool. The frequency of these genes may be so low it that they are nearly lost from the population. In fact, only a few generations may be required for these genes to be lost from the population."

As a result of the founder effect, some Amish communities suffer from unusually high frequencies of recessive genetic disorders. Similarly, the founder effect has produced unusually high frequencies of Fanconi's syndrome and EPID, which are both associated with blindness. All major lines of Basens in this country now appear to have dogs that are carriers of these diseases. If this is true, how are we to breed out these diseases with the stock we now have? There simply isn't enough genetic diversity to breed them out. If we could somehow manage to breed out these diseases, the further reduction of the gene pool that would result might very well produce new problems.


References:

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Ocular Diseases of the Young Dog and Cat

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Persistent Pupillary Membranes

The developing eye is surrounded (in the fetal eye) by an extensive network of vascular tissue originating from the iris. These vessels normally regress late in gestation or early in postnatal life. Failure to completely regress results in development of small strands of tissue known as persistent pupillary membranes. These strands may attach to the cornea, producing focal opacities; attach to the lens, producing focal cataracts; form masses in the anterior chamber, interfering with the formation of the Collin. The strands do not threaten vision unless large corneal opacities or cataracts result. Treatment is not recommended.

Figure 6 - Persistent pupillary membranes attaching across the pupil.

Sizing the dog—goal of canine eye clinic

Early detection and prevention of inherited eye disease in purebred dogs is a goal of a weekly screening program under way at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine.

Using an advanced array of diagnostic equipment, including ultrasonic biomicroscopy, slit-lamp biomicroscopy, videootoscopy, tonometry, Schirmer tear test, and fundus photography, uf veterinarians conduct two weekly screening sessions. The program is designed to help identify dogs at risk for inherited eye problems and to detect early signs of disease.

In addition, the program is designed to help breeders identify potential carriers and to assist in the selective breeding of unaffected dogs.

For appointment information, call 904-387-4744.
THERE ARE MANY THINGS currently happening with the importation project which I want to report to you.

Firstly, however, I'd like to reply to the article by Mrs. Teena Simmons which appeared in the last issue of the Bulletin. I read it with great interest, and appreciate Mrs. Simmons taking the time to express her opinions and conclusions, i.e. "We can lick these problems with the dogs we have. . . . The biggest hurdle has been crossed. Look at the older stud dogs for the next breeding. . . .", etc. Regrettably, my experience of current events has not been quite the same as Mrs. Simmons. One long-time breeder actually informed me that the Fanciwal and diarrhoea problems solved a big problem: they eliminate the need for care for many old dogs in the kennel after their retirement from exhibition and breeding. Pragmatically, as this may be for that breeder, it certainly doesn't address the anguish and grief of the many pet owners and breeders whose Basenjis live in a loving "significant other" relationship with them. I know from personal experience the hopelessness of watching your nighttime footprint and pal of ten years gradually fade away in front of your eyes, and the terrible feeling of frustration and guilt in knowing that there is nothing you can do.

I also have first-hand experience in the feelings associated with seeing what appears to be a healthy, loving puppy to a young couple with children, then seeing, a number of years later, the effect a diagnosis of Fanciwal or IPHS has on the entire family. As a breeder of Basenjis, I have found these experiences to be personally harrowing, and they certainly overshadow any egocentric gratification I've gotten from producing champions or winning ribbons. I'm left with the desire to do all I possibly can to spare others the same experience.

Regarding the "positive suggestion of looking to the older stud dogs for the next breeding. . . .", I was under the impression that it also required a "nut to produce puppies". It will certainly take a lot of luck to get pups from 10-11 year old bitches! I am certainly not an expert in genetics, but it's just common sense that breeding old stud to young bitches is not really very positive when half of the genes will come from the moyama's side. In any event, I support Mrs. Simmons' efforts towards a breeding program dealing with the . . . "devil's known on behalf of the breed for which we both care deeply. I only know that I don't have enough information as yet on these genetic diseases to be able to say I know the "devil" we are dealing with, let alone know that there is a devil in the unknown. I do not feel it is an "inflatable" situation, but rather one in which we should explore ALL possibilities for hope. Ideologically, though, I'd appreciate at least moral support for those of us giving of our time and effort for the "slightest" possibility of making a positive difference to the future of the breed.

There are currently thirty concerned people on the project mailing list. All generously sent envelopes and stamps so we can keep communicating. Ann Gravett, 5102 Darnell, Houston, TX 77094, is doing a super job answering letters, putting out mailings, and in general helping to organize my scatterbrained ideas to get this project going. Jan Curby is hard at work investigating areas in Zambia and the Southern Sudan where Basenjis can be found. He is also working with a man who took hunting safaris to the Southern Sudan for many years. Jon will soon be sending out a letter to those on the mailing list to report his progress. Bob Martin has agreed to chair the "preproposal writing" committee, as we'll have a concrete proposal to submit to raise the funds necessary for this project to proceed. Rod Thatcher is busy on research and action to incorporate this project as a research organization. It will then qualify as a tax deduction for those who desire to contribute money to this cause. Bob Barker, with expertise in the importation field, has agreed to investigate what we will be necessary to import dogs from Zambia and Sweden into the U.S. Bob House has agreed to act as the project's liaison with the A.K.C. and the C.C. already had one meeting with an A.K.C. Vice-President. This was positive in that the A.K.C. was willing to consider our project with the possibility of eventually re-opening the stock book. Chuck Mullins has an all breed fun match already well underway in Northern California, the profits to benefit this project. Dee Garner is chairing another all breed match in the Sacramento area to raise funds, as are Jen Bradshaw and Renee Harris in the Southern California area. I personally want to thank these people for the generalities of their efforts, and their willingness to recognize that NOW is the time to do something other than just talk.

Many people have made inquiries regarding this project, i.e.: Just who is going to get any dogs that are registerable? Is this project going to result in dozens of puppies being killed during the breeding program? Who is going to care for the dogs? And where are the funds for this project coming from -- me? Etc., etc., etc. Well, folks, I don't have all the answers, but will be happy to share my ideas with others on how this project can be accomplished. I'd also like to point out that I am personally approaching this whole thing with an open mind -- all my thoughts are open to discussion, change, and judgement (for those into judging).

Firstly, we must formalize the organization so it can delegate the tasks necessary to complete the project. There must also be a reliable means of communication between those doing specific tasks. Proposals must be written to solicit funds from large corporations that are getting rich off dog people, i.e. dog food and pet supply manufacturers. More funds raising events must be organized -- matches, raffles, etc. A specific breeding program must be worked out for any dogs obtained. The veterinary researchers currently working on Basenji-related diseases are being invited to serve on the board of this organization, as are geneticists, etc.
1985 STUD DOG TALLY

The following list includes all 1985 champions as published by the A.K.C. Gazette, January through December, 1985. Dogs that finished in 1985 but were not published until 1986 ARE NOT included.

1. CH. VIKENTOR'S LUCKY MOUNTAINEER (10)
Kazoo's Evening Echo
Vicento's Apache Tears
Pala's Prelude To Marbas
Jelina's Suli Oji
Dargs Diamond Gut Viikentor
Darg's Mirror Image
Darg's Red Clay of Viikentor
Darg's Red Ruby
Jelina's Leather N Lace
Kazoo's Easy EYecatcher

2. CH. ALEKSA-ABSENTHE RAJAHS JR (9)
Kalphi's Star of Phantom
Tonna's Tribute To Rajah's Jr
Akusha's Jet My Luck
Jocasta JR Asher
Kazoo's Deputy Droom
Tagati Chimo's Brigadoon Bridge
Tonna's Inbahi of Los Cerros
Kibujah's Jet of Akusha
Tima's Traveler

3. CH. ASAR'S ENVOY (6)
Asar's Tie-Tut
Arabscom's Lido of Aalasler
Asar's Black Abitarro
Meri-O's Ti-Marcel
Kazoo's Intrepid Icebreaker
Majongo's Courier of Kentobi

4. CH. DJAKOMBA SPOTLIGHT (6)
Arabscom's Tia Mina
Djakomba's Bora-Sensation
Winnoway's Gingerbread Girl
Djakomba's Sundance Suicide
Quintus Tuff / Tid Snapset Shetef of Phoenix

5. CH. SHADOWYSEY'S MITY (6)
Freckles of Papalote / Marfil Grass / Pandemonium / Caiypaa Flair of Papalote / My Lady's Boy Joshua
Crosswind's Highland Dawn / Calublis of Papalote
The Basenji Puppy Owner’s Manual!

Lauree Pond

"The Basenji Puppy Owner’s Manual!", compiled by the Education/Program Committee of the E.B.C., will be available at the National Specialty. This is an excellent resource for all Basenji enthusiasts, providing valuable information to ensure the well-being of your pet. Regular purchases are needed from the members. A banquet entry is anticipated at the local specialty in June. Open classes will be offered for all three colors. Come one, come all!

EVERGREEN BASENJI CLUB, INC.

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On Course —

Don't Throw the Baby Out…

Mary Lou Kenworthy

About 15 to 17 years ago, Basenji's were faced with a major crisis. A form of hereditary anemia caused by a protein deficiency and the lack of the B factor, caused the dog to become pallid, pale and anemic. There was no longer be ignored and at last the few small voices that had tried for several years to warn us were finally being heard. The first rule in training dogs (or anything) is to get their attention. Sometimes a two by four is a better attention getter than a doctor or a veterinarian. So health problems, the loss of one's loved and prized dogs will snap minds a round to the reality of these problems.

Once the H.A. problem had advanced past the point of being "only in line A" or "line B" or only in "the other breeders dogs", the realization set in that it was a breed problem and that NO ONE was free from it. But the problem had to get serious. It was too easy to just blame the breeders for their petty prejudices and denials, and begin working together on solving the problem. Ultimately, we worked through this problem. We found a test for carriers, carried out extensive testing and then continued breeding from the known "good" lines. Basenji breeders have only gradually been able to get the truth about the breed, knowing or uncaring back yard breeders have not tested their stock for this inherited problem still will be found.

Now we find ourselves at a crossroads with two more apparently inherited diseases, EPSID and the Fancod syndrome. The two by four has fallen on enough heads to make us willing to admit that we have a breed health problem. Where do we go from here? The signs are faint and hard to read. Reflections of the past will always throw some light on the future. Let's look at some of the results of our H.A. experience, both good and bad.

On a positive side, it caused a national culling of breeding stock not good enough to spend the necessary money on the testing that now became a necessity. It also eliminated those faint-hearted, insincere breeders who did not care enough for the breed, and those who (God help us) were in it for the money. The survivors were the willing, caring, knowing and dedicated breeders with their best stock. On the negative side, some potentially good breeders were probably eliminated because of the financial strain. Shipping and testing of blood was not easy in the beginning. Also, the mental strain of finding all or most of one's dogs to be affected and/or carriers took its toll on some of our long-time breeders.

Despite all of all was the loss of many good traits as panic caused most people to eliminate carriers immediately from their breeding programs. With a little patience and a working knowledge of genetics, the good qualities could have been preserved while the bad ones were eliminated. Most breeders who realized that their dogs had not willfully, or out of a desire to breed them, let their dogs work in the culling of the breed which will in time continue to breed affected dogs for a few more generations until the virtues could be salvaged. The baby got thrown out with the bath water.

With this bit of history in mind, let's look at our options. We could quit — - - Take up toll - - cards - tropical fish — - - If you can.
they could soon learn a lot about the inheritance of these diseases. I know how well this can work, as I, with the help of a few other breeders, have done this for several years. From the knowledge gained, I have formed theories of the inheritance in both diseases, but we need more information to prove or disprove these theories.

If we support the research of these diseases, we could find better techniques of early detection and perhaps means of determining carriers. However, we are probably on our own to determine the genetics of the problems, as researchers are not particularly motivated in that direction. We need to have a good working knowledge of genetics ourselves. Before you can breed away from a problem, you must first know where it is and where it is not. By keeping track of the health of all Basenji in your pedigrees, you can tell what the odds are of producing a problem. It will take many generations of careful selective breeding to separate the unwanted genes from the virtues you wish to retain. This is the only way out, there are no short cuts. Breeding is not a hobby for those requiring instant gratification. Perfection is not obtained in one generation.

Those who worry about our gene pool being too small had better look around at the great diversity in type across the nation. Expanding the gene pool would increase this diversity. Last year I had a litter of eight that I would consider closely line breed. Much to my surprise, I had eight totally different types. Bear in mind that the average canine has 38 chromosomes to manipulate, making him almost twice as complicated as men and women, who have only 46. Unfortunately, a lot of "breeders" have not gotten past the test for understanding the genetics for color, much less having acquired the knowledge to juggle 39 pairs of chromosomes at the same time. There are plenty of cards to play with, if you learn the rules of the game.

One of the poorest excuses I have heard yet is blaming inbreeding for our problems. Inbreeding and linebreeding are the greatest tools man has with which to develop superior animals. It has been through these methods that man has developed cows that produce more milk, cattle that produce more milk, beef, genetically identical laboratory mice that reproduce as though they were cloned, and plant and animal improvements too numerous to mention. It is not the fault of inbreeding that causes problems, but man's misuse and misunderstanding in his use of it. Like hergets, like, good or bad; the difference is made by man's selection of what and how he is breeding.

When you inbreed, you are doubling up on certain genes or increasing the chances of getting the genes you want. It is also narrowing the gene pool by eliminating the genes you don't want. Inbreeding brings to the surface traits that are carried in the genes, be they good or bad, dominant or recessive. If you have bad traits that are recessive, inbreeding will cause them to surface so that you know they are there and can eliminate them. Outcrossing, done with an individual who does not have the same bad recessive trait but carries only the dominant for that trait, will BURY the bad trait so that it cannot be seen in the next generation. This does not eliminate it, but only masks it. The bad trait is there genetically, and will be passed on unseen until it meets a like recessive trait, and suddenly someone has a problem they didn't know they had. It is better to inbreed and eliminate problems then to outcross and simply hide the problem until a future generation. It is better to inbreed and have an animal genetically pure for the traits you want to preserve than to outcross and maybe be lucky come up with one superior individual who does not pass on his superior qualities because he is not homozygous for them.

Outcrossing is also a useful tool when properly used. If you wish to inbreed in a trait that you do not already have in your gene pool, outcrossing is the only way with which to acquire it. However, when acquiring one thing, you must be careful not to lose others traits that you wish to fix in your line. Outcross to bring in something new, inbreed to fix and strengthen what you wish to keep. Inbreed to eliminate what you wish to discard.

Here we stand at the crossroads of decision. We must choose which path will lead us away from two diseases, while preserving the uniqueness of our breed.
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She got a new rug for her birthday.  
We were sure we had nothing to fear,  
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But, somehow, it was not to her liking:  
This green thing smelling so new,  
So she went to her crate like a good girl  
And promptly started to chew.

A quick reprimand made her stop  
And come out for a pat on the head.  
We didn't know what she had planned  
When we finally put her to bed.

She ripped and she tore; she tore and she ripped.  
It took her most of the night.  
Her rug was in tatters, she'd made quite a mess,  
But to her everything was just right.

She let us know, in her Basenji way,  
That her castle was her crate,  
And being the queen of her tiny realm,  
Gave her the right to re-decorate.

And so, on the rug all tattered and torn,  
That no longer can be called "new",  
Her majesty sleeps, while we try to think  
What to get her when she turns two!

... Dottie Sheed  
(First published in the Feb. 1977 BCOCN "Bark")

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