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West	Central	East
2016:2013	2017:2014	2015:2012
2019:2016	2020:2017	2018:2015
2022:2019	2023:2020	2021:2018
2025 : 2022	2026 : 2023	2024 : 2021



2015

Oct 26–Nov 1, Gettysburg, PA Specialty Chair: Lisa Auerbach

JUDGES

Regular Classes: Michael Work Sweepstakes: Julie Jones

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Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center 2634 Emmitsburg Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325 The hotel has put aside rooms for the National beginning the weekend before through Sunday November 1, 2015. Call (717) 334-8121 for reservations and mention that you are with the BCOA to get the special rate.

2016

Aug 10–14, Longview, WA Specialty Chair: Donna Lubbe Events Coordinator: Jackie Jones

JUDGE

Regular Classes: William Shelton Sweepstakes: Pat Marshall

2017

Date/Location: Sept 9-16, Gray Summit, MO Specialty Chair: TBD

UDGES

Regular Classes: Laura Pond Sweepstakes: TBD

All dates & judges pending AKC approval

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"THE 3 BASENJI MUSICIANS"

or "in which Guy Noir, Hip Hop, and Scarlet time travel & visit Fernard Leger"

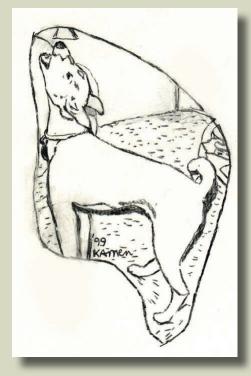
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Nominees

- Melanie Feldges, "The Shame Game" (Just Frenchies)
- Susan Kamen Marsicano, "The 3 Basenji Musicians" (The Rip Van Wrinkler)
- Sandy Bergstrom Mesmer, "German Shepherd" (store.about-small-dogs.com)
- Dawn Secord, "Cover Illustration" (Show Dogs Escape to the Seashore)

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Are you willing to donate past issues of the *Bulletin* to the club? We're looking to complete the BCOA archives.

Each issue is a snapshot in the timeline of the club and the breed. We'd appreciate it if you are willing to donate them as a permanent record in the Club's archive. Please help us fill the gaps in the timeline!

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BCOA and Affiliate Club Events for 2015

JANUARY

16 WVBC Concurrent Specialty, Portland, OR

FEBRUARY

- 7 GPBC Concurrent Specialty, Phoenix, AZ
- 28 EBC Lure Coursing (ASFA all-breed), Auburn, WA

MARCH

JUNE

- 7 EBC Supported Entry, Seattle, WA
- 7-8 EBC Booth @ Seattle KC, Seattle, WA
- 14 EBC Lure Coursing (ASFA specialty & AB), Roy, WA
- 15 EBC Lure Coursing (ASFA all-breed), Roy, WA
- DFWBC Independent Specialty, Fort Worth, TXBCOSW B Match/Fun Match, Caledonia, WI
- 25 Deo5W D Maten, Fan Maten, Calcuonia, W
- 29 BCOA Lure Coursing (AKC), Yellow Springs, OH

EBC Obedience & Rally Specialty, Puyallup, WA

EBC Supported Entry, Puyallup, WA

13 GCBC Concurrent Specialty, Grayslake, IL

14 GCBC Concurrent Specialty, Grayslake, IL

14 MABC Fun Day, Point of Rocks, MD

27 BCOA Supported Entry, Dayton, OH

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EBC B Match, Mercer Island, WA

27 INBC Designated Specialty, Oklahoma City, OK

APRIL

JULY

MAY

- EBC AKC CAT Tests, Roy, WA
- 10 EBC AKC CAT Tests, Roy, WA
- 16 BCOSW Race Meet (LGRA), Racine, WI
- 16 ASFA International Invitational, Ethel, WA
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- 17 ASFA International Invitational, Ethel, WA
- 22 BCOC Designated Specialty, Cincinati, OH
- 23 BCOC Concurrent Specialty, Cincinati, OH
- 24 BCOC Supported Entry, Cincinati, OH

AUGUST

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- BCOSW Independent Specialty, Ixonia, WI
- 25 BCOSW Supported Entry, Waukesha, WI31 EBC Futurity/Maturity, Auburn, WA
- 31 EBC Independent Specialty, Auburn, WA

EBC Concurrent Specialty, Auburn, WA

- 1 EBC Supported Entry, Auburn, WA
- 2 EBC Supported Entry, Auburn, WA
- 10 BCOSW Booth @ World of Dogs, West Allis, WI

SEPTEMBER

5 BCOA Eastern Regional Specialty, North Branch, NJ

OCTOBER

- BCOSW Race Meet (NOTRA), Racine, WI
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NOVEMBER

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- 1 BCOSW Booth @ Badger KC Dog Fair, Madison, WI
- 29 EBC Lure Coursing (AKC all-breed), Auburn, WA

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In this issue, we feature many "firsts" in the basenji world. The first of these is also our Timeline Gem for this issue with the emphasis on "timeline" as we showcase various events, titles, health tests, and other interesting tidbits from our history. Second, the historical article this time is a feature of the most recent basenji milestone: the first basenji to win the AKC National Field Champion title last fall. The final "first" in this issue is a compilation of stories, quotes, advice from many people about attending your "first" National Specialty.

Keep turning the pages to enjoy our regular columns and features:

- Training Tips: Andrea Stone is joined this quarter by Katy Scott for some helpful tips.
- Lifetime Member Profile: This time we feature Carol Webb.
- Basenji Perpetual Award: Carole Kirk tells us about the award in honor of BIS/BISS CH Zindika'a Johnny Come Greatly JC.

This issue two committees stand out with expanded articles showcasing their outstanding contributions to the basenji community.

- The Breeder Education committee provides their final Measuring Station report. This
 data is of great interest to those curious as to how the size of our basenjis compare to the
 standard.
- The final installment of the updated Basenji Health Information from the Health and Research committee is included as well.

To help us better understand how basenji rescue works, Laura Pond explores how BCOA, BRAT, and other groups and individuals contribute to the ecosystem for basenjis in need. Part one of two is in this issue.

There are some items that you may find missing in this issue. Can you spot them? Don't worry; we'll point them out when the time comes.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Bulletin*. If you have feedback on this issue or feature ideas, or want to contribute to the *Bulletin* as an author, interviewer, copy editor, or in any other role, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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CAROLE KIRK (page 39) has been owned by Basenjis since May 1990. She breeds/shows under the Possum Creek Basenjis moniker and has exported dogs or bred dogs in Argentina, Australia, Denmark, Germany, and most recently the Czech Republic. Her dogs have competed in conformation, lure coursing, and agility events. She has breeder/owner handled and owner handled her brindles to a group win and group placements. She has been active with her local kennel club and BCOA for many years.

LAURA POND (page 28), and her husband Bill, have shared their home with Basenjis since first acquiring two from Dora and Ray Siegle in 1983. Having been immediately bitten by the "dog show bug," Laura has continued successfully exhibiting and breeding her Proudlaan Basenjis. As an active member of the BCOA, the Seattle Kennel Club, the WVBC and recently as an AKC Judge licensed for Basenjis and All-Breed Junior Showmanship, Laura continues to participate fully in her enjoyment and support of pure-bred dogs.

BARBARA REISINGER (page 30), a new convert to the Basenji way, has toppled head-over-heels for the breed. Happily possessed by her two half-African Basenjis—Disa and Spyros—she is driven by the purpose of the African Stock Project and its goals for our dignified and crafty breed. Having been deeply involved in the sport of flyball as a participant and trainer for over 14 years, she has had the honor of leading hundreds of handler/dog teams to have fun and success in the sport. Barbara is dazed with the myriad of activities that she and her husband, Jared, are able to do with their Basenjis, simply because they are Basenjis. From the conformation ring, to the lure course, on into the barn to hunt, she has eagerly ensconced herself into the depths of the Basenji tribe.

KATY SCOTT MD (page 13) has owned and loved basenjis since 1992; she currently lives in Tucson, AZ with her three basenjis, Khonsu, Jane and Ra, her ILP Canaan Dog Nut, and two miniature poodle adolescent boys, Zen and Garner. Khonsu and Janie are Field Champions, and Janie went BOB in lure coursing at the 2008 Nationals. Katy, Nutty, Khonsu and Janie have successfully and colorfully competed in agility, obedience and rally obedience. Ra, Zen and Garner are in training.

ANDREA STONE (page 12) has had the great fortune to share her life with Basenjis since 1994. She has worked hands-on with all breeds on and off (mostly on) since then, the last 7 of which have been as a professional trainer dealing with everything from basic training to behavioral issues. Her passion lies in working with puppies one on one and in helping prepare dogs and their handlers for conformation competition. Though breeding only rarely and having owned a relatively small number of dogs, Andrea is proud of the success her dogs have had over the years. It's 95% them, 5% giving them the opportunity to shine. Which, really, is what dog training is all about anyway. Andrea and the Saorsa crew look forward to finding more ways to see what they can accomplish together in the future. And if we can, help some friends do the same.

THANK YOU also to those together: Susan Chuvala, Jon

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CORRECTIONS

- The Agility results listed Sonbar's Tabloid Talk's call name incorrectly. Her correct call name is Gossip (a.k.a. Gossie).
- In the thank you list on the Contributors page, Katie Campbell's name was misspelled.

We apologize for these unintentional mistakes.

THANK YOU also to those that helped pull all the little things together: Susan Chuvala, Jon Curby, Terry Fiedler, Laurie Gregory, Janet Ketz, Sue Kite, Suzanne La Croix, BrendaPhillips, Jared Reisinger, Mike Roach, Denise Vertrees, Carol Webb, and George Woodard.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Without looking at the exact numbers, it is obvious that AKC registrations are continuing to decline for Basenjis as well as almost all other breeds. There has been much conjecture as to the reasons for steady drop in registrations. Economic, competing registries, and even some evidence that AKC breeders have made buying a puppy more complicated than getting a home mortgage or admission to college are a few reasons that this decline is occurring. One AKC director has argued that the limited registration has a role in the issue. His point is that people that might have considered breeding a litter from a well-bred dog acquired from an experienced breeder feel that it is not an option, or too complicated, with a dog on limited registration, even knowing that the status can be changed. One fact he mentioned is that the vast majority of dogs registered by the AKC come from the only litter ever bred by a person.

I suspect there are even longtime breeders who will not sell a puppy to anyone that does not have a house with a fenced yard or to families with very small children. In the past, we placed puppies in situations that might not be satisfactory to many now, but had we not seen that Basenjis can thrive in sometimes unusual circumstances we might be hesitant to do it again.

It would be interesting to know how many people in the fancy started by breeding what was intended to be only a pet and kept a puppy that somehow led them to begin showing in some of the AKC sanctioned events.

In my years of breeding and showing Basenjis, I know that the criteria we use to decide whether or not a potential owner is worthy of our puppies has changed considerably over time. Part of this change is due to potential owners finding information about various breeds and breeders with ease. The media has not only made that information more available, but has made the public aware of what most breeders require in terms of housing, care, and the long-term commitments involved with breeding . Potential owners are now very much more aware of the problems of unwanted pets, potential expenses, and health testing required when contemplating breeding their dog.

One thing I have noticed over the years is that fewer people in the fancy are comfortable with the thought of whelping and raising a litter of puppies. Many people that participate in AKC events with purebred dogs have no interest in breeding. I think there are not as many people now that have seen anything born or have been exposed to baby animals of any kind. Fewer and fewer of those people who do breed have only the dogs they can keep in their home, without having a proper kennel situation.

Jon Curby President, BCOA

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Reasons You Didn't Advertise In This Issue

- 10. I don't have anything to brag about.
- 9. I don't have any puppies to sell right now.
- 8. I don't have any money.
- 7. I don't have any time to write something down.
- 6. I don't know how to order an ad.
- 5. I figured I'd missed the deadline.
- 4. I don't think the club publication needs my support.
- 3. I don't think the club publication reaches as many people as other magazines.
- 2. I've never advertised in a club publication.
- 1. I don't need to pay for an ad when I can brag for free on facebook.

PUBLICATION WOES

Print Media & Club Communications in a Digital Age

Nobody has an exact number of how many print publications have either ceased production or converted to digital-only formats over the last 10 years; thousands is an understatement. The reasons most critics cite for this sustained trend are the migration of ad revenue from print media to the web arena and the inability of print timelines to compete with electronic information outlets.

This trend is evident in both large and small publications. Successive *Bulletin* editors have noted how few club members (advertisers) initiate the purchase of an ad and that the sale of issue covers requires the wrangling of likely candidates from among recent show winners. While the historical purpose of the quarterly *Bulletin* has been to document club business, more recently the club's electronic communications (the monthly *Bulletin Board* newsletter and *BCOA Announce* emails) have assumed the role of delivering time-sensitive club business (e.g., board ballots, club deadlines, committee needs). BCOA has even added a Facebook page which has added a channel of nearly instant member (and non-member) communication.

BCOA is seeing an evolution in the way club members communicate with each other and with the club. Beacuse of this, the 2014 Board appointed a Publication Task Force to investigate ways of modernizing the club's communications. The first task of this group has been to take a realistic look at our publications and the resources (volunteer time and club dollars) required to produce them. Periodically, members have called out the costs of producing a high quality print publication like the *Bulletin*. Similarly, the volunteers producing the publications have found the hours and special skills required for their production to rival that of their paying employment.

How do you see our club publications evolving in the 21st century?

The Publication Task Force invites the membership to review their priorities regarding club communication channels. We want to better understand members' needs and desires regarding our club's media: the *Bulletin*, the *Bulletin Board*, and the *Roster*.

We are planning to execute a more formal survey in the coming months, but we welcome your ideas, thoughts, criticisms, etc. in the meantime. Please submit feedback to Suzanne La Croix, lacroix@animalink.com. We look forward to your thoughts as we adapt to the digital age.

DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE YOUR AD FOR THE 3RD QUARTER ISSUE, BY JULY 1!

JUNIORS: ADVICE FOR ATTENDING YOUR FIRST (OR ANY) NATIONAL

Thomas Meade

PREPARE by talking to Basenji people (a mentor, an officer of the club, or fellow club member/club junior/aged-out junior) about what to expect at a national.

SHARE a room/accommodations/eat meals/socialize with others who have attended several nationals.

INTRODUCE yourself to cornerstones in the breed (Damara Bolté, Carol Webb, Linda Ehlers, Sue Kite, Doreen Duffin), and ask at least one good question.

CLASS/FEEDBACK If you plan to compete in juniors, prepare ahead of time with handling classes and feedback, observe the regular basenji ring and enter several junior showmanship shows prior to nationals.

PRACTICE in your show clothes and broken-in shoes. Ask someone who is considered to be a good handler in basenjis to observe you in class and/or a competitive setting, and provide feedback/suggestions for improvement.

PARTICIPATE at your first national with an open-mind, and a willingness to absorb information from a variety of perspectives.

ATTEND the club's general membership meeting, ask to serve as an assistant during the Top 20, attend at least one seminar, and the banquet/auction.

BE PRESENT.
BE OBSERVANT.
BE AN ACTIVE LISTENER.



Thomas with CH Klassic's Knockout Punch in BOB competition.





Thomas and Vivian (CH Meisterhaus Visionary) at their first BCOA National in Texas.



Mary and Gary Langula, April 13, 2015

Whereas, Gary Langula was born in West St. Paul in 1946 and Mary Langula was born in Albert Lea Minnesota and they were married in 1968;

Whereas, Gary's grandfather started Langula Hardware in West St. Paul in 1914 and ended up being located at 919 S. Robert Street;

Whereas, Gary started working at Langula Hardware at the age of 5 and stayed on until he took over for his father in 1998 until the store's eventual closing in 2010;

Whereas, Mary didn't have Gary's desire to work day and night, so Mary wanted a companion to keep her company until Gary got home;

Whereas, beyond working to run the family business, Mary and Gary had a love for their pets:

Whereas, it was agreed on in 1969 that Mary could have a dog, but "only if it didn't bark:"

Whereas, Mary ended up picking out a Basenji breed of puppy and named him Colonel Benji;

Whereas, a Basenji is a breed of hunting dog that was bred from stock originating in central Africa. The Basenji produces an unusual yodel-like sound commonly called a "barroo," due to its unusually shaped larynx. This trait also gives the Basenji the nickname "Barkless Dog,"

Whereas, Mary was not able to sit around all day so she began to train Colonel Benji as a companion dog;

Whereas, Colonel Benji was awarded the obedience title of CD, for Companion Dog, CDX for Companion Dog Excellence and was the first Basenji in Minnesota to obtain the title UD, for utility dog;

Whereas, in 1970 Mary obtained another dog name Rockie. And Rockies' claim to fame was being the first ever Basenji to obtain USCDX, which is United States Companion Dog Excellence and also won the overall championship at that same competition;

Whereas, as time passed, so did the animals at the Langula house and in 2000, another puppy named Sparkie joined them;

Whereas, Sparkie became the second Basenji to win the title Minnesota UD and was the first in the United States to obtain the UDX2 title for Utility Dog Excellence Twice Over as well as Therapy Dog International and TDI Exceptional Volunteer Achievement given for over 350 residents visits;

Whereas, time passed once again and changes came to the Langula household;

Whereas, Mary and Gary obtained two more Basenji puppies named Vixen, a Tri Color and Zorro, and have trained them to be therapy dogs as well;

Whereas, Vixen was awarded in early 2015, a ThDX, which is Therapy Dog Excellent and was just awarded an American Kennel Club title;

Whereas; Vixen was the first Basenji breed ever in the United States to obtain that title:

Whereas, Mary, Gary, Vixen, and Zorro volunteer at two local facilities in West St.

Paul and Inver Grove Heights to interact with the residents in a therapeutic manner with their animals, spending 10–15 hours per week visiting with residents;

Whereas, Mary and Gary have made over 100 resident visits last month alone:

Whereas, Mary and Gary have incurred all the expenses to train and maintain their pets for the sole purpose of helping others;

Whereas, the City of West St. Paul and its residents appreciate the effort and contribution made by Mary and Gary Langula in helping those bedridden and unable to have their own pets with them;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Mayor David Meisinger and the members of the City Council of the City of West St. Paul recognize Mary and Gary Langula for their volunteer efforts and their love of animals, particularly therapy dogs.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul on the 13th day of April, 2015.

As read by Mayer Dave Meisinger



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Lure vs. Reward vs. Bribe

Many people use food in training, and that's wonderful. Food is pretty universally liked, easy to transport, and easy to control. Sometimes we can get into trouble, too, if we don't learn to use it correctly. So what is the difference between a lure, a reward and a bribe?

A LURE is a good tool to use in the beginning stages of training a *brand new* behavior. The food is held directly in front of the dog's nose and used to direct the body, such as teaching Sit or Down for the first time.

A **REWARD** is used to let the dog know he performed correctly. Dogs tend to repeat behaviors that are rewarded. Once the dog is performing reliably, rewards should become intermittent to be most effective.

A BRIBE is what we want to avoid. If a behavior is not new, and the dog performs it reliably, but only if the food is visible, it is a bribe. If that's occurred in your training (and it bothers you), go back to the beginning, get better rewards, and start anew. Remember the tidbit appears after the desired behavior has been performed. For dogs that have been bribed in the past you may need to start as if they do not know the desired behavior. But not to worry, they will catch on quick. You can do it!

The Exam

"The Exam" isn't just for show dogs. If you are considering therapy work with your Basenji, teaching her to be comfortable with being examined and held may be a necessity. At least one Therapy Dog organization has an "aptitude test" where the dog must be examined (including the bite) by a stranger. Hugging and clumsy petting are another portion of the test. Likewise, the veterinary office entails hands going in all sorts of unseemly places. For those households that may include a dog with hair, the groomer's can be quite invasive, especially about the delicate areas!

If you have a puppy with whom you are considering this sort of work someday, it's easiest to start from the beginning. But if you have an older dog, you can still have success.

The first step is to understand how the dog will be touched and gone over. Once you know what your dog has to be comfortable with, you can begin working in successive approximations, rewarding the dog while she is being touched. If your Basenji resists or backs off, let her. She's not ready for that level of intensity. Lower your expectations and do an "easier" version of the same thing. When your dog has relaxed, confident body language, or even better, leans into the examiner, you are ready to do a slightly more "realistic" version.

Keep sessions short and sweet. Be sure to play or otherwise have fun with your dog afterward. Never push or try to "just get through" the exam. You want to be sure your dog LOVES it.



Loki and handler, Melina Carter, demonstrate "the exam

GEORGE WOODARD

TRAINING TIPS

Katy Scott

Finding Heel with a Round Platform

Using platforms of many types can add clarity and precision to your work with your dog. A small round platform can be used for teaching positions including heel. To start, take a handful of tiny tasty treats you know your basenji loves. Place a flat-bottomed bowl upside down on a nonskid surface. Using a marker, either a clicker or a vocal tone, mark as your basenji goes to investigate the bowl. Toss a treat away from the bowl for the reward. Wait for your basenji to go near the bowl again. Click for approaching, toss the treat away from bowl. Continue for a minute or two, as you wait for your dog to paw the bowl. Click, toss treat. Next session, see if your basenji will paw the bowl with one foot. Click, toss treat. Now, wait for your basenji to offer the other paw, or raise the other paw so both paws end up on the bowl. Your basenji will rotate to directly face you over the bowl, as Ra has done in photo #1. This is a good starting point for a lot of tricks; heel position is a trick, too.

To get a heel position using the bowl, start from the point where your dog eagerly puts both paws on the bowl looking up at you. Your feet are facing the bowl. Take a step to your right, and your dog will likely move to her/his right to keep lined up straight with you. Click, toss the treat away as previously done, and let your dog reset. Now repeat, click, and reward your dog with their treat while their feet are on the bowl. Next, rock right, but don't move your feet. If your dog moves their feet to their right, click, treat. They should start getting bolder and going farther to their right when you lean right. Next, take a step with your right foot away from the bowl so you are now sideways to the bowl. If your dog swings to their right, click and treat. Move your left foot in parallel to your right foot, and you and your dog will be in perfect heel position. Click, treat, have a huge party with your brilliant basenji. Once you two can easily and quickly get to this point, name it "heel." Say heel as your dog is swinging into position.

Once you've named it, you can step next to the bowl and say "heel", and your basenji will find her/his place next to you. Try this with the bowl in several places, then try without the bowl. You and your basenji will have an excellent stationary heel in no time.

Next time: the moving heel!



Photo #1: Ra demonstrates facing his handler with both paws on the bowl.



Photo #2: Ra demonstrates heel position with both paws on the bowl.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

JUDGES EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MARIANNE KLINKOWSKI

The issue of a ramp option for examining Basenjis in the ring has come up again and I would like to receive some input.

Many of us remember the days when Basenjis were examined on the ground, long before we became a table breed. We did a lot of bending over and kneeling down in the ring and it did take quite a toll on panty hose. The dogs didn't mind and judging actually seemed to go more smoothly than it does today.

Show rings were more informal in those days and judges had considerable leeway to run their rings as they saw fit, so a judge's decision to table a particular breed at any point in time was a strictly personal one.

The first time I experienced a table exam in the Basenji ring, Kay Finch had a huge table brought into her ring that just might have been borrowed from the lunch room. She had the Open Bitch class put on the table four at a time, nose to tail, and I got stuck in the middle with a dog-aggressive bitch, an experience I hope never to repeat.

Times change and eventually the AKC made the decree that the Basenji was to be a table breed. I was told then that it was strictly for the convenience of judges, who complained of bad backs from bending over all day.

Our dogs are now used to being examined on the table, but sometimes tables are unsteady and wobble, some dogs have had a bad experience on a table and, truth be told, some judges should never be face to face with a Basenji.

This brings up the question of a ramp option, solely at the discretion of the judge. A ramp is more stable than a table and may be easier for our junior handlers to utilize. Whippets currently have the option of a table, ramp, or floor exam and it seems to work well for them. Would it be helpful for Basenji exhibitors to have a ramp option available as well?

Please let me know your thoughts, pro and con, at naharin@comcast. net and perhaps we can get a discussion going.

LURE COURSING - ASFA DELEGATE 2015 ASFA Annual Convention of Delegates

RUSS JACOBS

The 2015 ACoD was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 21-22. Fourty-three Club Delegates (representing 33 clubs) attended the Convention. I represented the Basenji Club of America, and I thank you for that opportunity.

The 2016 ACoD will be held in the Seattle, WA area; date to be determined.

The 2015 International Invitational will be held May 16-17 in Ethel, WA.

Elections

William Martin having resigned as Recording Secretary, Joe Shoemaker was appointed by the Board to serve as Recording Secretary for the Board meeting and the 2015 ACoD. Joe was subsequently elected by the ACoD to serve out Martin's term of office

Financial Affairs

CFO Jeff Lipps reported that entries continue to decline, with a resultant decline in income. However, ASFA has been frugal, and income continues to match expenses, and several modest projects continue, especially a planned replacement of the records program. Cash reserves are more than adequate, and the ACoD approved a budget with a net deficit of \$8550.

Awards

The ASFA #1 Basenji for 2014 was GCh, DC N'Focus Santa Baby, LCM4 MC GRC CGC VB LCX, Searsha, owned by Kathy Sanders.

Hall of Fame

Dogs elected to the Hall of Fame included the Basenji Mati, DC Klassic Gebeep Hakuna Matata LCM12 MBIF SC, owned by Suzy Clark; Ida, the Rhodesian Ridgeback, and Bubba the Whippet. Shirri Peak was the human elected.

Frances Abrams was presented with the Garry Forrester award.

Business

The ASFA has been considering various ways of updating the current records program, which has a variety of problems related to its age and use of outdated technology. A complete revision taking advantage of new technology would cost approximately \$20-25,000, more than we can justify spending from our current reserves. The ASFA Board of Directors therefore recommended that the ACoD authorize the Board to carefully investigate possible replacements, and, if suitable replacements are identified, levy a \$15 per trial temporary fee to finance the replacement. This fee would be used ONLY to finance the replacement records program, and would end when this is paid for. The ACoD approved this request, and various Board committees will begin looking into alternatives.

Constitutional Revisions

(successful proposals to take effect January 1, 2016)

1) The amendment clarifying that member clubs get only one vote in recognition of new breeds passed.

Rules Change Proposals

(successful proposals to take effect January 1, 2016)

Among the successful rule change proposals were:

#1: to make clear that judges could not certify their own hounds.#2: to make clear that limitations on Provisional judges apply to Invitationals.

#3: to allow for exceptions to the two year maximum inactive period for judges.

#5b: to change the number and distribution of dogs that must be judged by Provisional judges.

The proposal to award championship points for BIF was rejected.

Other action taken at the convention

The constitution and the rule book will be separated on the website.

The Ways and Means Committee was directed to investigate developing a program, similar to lure coursing, that is open to non-sighthounds.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS COMMITTEE

SUZANNE LA CROIX

In keeping with this issue's theme of "firsts," the PE Committee would like to honor the inaugural 2003 inductees to the Versatile Basenji Honor Roll. These dogs (and handlers) were an inspiration to our breed fanciers at a time when relatively few attempted competition beyond conformation and field. Their basenjis' early successes in traditional and emerging competitive arenas have encouraged the next generations to explore new venues and to make basenji achievement therein a reality instead of an oddity. Bravo to all the intrepid basenji handlers, past and present!

2003 Master Versatile Basenji Inductees:

- WASSAILL (Ch. UUD Reveille Wassaill CDX TD LCM) owned by Terry, Sandi, and Maurine Atkinson
- MASI (Ch. Kazor's Almasi Africani Fly'n Hi CDX JC MX MXB MXJ FCh) owned by Cindy Griswold and Carol Webb
- PHOEBE (Ch. Akuaba Singer at Lisanne VCD3 TDX AX AXJ MVB CGC) owned by Dolores Brigham

2003 Versatile Basenji Excellent Inductee:

 MADDIE (Ch. UCD Kazor's Midnight Madness Fly'n Hi CDX OA OAJ NAP NJP FCH) owned by Cindy Griswold

2003 Grandfathered Versatile Basenji Inductee:

• RIP (Am/Can Ch. Rose-Bay's Gay Blade Am/Can CD) owned by Bobbi and Martin Abelson

BCOA LURE COURSING REGIONAL SPECIALTY (AKC)

BECKY BLANSETT

Date: March 23, 2015 Location: Fairborn, OH Judges: KC Artley & Don White JC Test (all-breed): 3 of 4 qualified QC Test (all-breed): 8 of 9 qualified

Open Stake (5 entries)

1st Place: FLYER (Epic Select Tri On Da Fly At Tomjo)
2nd Place: KAOS (Epic Select The Course Of True Love)
3rd Place: MELEE (Epic Select Something Wicked This Way Comes)
4th Place: JIFFY POP (CH Epic's Magic Treat)
5th Place: EDITH ANN (Select Inside Edition)

Specials Stake (1 entry)

1st Place: FURY (FCH Epic Select In Your Face SC)

Veteran Stake (4 entries)

1st Place: BON BON (FC Select WW A Bonnie Boo SC)
2nd Place: BANH MI (GCH DC Tajis Banh Mi On The Runway To
Blue Note MC, LCX)

3rd Place: BECK (DC Bluenotes Take Five MC)
4th Place: NESSIE (DC Select's Inside The Box SC)

Best in Specialty Field FLYER for a 5 pt major! Flyer turned a year old just two weeks before the Trial!!



Best in Specialty Field "Flyer" at the frozen Basenji trial

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EBC, being the oldest BCOA affiliated club, held its first Specialty in 1969. Best of Breed was Tennji's Hatari, owned by Sheila Smith. Our first Futurity was held in 1977, won by Tizamba's Utendi Wa Natanii, bred and owned by Joanie Hunter. Our first Maturity was held in 1984, won by Fanfare Three Ring Circus, bred and owned by Melody Russell. The 2015 conformation specialties are to be held on July 31 and August 1. We hope you will join us for this special weekend of 2 basenji specialties as well as 2 hound group shows (see page 37).

Entering into other endeavors, our first ASFA lure trial was held in 1984. No one seems to remember who was Basenji BOB, or BIF. However, the event was most memorable for the perfect score of 100, awarded by old-time judge Sally Bell, to basenji CH Sienji's Mischief Maker, bred and owned by Dora Siegle.

Our first Rally/Obedience Specialty was held in 2004. There were five qualifiers in Rally, including EBC members Brenda Phillips, Katie Campbell, Judy Lange, and Holly Hamilton. Unfortunately, there were no qualifiers in Obedience. The 2015 Rally/Obedience Specialty is to be held on June 6, 2015.

Our first lure trial of 2015 was an ASFA all-breed trial, held on February 28. BIF was a Greyhound; Basenji BOB was DC Zamaradi's Last Train to Salish Sea and Baraka, a.k.a.

"Darwin," owned by Cinda Watkins and Lisa Saban. The 2015 Basenji Specialty lure trial was held on March 14 where "Darwin" won Best of Breed for the second year in a row.

And last but not least, the first ASFA International Invitational to be held in the Pacific Northwest is to be held on May 16 and 17, 2015, in Ethel, WA. EBC and its membership are assisting the host club, Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, in a range of roles from lure operators to field clerks to paddock masters as well as hosting the Friday evening welcome reception.



RIP VAN WRINKLE BASENJI CLUB

SUSAN KAMEN MARSICANO

The Rip Van Wrinkle Basenji Club, est. 1997, is proud to announce HUGE news:

The Wrinkler won the Dog Writers Association of America 2014 Writing Competition - Best Club Newsletter, Susan Marsicano, Editor. Also nominated (means finalist) was a painting by Susan Kamen Marsicano. The painting titled "3 Basenji Musicians" is featured on the cover of this issue of the Bulletin.

We are very very proud.





The Wrinkler's DWAA Medal (front and back)



"Look ma! No hands!" Qualifiers at EBC's first Rally Obedience Trial in 2004. From left to right: Lisa Voss with Nicky, Brenda Phillips with Lucy, Katie Campbell with Spice Girl, Judy Lange with Griffey, and Holly Hamilton with Nick. Judge: Christopher Cornell.



BASENJI CLUB OF SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

CLAY BUNYARD, PRESIDENT

On March 28, we held our first dog event of the year, the Basenji B-Match and All Hound Fun Match at the Greater Racine Kennel club. Michele Gahgan, Rafikis Basenjis, graciously served as judge. The results for the match can be found on our club Facebook page. By the time you receive this *Bulletin*, we will have also held our LGRA race meet on May 16-17 in Caledonia, WI. Our next upcoming event is our 20th annual independent specialty on July 24 in Ixonia, WI. Our sweepstakes judge this year is Sue Joyner, Joy-Us Basenjis, and the conformation judge is Katie Campbell, Taji Basenjis. Additional information can be found in our ad in this issue (see page 43). As usual, we will also be supporting the entry the following day, July 25, at the Waukesha Kennel Club show.

In honor of this *Bulletin* issue's theme of "firsts," I asked our membership to share examples of their basenji-related firsts for our club column. Here are a few that they suggested

- first 100% "new" African basenji to hold any AKC title
- first black and white bitch to win a Best in Specialty Show
- first brindle-pointed tri champion of record
- first basenji to earn the NOTRA SORC4 and SORC5 titles
- first basenji to have their whole genome sequenced (leading to the discovery of the deletion on the FAN1 gene responsible for Fanconi Syndrome)
- first littermates to win both Winners Dog and Winners Bitch at a national specialty



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MID-ATLANTIC BASENJI CLUB

LEEBETH CRANMER

The MABC's Annual Fun Day is Sunday, June 14th, at the Catoctin Dog Training Facility in Point of Rocks, MD. Since the *Bulletin* will be arriving at approximately the same time as our Fun Day, I'll write a recap for the next issue. However, photos will be available soon after the event on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mid-Atlantic-Basenji-Club/118531294930434. You do not need to be a Facebook member to access our page; just google it.

You can also google the 2015 BCOA National Specialty Page. This year the MABC is the host club. As I write this, we are rapidly approaching six months out, and the club welcomes the opportunity to share our hospitality with Basenji owners and fanciers from around the country and, indeed, from around the world! We had so much fun in 2012 and plan to keep the atmosphere as warm and inviting as before. Autumn promises to be a lovely time in Pennsylvania, and we have several fun events planned to take advantage of this thrilling season in Gettysburg which considers itself one of the most haunted places in America. Whether hauntingly beautiful scenery replete with turning leaves, cornstalks, and pumpkins, or ghostly visitors are your idea of fun, you should be able to find it in Gettysburg, PA, the last week of October!

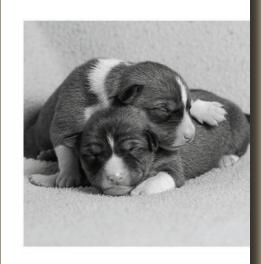
In addition to performance, companion, and conformation events, the MABC is planning to offer a Fun Night, including costume classes for basenjis and a team class for owners and basenjis combined. Maybe costumes aren't your thing. If not, how about trying your hand in the basenji trick or howling classes? Or maybe just come to watch and enjoy the treats at ringside. We also plan to hold a picnic and banquet and offer opportunities for people to get together for local group tours. More information will be coming soon.

We're happy to announce that, pending AKC approval, we will be holding two Agility trials on Monday, October 26th at the Allstar Complex on hotel property. Obedience will be inside in the hotel ballroom as in 2012. Thanks to the generosity of Hanover Shoe Farm, Lure Coursing will be held there again. It is a short drive in the country from the host hotel. Speaking of the host hotel, Halloween week is one of the busiest times in Gettysburg. We have a block of rooms set aside for the Specialty, but please make your reservation as soon as possible if you have not made it yet! The host hotel is The Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center, 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Call 1-717-334-8121 to make your reservation. Be sure to say you are with the 2015 BCOA Specialty to get the special rate and a room in our block. Contact lbcranmer@juno.com for information on staying in your RV at the site. The MABC looks forward to "Harvest Hounds Abounding" and hope you do, too!



JPDATED HEALTH INFORMATION





The 2014 Health and Research (H&R) Committee updated the Basenji health information for the Basenji Club of America's website. In August 2014, the Board of Directors approved the changes. The new information was available on the website in the fall of 2014.

The new health information is not intended to be all inclusive, but rather a starting point for breeders and owners to learn about basic health, genetics, and testing of Basenjis. Due to research and advances in veterinary science, documents such as these need frequent updating. The H&R committee is committed to making these updates and welcomes comments and suggestions.

A new health information booklet will be available soon (pictured above). The booklet will be available as a PDF file that can be viewed online or printed at your local print shop.

This article is the second and final in a series where the information in the new Health Booklet will be printed in the BCOA Bulletin.

FANCONI SYNDROME

Fanconi syndrome is an inherited disease in which the kidneys do not properly reabsorb electrolytes and nutrients back into the body, but instead spill them into the urine. Symptoms include excessive drinking (polydipsia), excessive urination (polyuria), and glucose in the urine (glucosuria). If left untreated, muscle wasting, acidosis (increased acidity in the blood), and poor condition occurs.

The disease typically progresses slowly, despite treatment and eventually results in death from kidney failure. However, if caught early and put on treatment (FanconiTreatmentProtocol), dogs with the disorder can do well and often have a nearly normal lifespan.

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) offers a genetic test to determine whether your dog is Normal/Clear, a Carrier, or genetically Affected with Fanconi Syndrome. Fanconi Syndrome is genetically inherited as an autosomal recessive disease (see Genetic Testing in the Jan/Feb/Mar 2015 issue of the Bulletin). Dogs that inherit only one abnormal gene in the pair are considered Carriers. Although Carriers will not develop the disease, they can pass the abnormal gene to their offspring. Those genetically Affected are at risk for developing the disease. For more information about this test go to https://www.basenji. org/joomla/index.php?option=com content&view=category&layout=blog&id=162&Itemid=294 (information dated 2011). The Fanconi Syndrome gene test is part of the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) list of health tests for basenjis. CHIC is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and OFA. Although Fanconi Syndrome found in basenjis is typically inherited, there have been cases reported in small, non-basenji breeds where the disease is acquired due to idiopathic (unknown) means or from medication side effects. In many cases it is hard to differentiate between genetic and idiopathic causes. Specifically Hooper and Roberts (2011, J. Am Animal Hosp. Assoc. 2011 Nov-Dec 47 No 6:178-18) presented evidence of Fanconi Syndrome in four non-basenji dogs exposed to chicken jerky treats. The symptoms of the acquired forms of Fanconi Syndrome vary, depending on the cause.

UNDERSTANDING THE ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS (OFA) TEST RESULTS FOR FANCONI SYNDROME:

In August 2011 OFA began offering the DNA test which reveals whether a dog has the gene responsible for causing Fanconi Syndrome. Between July 2007 - August 2011, OFA offered a linked marker test as part of the research to identify the actual gene responsible for Fanconi.

The OFA database provides a public record of results. When looking up an individual dog, the OFA # tells you:

- BJ = breed (Basenji)
- FAC = Fanconi test (both gene or linked marker)
- sequential number of sample assigned by OFA/
- age at time of test in months
- M or F for male or female
- test related code

The test related codes are:

- PI = permanent identification in the form of tattoo or microchip.
- NOPI = no permanent identification.
- VPI = animals that are permanently identified AND have had the identification verified by the attending veterinarian at the time of the test.

For example, an OFA # BJ-FAC9999/35F-NOPI would be a female Basenji tested Clear/Normal for Fanconi at the age of 35 months but with no permanent identification and was the 9999th dog sampled by OFA. While an OFA # BJ-FAC9989/45M-CAR would be a male Basenji tested Carrier for Fanconi at the age of 45 months with a tattoo and/or microchip identification and was the 9989th dog sampled by OFA.

Effective 1/1/08, only dogs with verified permanent identification (VPI) will have their OFA data transmitted to the AKC for inclusion in their database.

CLEAR BY PARENTAGE

For current DNA gene tests only (since August 2011 to date), the OFA will issue clearances to untested offspring: if the sire's and dam have both been DNA tested Normal/Clear, if the sire and dam's DNA disease test results have been OFA registered, and if all three (sire/dam/offspring) have been DNA identity profiled and parentage verified. The resulting OFA certification will contain the suffix "CBP" (Clear By Parentage), indicating that the dog itself was not tested but that the clearance was based on the sire's and dam's test results and known science at the time. Because of the possibility for new mutations, or as of yet undiscovered gene mutations, only first generation offspring will be designated CBP.

FOR THE OWNER Owners should insist that at least one parent of any puppy they purchase be tested "Normal/Clear" for Fanconi using the gene test (see above). Pets can be DNA tested to verify a Fanconi diagnosis or to help assess their likelihood of coming down with Fanconi [http://www. offa.org/dnatesting/fanconi.html]. Owners of DNA tested "Affected" dogs and dogs of unknown status should periodically 'strip test' (see information on strip testing below) their dogs for glucose in the urine starting as early as age 1 year. Strip testing indicates only the current presence or absence of glucose in the urine. It does not diagnose Fanconi or predict future results. A dog that strip tests "normal" now may later develop Fanconi.

Because elevated urine glucose is also found in diabetes, basenjis with Fanconi are often misdiagnosed with diabetes. Diabetic dogs will have high blood glucose levels, as well as urine glucose levels. In basenjis, a combination of urine glucose and normal or low blood glucose strongly suggests Fanconi Syndrome. The venous blood gas test (a simple blood test that estimates systemic carbon dioxide and pH levels) can verify an electrolyte imbalance consistent with Fanconi Syndrome. A veterinarian should evaluate dogs that have Fanconi symptoms but are not spilling

FOR THE BREEDER

All breeding stock (both sire and dam) should be DNA tested for the Fanconi gene using the current DNA test. The current DNA test for Fanconi is available through the OFA at http://www.offa. org/dnatesting/fanconi.html and test results are in the searchable open database on that site. Results from the DNA linked marker test (available between 2007 to August 2011) should NOT be used for making breeding decisions. The current (as of August 2011) gene test, which tests for the actual mutation responsible for this disease, will tell you the genetic state of the dog. The test will determine if the dog is Normal/Clear, a Carrier, or genetically Affected. This is particularly important prior to the development of symptoms if the dog is Affected. Catching the onset of the disease early and starting treatment can, in some cases, lessen the severity of the disease.

Any planned basenji litter should have at least one parent that DNA tests Normal/Clear, to eliminate the chance of producing Affected

FANCONI TREATMENT PROTOCOL

In 1990 (updated in 2003 and 2012) Dr. Steve Gonto developed a treatment protocol for dogs with Fanconi based on the therapy human Fanconi patients received. The protocol uses dietary supplements for acid neutralization and replacement of lost electrolytes and nutrients. This is accomplished with bicarbonate and other supplements in specified doses to re-establish the body's acid-base balance and keep electrolytes at appropriate levels. Dr. Gonto was given lifetime membership in the Basenji Club of America in recognition of the importance of his work. The Gonto Protocol was studied and validated for the veterinary literature by Jennifer Yearley, DVM, while she was completing her professional studies. This was an important step in expanding the awareness of the treatment. The protocol has been very successful in improving both quality and length of life for Fanconi-affected basenjis. The disorder can be controlled by the protocol, but it cannot be cured.

The most current Fanconi Protocol can be downloaded at http:// www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/fanconiprotocol2003.pdf

URINE STRIP TESTING

Urine glucose test strips (not blood test strips), such as those used by diabetics, are inexpensive and can be purchased at most pharmacies. The strip should be placed in the basenji's urine stream and then read as specified in the strip instructions. If it is not possible to place the strip in the urine stream, then the owner may need to catch the urine. Some owners use a pie pan, ladle, or serving spoon.

A positive result (glucose present) suggests the possibility of Fan coni, but is not sufficient for definitive diagnosis. Owners should then go to their vet for further testing, which would normally include a blood glucose level.

CYSTINURIA

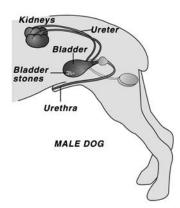
Production of urine is the normal process by which a dog's kidneys filter liquid waste from the body. However, if there is a problem with this process, certain amino acids and other substances like minerals can build up, forming crystals. The urine may also lack substances that keep crystals from sticking together. So, as the urine passes through the urinary tract and becomes concentrated, crystals may fix together to become stones in the ureter (the thin tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the bladder) or the bladder. When the liquid in the dogs urine contains more crystals than can be diluted, the crystals can clump together or become large enough to form stones. In humans, these problems occur more frequently in the kidneys (kidney stones), while in dogs the problems occur more frequently in the bladder (bladder

Urinary stones are usually diagnosed by x-ray and are categorized based on the predominant amino acid(s) and/or mineral(s) found in the stones. Treatment is determined based on the type of stones. Common stones are struvite, calcium oxalate, urate, or cystine. In most breeds of dogs including basenjis, struvite stones are the most common and usually form in response to an infection, such as a urinary tract infection (UTI). In the absence of a UTI, they may form when dogs pass highly concentrated urine. Your veterinarian may prescribe a specific diet to help dissolve them.

The condition responsible for cystine stone formation is called cystinuria. Cystinuria, a genetically complex disease, is an inherited error of metabolism that keeps the renal tubules in the kidneys from properly reabsorbing the amino acid cystine. In other words, the kidneys are not able to correctly process cystine (an essential building block of protein). When a dog's kidneys are functioning normally, cystine will be reabsorbed by the kidneys and will not be excreted into the urine. However, the genetic defect associated with cystinuria does not allow reabsorption to take place and excess cystine is excreted into the urine. Over time, the unprocessed cystine crystallizes in the urine and clumps together to form grit and stones. These grit and stones can irritate the lining of the bladder causing chronic infection and can block

the ureter so that the dog cannot urinate. A blocked urinary tract is a veterinary emergency because the affected dog's bladder may expand to the point of potential rupture. Dogs that block must have their ureters cleared of stones and grit by passing a catheter, or through surgery.

Affected dogs are born with this condition, however it may take years before the situation progresses to physical symptoms. The typical age of symptom onset is 2 to 7 years. The mode of inheritance for cystinuria has been identified in Newfoundlands and Mastiffs, but has not yet been identified in affected Basenjis. Cystinuria is a life-long defect that cannot be cured, but the condition can be managed to reduce the potential for future stone formation. Cystine stones tend to recur within 1 year of removal if no action is taken to manage the condition. Typically, management consists of attempting to double the affected dog's urine volume through hydration and adopting dietary restrictions and/ or drug therapy to reduce the possibility of stone formation. New stones often recur despite attempts at prevention. Not all dogs with cystinuria will form stones, but there is always a chance that stones will reform in a dog previously diagnosed with cystinuria or cystine stones.



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FOR THE OWNER

Often the first symptom of cystinuria in male dogs is a urinary tract blockage caused by a bladder stone or grit formed by cystine crystals. Symptoms of a blocked urinary tract include: frequent urination, straining to try to urinate, passing small amounts of urine rather than a steady stream, visible blood in the urine, a weak or "splattery" urine stream, and/or sudden involuntary incontinence in a previously housebroken male. Sometimes these symptoms are mistaken for UTI's or prostate problems in intact males. If your male basenji exhibits any of these signs, contact your local veterinarian immediately because a blocked urinary tract can be fatal without prompt treatment. In some cases reoccurring urinary tract disorders may be a sign of cystinuria. In most cases dogs with cystinuria will have cystine in their urine which can be seen in a urinalysis. However, there is evidence that some dogs may spill excess cystine only intermittently.

According to the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which has funded

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research on cystinuria since 1996, there are 3 tests available to help diagnose cystinuria. All the tests are based on urine composition. The first is a basic urinalysis which can be performed at any veterinary clinic and is the cheapest of the three tests. The second is a nitroprusside test, performed at the University of Pennsylvania (for sample submission to screen for Cystinuria using a simple urine sample, see http://research. vet.upenn.edu/InstructionsforSampleSubmission/SampleCollection/ MetabolicFanconiCystinuria/tabid/7607/Default.aspx. Urine must be sent to the university which increases the cost of the test. The third is a urine amino acid quantitation test that can only be performed in a human laboratory and is the most expensive method of diagnosis. With respect to all these tests, it is important to note that a negative test result for the presence of cystine does not mean that your dog does not have or will not have cystinuria. Multiple tests may be necessary to "catch' a dog spilling cystine into its urine and even a series of negative tests cannot predict whether a dog will begin spilling cystine at a later date.

In the absence of a DNA-based test for cystinuria in basenjis, the typical mode of diagnosis is stone analysis. If your dog is diagnosed with cystine bladder stones or if you have questions about the condition, information is available online at http://www.caninecystinuria.com.

FOR THE BREEDER

There is no treatment for the genetic defect that causes cystinuria. Affected dogs do not always form stones. Knowing the history of the condition in your dogs vertical and horizontal pedigree is, at present, the only method for evaluating the risk of the disease. Affected dogs should NOT be used for breeding.

IMMUNO-PROLIFERATIVE SMALL INTESTINAL DISEASE (IPSID) AND EXOCRINE PANCREATIC INSUFFICIENCY (EPI)

Immuno-Proliferative Small Intestinal Disease and Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency are presented together because they are both disorders of maldigestion or malabsorption.

IPSID stands for Immuno-Proliferative Small Intestinal Disease but it is a disease of many names. It is also called Basenji Enteropathy, Immunoproliferative Lymphoplasmacytic Enteritis, Basenji Diarrheal Syndrome, and malabsorption. IPSID is a type of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), which results in the dog not being able to utilize and absorb nutrients correctly from food. A predisposition to IPSID is inherited, but inheritance appears to be only one of the factors involved. A dog genetically predisposed to IPSID and its resultant immunological impairment might present with usual IBD and eventually progress to IPSID. Physical and/or emotional stresses may be aggravating triggers.

Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency (EPI) can be confused with IP-SID but the treatment is very different. A dog with EPI is not able to produce the enzymes needed for digestion. EPI occurs when a dog's exocrine glands in the pancreas become atrophied and can

no longer produce or secrete pancreatic digestive enzymes. Some food particles then remain undigested and unabsorbed causing Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO). That results in the dog, although eating copious amounts of food, being constantly undernourished and literally wasting away. Without proper treatment, the EPI dog can suffer greatly and even die a painful death from malnourishment, starvation or organ failure. EPI should be ruled out before a diagnosis of IPSID is made. The only way to confirm EPI is with a TLI (Trypsin-Like Immunoreactivity) blood test. If your dog is diagnosed with pancreatic insufficiency or if you have questions about the disorder, information is online at http://www.epi4dogs.com.

FOR THE OWNER

IPSID symptoms can include diarrhea, vomiting, weight loss, increased or decreased appetite, gas, and depression. EPI symptoms are very similar and include weight loss despite a strong appetite, greasy globs of voluminous yellowish stools, diarrhea, vomiting, and personality changes. The type of symptoms and their severity differ from dog to dog, and from one episode to another. Dogs with IPSID or EPI often will have good periods as well as bad spells. Rarely will a dog present with profound weight loss but no other symptoms. Testing for EPI and IPSID can rule out instances where a dog suffering from either condition is not suffering from other outward symptoms like vomiting and diarrhea.

Diagnosing IPSID involves investigating and eliminating other possible causes of the dog's symptoms. Blood serum protein levels may be low. Intestinal biopsy is the only reliable way to diagnose IPSID; it is done to rule out irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel syndrome and other diseases, lymphangiectasia (which most basenjis with IPSID have as a secondary condition), colitis, cancer, and systemic fungal infections. Endoscopic biopsies are preferred to prevent complications with healing.

Traditional methods of treating IPSID include systemic prednisone and antibiotics. Some dogs do well on a holistic regimen; it is important to discuss a long-term treatment plan with your veterinarian. Symptoms may diminish or increase over time. A veterinarian must oversee treatment and changes to treatment. IPSID affected dogs can harbor microorganisms that may cause problems for other dogs in the household; proper household hygiene is important.

A change to the dog's diet may be required to optimize nutrient utilization. Some veterinarians suggest switching diets on a monthly basis. A homemade diet also can be used and additional vitamin supplementation may be indicated.

EPI should be confirmed with a trypsin-like immunoreactivity blood test. This test detects trypsinogen and trypsin levels in the pancreas. Values below 2.5 µg/L indicate EPI. Values between 3.5 and 5.7 µg/L may be indicative of other pancreatic disease.

Treatment for EPI includes supplementation with enzymes and changes to the dog's diet. Antibiotics and supplementation with vitamin B-12 (cobalamin) may also be required. The most common enzymes used to treat EPI dogs are porcine-based (from pigs). However, some EPI dogs do not tolerate porcine enzymes. These dogs are often helped by plantbased (soy) enzymes that aid digestion.

There are many web resources for dogs and owners dealing with EPI, including discussion lists for owners of affected dogs. See, for example: http://www.epi4dogs.com/.

FOR THE BREEDER

While IPSID and EPI are not common, they are serious diseases. Dogs with IPSID or EPI should NOT be used for breeding. While the mode of inheritance is not known, susceptibility to these diseases, rather than direct inheritance, may be involved.

THYROID PROBLEMS

The thyroid glands (there is a pair) secrete and regulate the hormones responsible for metabolism and some organ function. Thyroid gland disease in dogs is most often hypothyroid (underactive / low functioning gland). It may be the only symptom of the disease or it may be a part of a broader autoimmune disorder. One form of hypothyroidism is caused by autoimmune thyroiditis and is known to be an inherited disease. But idiopathic (cause unknown) thyroid gland atrophy can also occur. An underactive thyroid generally means that the dog's metabolism is slower than normal.

Hypothyroidism can be controlled very easily by medication. Some or several of the following symptoms may be observed: weight gain without an increase in appetite, symmetrical hair loss and poor coat, ear and skin changes (including dryness, chronic bacterial infections, discoloration, or thickening), lethar gy and lack of interest in physical activity or play, and/or significant behavioral changes like aggression.

Testing is available to learn the current thyroid status of your dog but the blood test cannot predict future changes.

A comprehensive thyroid panel is used and should include:

- total thyroxine (T4 or TT4 which is total thyroxine hormone)
- thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH),
- free T4 (or FT4 which is the free or active thyroxine hormone) by equilibrium dialysis, and
- cTGAA (Canine Thyroglobulin Autoantibody or TAA) levels show negative or positive for thyroglobulin antibodies.

Elevation of TgAA levels are used to diagnose autoimmune thyroiditis; however, as the disease progresses, these levels may decrease due to complete destruction of the thyroid gland. Dogs that have had autoimmune thyroiditis for several years but have never been tested might not show the elevated TSH and TgAA needed for definitive diagnosis. Your veterinarian may test other thyroid levels when making a diagnosis.

The minimal thyroid level necessary for healthy function varies depending on breed of dog, age, and reproductive phase. Sometimes it can even vary between pedigree lines. Puppies have higher normal thyroid levels, while seniors and sighthounds have lower normal thyroid levels. Basenjis require a thyroid panel including at least TT4, FT4, TGAA, and TSH, to be accurately diagnosed.

When testing your basenji, TT4 and FT4 must be analyzed in conjunction with TSH. Basenjis typically have a lower reference range for TT4 than other breeds. Research conducted by the University of Sydney found that basenjis and some other sighthounds have lower normal levels of TT4 than other dog breeds (Seavers, A.; Snow, D.H.; Mason, K.V.; Malik, R. 2008. Evaluation of the thyroid status of Basenji dogs in Australia. Australian Veterinary Journal: 11, 429-434). Given the difficulty of accurately measuring TT4 concentrations that low, TSH level measures are essential to properly assess thyroid function. Otherwise, your basenji may be diagnosed as hypothyroid by the standard all-breed normal range and be medicated for no reason.

Autoimmune thyroiditis disease has variable onset but tends to become symptomatic at 2 to 5 years of age. Dogs that are negative at 1 year of age may become positive at 6 years of age. Dogs may be clinically normal for years, only to become hypothyroid at a later date. Therefore, periodic retesting every year or two is recommended. Since the majority of affected dogs will have autoantibodies by 4 years of age, annual testing for the first 4 years is recommended. After that, testing every other year is

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals has an open registry for dogs that have been tested for autoimmune thyroiditis at 12 months or older, using approved labs. For the current list of laboratories approved to perform analysis for OFA thyroid certification, see http://www.offa.org/thy_labs.html.

The autoimmune thyroiditis test is part of the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) list of health tests for basenjis. CHIC is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

FOR THE OWNER

Hypothyroidism may be treated with a thyroid supplement under veterinary supervision including periodic adjustment of the dosage. Pet owners may want to have their vet periodically check their dogs, especially if they show any symptoms that suggest hypothyroidism.

FOR THE BREEDER

It is a good idea for breeders to periodically check their breeding stock with a full thyroid panel beginning in early adulthood. Testing for breeding stock is done primarily to rule out autoimmune thyroiditis, which is known to be inheritable. The thyroid panels test does not indicate if a dog can produce offspring with hypothyroidism.

It is recommended to perform a thyroid wellness test before the bitch begins any signs of her heat cycle. A thyroid imbalance often occurs as a result of whelping. For puppies, the first wellness thyroid panel should be done 3 months after the first heat, for dogs & bitches.

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Measuring Station Final Report

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The data collected at the Measuring Stations is of significant interest to breeders/fanciers who are always curious about just how big or small our basenjis are becoming. This impartial but non-scientific random statistical sample can help fanciers visualize the state of the breed at this time based on measurements taken across the USA.

The Measuring Stations were set up at 3 National Specialities. The first took place in Pennsylvania in 2012, the second in Washington state in 2013, and the final Station took place in Missouri in 2014. The Breeders Education Committee was in charge but happily accepted help at various times from Jolene Krohn, Sheila Lund, Kyle Cabral, Jean Martin, Donna DeFlorio, and Pam Geoffroy with measuring and keeping data. Kim Brown was endlessly good with the charts and statistical interpretations.



The measuring tools used were a Redmon Precision Scale, and two E-Z-wickets (10-17 and 17-31 inches) and Jon Coe produced a purpose-built device for measuring length using yardsticks.

A total of 207 adult basenjis and 58 puppies were voluntarily presented at the Measuring Stations by breeders, owners, and sometimes agents. A few of the adult dogs came more than one year but they have been entered in the charts just once and are counted in the total only once. Most of the dogs measured were entered at various events - conformation and performance - at the National, but in some cases the dogs were pets that had just come along to enjoy the day. One might expect that the very small and very tall dogs would not be included but sometimes the owners

thoughtfully brought their extreme dogs to help develop a full profile of the breed.

In the charts, those listed as adults are over one year old. The ages of the adults went up to 15 years old. The smallest adult female was $14\frac{1}{2}$ " tall at the withers. The smallest adult male was $15\frac{3}{4}$ " tall. The tallest male measured was 19" and the tallest female was $17\frac{1}{2}$ ". A few of the very elderly dogs did not stand quite as well as they did in their youth.

Looking further at just height at the withers, a surprising 93.7% of the males and 90.6% of the females were within an inch taller or shorter than the desired size as called for in the standard. Here is a chart of some of the size ranges and percentages for adults within that one inch variance.

MALES: MEASURED 111 INDIVIDUAL ADULTS

16 % – 16"	03 = 2.7%
16 1/8 – 16 1/2"	18 = 16.2%
17"	16 = 14.4%
17 1/8 - 17 1/2"	40 = 36%
17 % – 18"	27 = 24.3%
	104 = 93.7% within one inch of 17" tall

FEMALES: MEASURED 96 INDIVIDUAL ADULTS

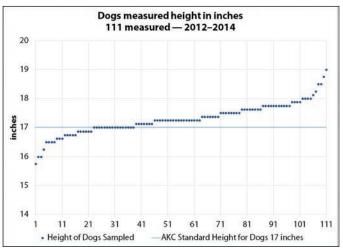
15 – 15 ¾"	10 = 10.4%
15 ½ – 15 %"	15 = 15.6%
16"	16 = 16.7%
16 1/8 – 16 1/2"	34 = 35.4%
16 % – 17"	12 = 12.5%
	87 = 90.6% within one inch of 16" tall

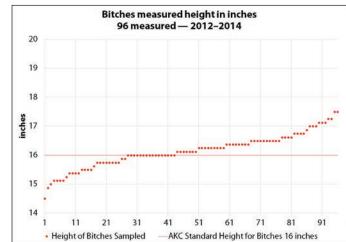
The average lengths to height differences are interesting. The following charts compare height to length for the entire sample measured.

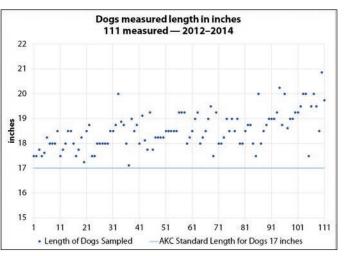
Adult Males	Height in inches	Length in inches	Difference (L - H)
Average	17.30	18.53	1.24"

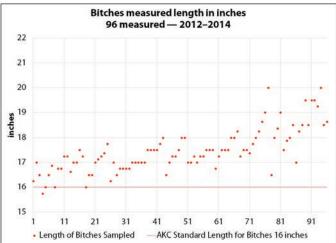
Adult Females	Height in inches	Length in inches	Difference (L - H)
Average	16.15	17.47	1.32"

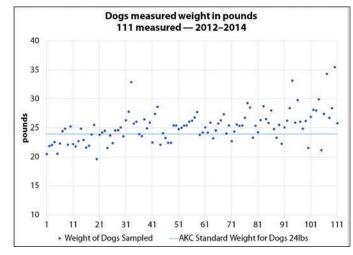
The next charts show how much each dog deviates from the desired standard measurement in a more graphic way. The standard is represented by the line across the charts. Each dog is represented by a dot.

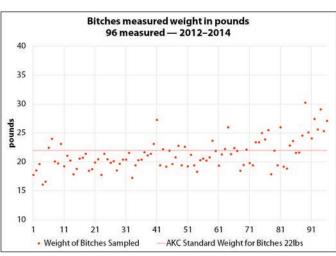












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Measuring Station Report (continued)

The following two charts lay out all the adult dogs and bitches measured in 2012, 2013 and 2014. The final column shows the difference between height and length for each dog and is the basis for the sets of figures just above. There were just a few dogs that measured square. The other figures show how much longer than tall the specimen is.

When studying the charts, keep in mind that while we tried to cajole the dogs into standing still, there was some wiggling and we do not claim to have complete accuracy.

111 ADULT MALES MEASURED

Dog#	Height in	Length in	Weight in	Year Meas.	Diff (L-H)
	inches	inches	lbs-oz		in inches
95	15 3/4	17 1/2	20-09	2014	1.75
1	16	17 1/2	21-15	2012	1.50
83	16	17 3/4	22-02	2013	1.75
2	16 1/4	17 1/2	22-10	2012	1.25
3	16 1/2	17 5/8	20-10	2012	1.13
85	16 1/2	18	24-08	2014	1.50
87	16 1/2	18	24-14	2014	1.50
4	16 1/2	18 1/4	22-06	2012	1.75
111	16 3/4	18	21-11	2014	1.25
98	16 3/4	18 1/2	23	2014	1.75
77	16 5/8	17 1/2	22-04	2013	0.88
5	16 5/8	18	22-03	2012	1.38
69	16 5/8	18 1/2	25-04	2013	1.88
6	16 3/4	17 3/4	21-14	2012	1.00
7	16 3/4	18	22-12	2012	1.25
8	16 3/4	18 1/2	24-14	2012	1.75
76	16 7/8	17 1/4	19-11	2013	0.38
9	16 7/8	17 1/2	22-00	2012	0.63
10	16 7/8	17 3/4	23-15	2012	0.88
68	16 7/8	18 1/4	25-09	2013	1.38
102	16 7/8	18 1/2	23-14	2014	1.63
103	16 7/8	18 3/4	24-04	2014	1.88
105	17	17 1/8	23-11	2014	0.13
11	17	17 1/2	24-09	2012	0.50
12	17	17 1/2	21-10	2012	0.50
13	17	18	23-12	2012	1.00
14	17	18	22-07	2012	1.00
99	17	18	24	2014	1.00
15	17	18	24-10	2012	1.00
16	17	18	24-11	2012	1.00
17	17	18	25-02	2012	1.00
18	17	18 1/2	23-10	2012	1.50
19	17	18 1/2	26-05	2012	1.50

97	17	18 3/4	26-02	2014	1.75
20	17	18 3/4	27-13	2012	1.75
90	17	18 7/8	25-12	2014	1.88
107	17	19	26-08	2014	2.00
21	17	20	32-15	2012	3.00
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75	17 1/8	19 1/8	27-07	2013	2.00
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79	17 1/4	18	23-14	2013	0.75
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63	18 1/4	20	34-06	2012	1.75
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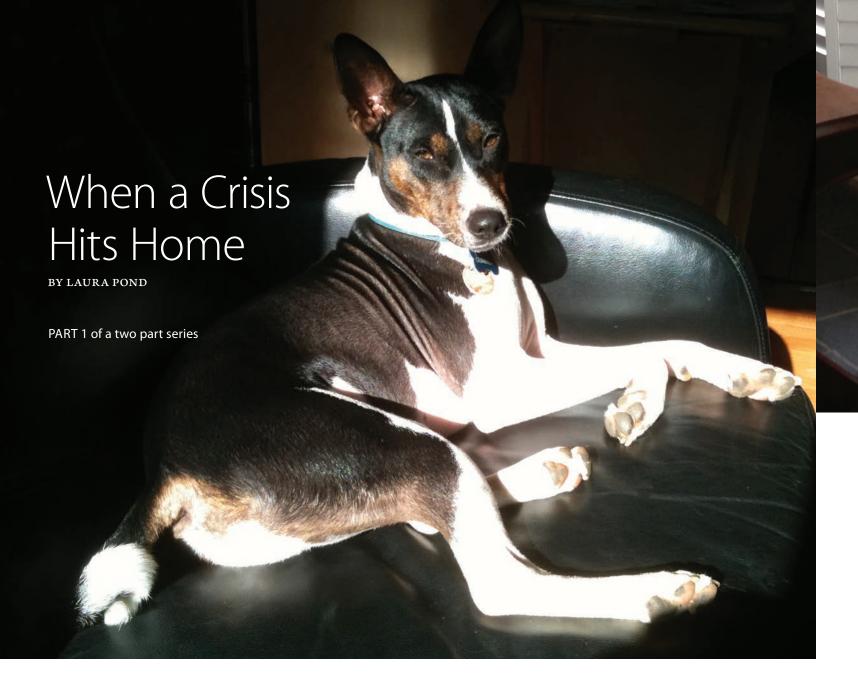
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In an effort to understand just how Basenji Rescue works, many facets need to be explored. A quick Google search of the topic provides several contact options. These contacts are accessible with little effort and are available to disillusioned or ill owners. There are several rescue organizations operating with volunteers to help our canine friends that are in need of a second chance. Basenji Rescue and Transport (BRAT), the local BCOA Affiliated Specialty Clubs, the National BCOA Rescue Liaison(s) with country-wide committee members, Colorado Basenji Rescue, Purebred Dog Rescue organizations, and caring individuals all focus efforts to ensure safe and appropriate care for our beloved Basenjis when a crisis hits home.

BCOA and Affiliated Clubs

Many responsible breeders have contracts that spell out what is expected when a dog they have placed must find a new home. Most have a "right of first refusal" clause that states the Basenji must be

returned to the breeder; no matter what, no matter when. Many times these individuals actually need "re-homing," not "rescuing," from an undesirable situation. Often a lifestyle change has influenced a family's decision to give up their pet. Sometimes the breed was not thoroughly represented when placed, sometimes a baby replaces the dog, sometimes an aged owner can no longer care for their beloved companion. And one frequent heartbreaking reason is that the unhappy owner needed to move and no accommodation was considered for the dog.

In every situation, great emphasis is placed on attempting to reunite the dog with its breeder. For example, Sharron Hurlbut, a longtime rescue actionist for the Evergreen Basenji Club and BRAT and new BCOA Rescue Liaison Co-Chair, takes a photo of the homeless "B" to share with local Basenji fanciers. Sometimes the dog will be recognized as coming from a particular kennel and be returned to that responsible, grateful breeder; a win-win for all. There are many reasons the unhappy owners do not contact

the person from whom they purchased their Basenji. People move, whereabouts unknown; maybe no "papers" accompanied their Basenji or these documents have been lost, again breeder unknown; or perhaps they are too embarrassed to talk to the breeder, so they try to re-home the dog themselves unaware of the intense scrutiny

In instances where an individual Basenji finds itself unwanted and in need of a new home, the owners will often post in an online marketplace. Craigslist has tried to curtail these posted "adoptions" and sites like this are regularly visited by concerned breeders, rescue volunteers, and Basenji owners hoping to intervene on behalf of the dog. By the time an unhappy owner has placed an advertisement, they are serious about not keeping their dog. Oftentimes, the Basenji is resold into an undesirable situation and the cycle will repeat itself, especially if a monetary value is placed on the unwanted dog, i.e. it is not neutered.

In the event a single dog or even a pair are in need of a new home, the local BCOA Affiliated Club member Rescue Chairman will try to communicate with the online poster. If the owner can be convinced to surrender the dog to rescue, the wheels start to turn. Sometimes the breeder can be located, contacted, and the Basenji returned to them. Usually a foster home must be found, the dog vetted for temperament and adoptability and any health concerns addressed. The adoptee might spend weeks or longer learning to be a good canine companion and waiting for that second chance. If available, local Specialty Club money earmarked for rescue helps defray costs for these special foster-home volunteers.

The BCOA has long supported Basenji Rescue. A Rescue Liaison is appointed by the President to oversee and help coordinate rescue support throughout the country. Through the efforts of

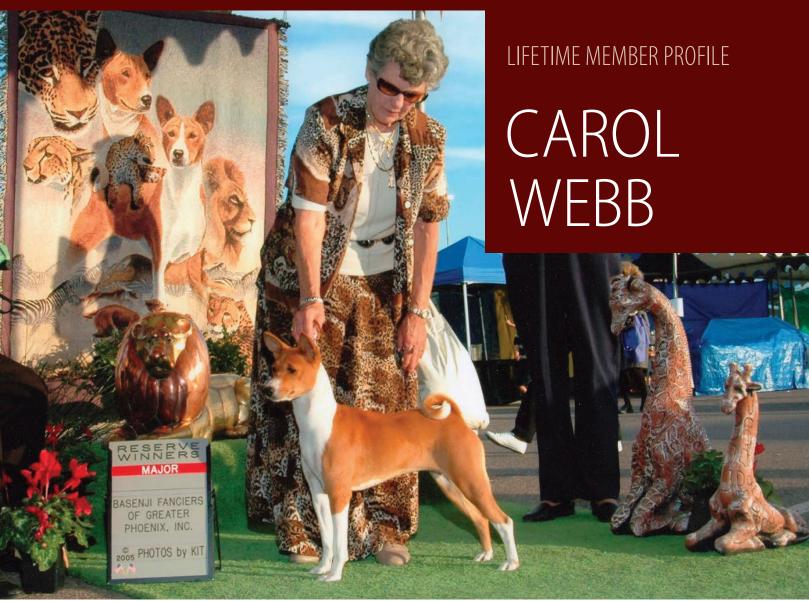
Affiliated Basenji Clubs and individuals many Basenjis find their new forever homes. Operating within established parameters, the National Rescue Liaison(s) reviews applications, decides whether to implement monetary support through an approved application process on an individual basis and ensures Affiliated Clubs and individuals comply with The Basenji Club of America's approved guidelines. Most BCOA Affiliated clubs have an appointed rescue contact and when needed, National club members step in to fill the role. Occasionally, local and National club members receive interested inquiries or require assistance themselves in re-homing their Basenjis, and these names are forwarded to the BCOA Rescue Liaison(s). With a little luck and support, there is a happy ending for needy Basenjis.

BRAT (Basenji Rescue and Transport)

In 1999, the BRAT organization was formed to manage Basenji Rescue. The breed reached a pinnacle of popularity in the 1990s. As imported native Basenjis made their presence known, these new bloodlines and colors were wildly popular with established show breeders, newcomers, puppy mills, and backyard breeders alike. The breed was discovered and exploited by the pet market like never before. Soon lots of Basenjis were in undesirable situations. Basenjis were bred and puppies sold willy-nilly. Basenjis were seen at livestock auctions. Basenjis were being raised by farmers as a commodity and sold to pet stores throughout the country. Soon on-line sales sites featured low priced pets. Many of these animals and their descendents eventually needed help. The Basenji Club of America was not chartered to operate as a rescue organization beyond the established limits already in place. Enter Basenji Rescue and Transport.

To be continued....

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BY BARBARA REISINGER

On April 9th, 2015, I had the honor of interviewing Carol Webb. Carol is the owner and spearhead of Kazor Basenjis. Thank you, Carol, for blessing me with this opportunity.

Barbara Reisinger (BR): What attracted you to the Basenji?

Carol Webb (CW): In 1962, the Los Angeles Times had a home magazine that had a weekly feature on dog breeds and the Basenji was featured one week (February 25, 1962; Congo Hunter by Eleanor Price). From that moment on, I knew I wanted one—I was fascinated by the breed: their primitive quality, their unique attributes, and their history.

BR: When did you get your first Basenji? From whom?

CW: I had my first Basenji within two weeks of reading the Los Angeles Times article. My husband did not want any dogs. Thinking I would be clever, I had one of my sons ask their father for a Basenji, but my son forgot and said, "Dad, we want a – Mom, what kind of dog was that?"; the innocence of children. I was pregnant

Kazor's Supermodel "Cindy" - She was winners bitch at a National from the BBE class under Kent Delaney and had to go to Russia needing just 1 point!

with my fifth son at the time, but did not think anything of bringing a Basenji into the house; I just knew I had to have one! From the information in the article, I contacted Bob Mankey and bought the last puppy of the litter with a 2-puppy back arrangement. This dog was Ch. Cambria's Zorha, call name Mut; she was out of Ch. Cambria's Ti-Mungai and Ch. Cambria's Zira. Bob gave ten obedience lessons with the purchase of a puppy and during that time he was pleased with her teeth, just simply suggested I take some weight off of her and she could be shown. I was in seventh heaven and went home and immediately put her on a diet. Bob Mankey showed her since I was completely new to the game, and she finished in 4 weeks, over 6 shows. From then on I was an owner-breeder handler, showing all my own dogs thereafter.

BR: Did you have other dogs before, after, or while you had Basenjis? Which breed(s)?

CW: As a 14 year old, I had begged, pleaded, and prayed for a Collie, and my mom bought me one; that Collie was with me when



CH Cambria's Zohra, Carol's first basenji, handled by Bob Mankey.

I moved to California, but I had to leave her with my mother. I always thought Collies would be my show breed—I had always wanted to show dogs—but I did not like to brush hair.

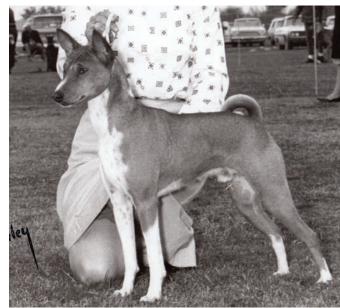
We had a Cairn Terrier at the time when I stepped into the Basenji world. The poor Cairn Terrier was driven nuts by the five boys, so it ended up going to the peacefulness of my mother's home.

Nine years into having Basenjis, I was given two male Smooth Fox Terriers. I finished one and ended up having the other finished by a professional handler due to the difficulty, at that time, of finishing a Fox Terrier without a pro handler. After each was finished, I placed them due to their barking.

And at one point, Jeraldeen Crandall gave me a Papillon, but that poor pup had to go to a quieter home—mine was too crazy!

BR: When you were starting out in the breed, what was the best advice you received and who gave you that advice?

CW: Honestly, I did not receive much advice. Bob Mankey was a good friend, but I truly learned to handle by observing and attending All-Breed training by my local Kennel Club's classes. It was simply practice—no instruction. Fortunately, I had an affinity for showing the dogs and I wanted it BAD! When I began, Basenjis were stacked on the ground, not on the table—prevailing thought at that time was that Basenjis were not toy breeds so there was no way they should be stacked on the table. However, moving the breed to the table has been much better for them than having someone looming over them as it occurred with them being stacked on the ground. And as far as the consideration for having them inspected on the ramp, I have no objection. What should be considered is what is good for the dog as well as for the judge. I think it could be the judge's discretion.



CH Cambria's Tamba Of Kazor, the first Basenji Carol finished herself.

BR: What advice would you give to today's Basenji owners?

CW: Watch what you say around and in the ring and the on internet!!! Comments can be very hurtful and damaging—it is better to say nothing at all than to say something cruel.

Furthermore, learn what proper shoulders are! There seem to be a lot of incorrect shoulders at the moment; I encourage breeders to learn what correct shoulders are and to breed towards it. And no more hollow chests! The current amount of wrinkle in the breed is okay. I am not concerned about the overall size of our breed—it

The Road to Basenjis

How did you come to be "enslaved" by our regal breed? It is an interesting factoid that our first two Lifetime Members featured this year both came upon our breed via print publications. While Damara Bolté learned of the breed via Time Magazine's March 17, 1947 article entitled, Great Britain: Woof!, this issue's featured Lifetime Member, Carol Webb, came upon the breed by way of the Los Angeles Times, Feb 25, 1962 article, Congo Hunter, by Eleanor Price. This particular article nods to the first tri-colored Basenji (a "coming of age" acknowledgement) winning the BCOA National Specialty; this was CH Cambria's Ti-Mungai. However, the imagery and romance that author Price gives to our special dogs is transcendent. Little did we know that our dogs were nicknamed "'the jumping-up-and-down' dog for his habit of leaping high to see the game he roused from cover." Further, Ms. Price paints a beautiful history of our beloved Basenjis—likely one of the strong reasons Carol Webb fell for the breed: "The Basenji, one of our oldest dogs, is depicted in Egyptian carvings of 5,000 years ago. These animals were brought to Egypt from the Belgian Congo as gifts to the Pharaohs. With Egypt's decline the dog disappeared there but for ages the natives of Central Africa continued to use this barkless, curled-tail scenting hound to drive antelope out of the tall elephant grass." Thank goodness, in 1895, they were once again discovered and our homes have never been the same. To think, we live with the gifts of royalty; that all but explains their attitude.

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has gone up and down over time; the breed remains consistent to the standard.

BR: When did you originally join BCOA?

CW: No clue! In the 60's sometime.

BR: When and by whom were you nominated for Lifetime Membership? When were you affirmed?

CW: I believe it was a BCOA Board nomination. At that time, one could not sit on the Board and also be nominated to Lifetime Membership. So I left the Board, became a Lifetime Member and then returned to the BCOA Board after that stipulation was changed. (This was done for dedication to Basenjis in 2006 and commenced in 2007.)

BR: What was your reaction to the nomination of lifetime member?

CW: I was very surprised and terribly honored.

BR: What do *you* feel is your greatest contribution to the breed?

CW: The improvement of the breed's temperament is something I pride myself on. I have worked very hard to make our breed approachable and lovable. My dogs may be easier to train, but I don't think that makes them any less "Basenji."

BR: Did you use any African imports to help introduce better temperament?

CW: Well, I did have the first half-African brindle; this was Ch. Pendragon Kazor Shadowplay. However, my real reason for using a high quotient of African was for the brindle color. I already had good temperament, but I feel the Africans have contributed to better shoulders and temperament.



BIS CH Kazor's Virtuous Virginia. Ginny was one quarter African.

BR: How have you seen the breed and BCOA evolve?

CW: As for the breed, there is immense improvement in their temperaments. When I began, there was not another dog professional that "wanted" them: vets, judges, professional handlers—none of them wanted to touch the breed. Now, I feel that they are far more welcomed because the dogs have much better dispositions.

Another thing that seems to have evolved within the breed is the coats of our dogs; however, I was isolated for many years to seeing what was in my area only, so there may have been better coats in other regions of the country that I did not see. That said, for the dogs in my region the quality of the coats has greatly developed; we have moved away from the "paper bag" long coats. There are many potential reasons for this: better breeding, superior diet, or less large "cocktails" of vaccinations (which I believe might have some link to increased allergies in some dogs). I can tell you that within my own dogs, I have seen a dramatic improvement in their immune system with the feeding of a better diet.

In regards to the evolution of BCOA, they have done a marvelous job on addressing, researching, and combatting health issues—better than any other breed. The Basenji Fancy is very open on issues of health; I myself contributed with Hemolytic Anemia, Fanconi and PPM affected dogs. It does not better the breed to hide these things—even if it is difficult. The BCOA website is a remarkable asset and does a great job at not only sharing health information, but also overall breed information.

BR: Where do you feel the Fancy needs to focus its efforts?

CW: I believe more people need to really read the Standard—that goes for breeders, too! Do people really understand shoulders, toplines, and chests? We need to be breeding towards the standard—even if one dog does not possess all of the assets to



CH Kazor's Xenia, Carol's top producing bitch.

perfection, know what those characteristics should be and set your goal to develop the dog with as many of those qualities as possible.

BR: How many Basenjis have you lived with over the years? What was the maximum number you have had in your home at one time (not including new litters)?

CW: No clue! I have had, at any one point in time, 20 adult dogs in the kennel; I have never had more than 3 "house" dogs at a time, and currently only have one full time. The initial years of Kazor had nine dogs in a kennel alongside the tract home we lived in. With five sons and fear of being turned in, we moved into a home that could accommodate all the humans and my kennel of 13 runs. By the sheer luck of timing, I received my kennel license six months before the city of Yorba Linda incorporated, and was grandfathered into the previous rules. Fortunately, too, Basenjis are not barkers and they don't tend to bother anybody, so I have not had to deal with "complaints" that might have changed this status.

BR: What activities are you/have been involved in with your Basenjis?

CW: I was completely submerged in the conformation world only. I was busy raising five sons and being a dog groomer for over thirty years to support my "bad habit," so there just was not enough time to do more. I am pleased that many of the dogs that I have bred and sold over the years have gone on to earn titles in multiple sports, including agility and lure coursing.

BR: What do you want to ensure is covered in your profile?

CW: I have always strived to be honest with the people I have dealt with. I did not have a mentor, so I try to mentor anyone that I believe I can help. I was lucky enough to have Paul Catterson, John Gaidos, and Erin Roberts all win their first BIS with my Basenjis and I guess I helped them in a small way.



CH Pendragon Kazor Shadowplay, the first half African brindle Champion.

BR: Outside of Basenjis, what are your other interests?

CW: Honestly, not too many. Basenjis were my outlet to raising five boys-ha! I did enjoy my dog grooming and it happily supported my outlet.

BR: Do you have anything else you would like to share?

CW: I believe it was in my DNA to show dogs and in doing so it has taken me all over the world. I have had the joyful experiences of traveling to the World Dog Show in Brazil (stopping in Uruguay to visit dogs that I have placed there) and Sweden (showing to win Best Bitch at both the Swedish Specialty and the World Dog Show), taking in Crufts three times, venturing to Scotland, and also to Australia to the Spring Festival All Breed Show in Sydney. Of course, there have been our Nationals, and have had the pleasure of judging the Sweepstakes competition 3 times and also judging the Evergreen Basenji Club's Futurity/Maturity competition and Sweeps at Oregon's first Specialty. But to be clear, I am not an AKC judge—there was not enough time in the day to do that as well and I prefer showing. While I am not traveling much anymore, I find Facebook a delightful way to see dogs from all over the world—something that not too long ago we really did not have the feasibility to do.

BCOA members are incredibly blessed to have Carol Webb in our community. Her insight and enthusiasm are awe-inspiring. Thank you, Carol, for all you have done and all you continue to do.



Carol and CH Kazor's Dandy Deerstalker, one of her favorite dogs.

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Timeline of American "Firsts"

1937	Bakuma, Rougie, and Basashi of Bleam were the first live basenjis to arrive in America
1942	Basenji Club of America, Inc. was formed.
	Companion Dog Phemister's Barrie CD (not yet eligible for AKC registration, but could be shown in Obedience.)
1943	AKC accepts the basenji, BCOA, and the Breed Standard.
1944	Companion Dog Excellent Phemister's Barrie CDX
1945	AKC points awarded (July 15) at a Vancouver, WA show
	Champion AKC Conformation Champion (Oct 10) – CH Phemister's Melengo
1946	"Basenjis, The Barkless Dog" by Veronica Tudor-Williams is published. The "Red" book!
1950	BCOA holds the first Specialty in Batavia, NY, 23 Entries, Best of Breed & Group 4 - CH Rosenji's Beau
1956	Good Bye My Lady, a basenji story by James Street was made into a movie.
	Best In Show Champion level AKC Best in Show, "Blaze" Philo's Blaze of Koko Crater
1964	Evergreen Basenji Club was formed by basenji lovers in the Seattle, WA area.
1966	Sam McKee began collecting information on Top Producers, leading to the Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Honor rolls first published in 1967.
1968	Utility Dog CH Baronfield's Cyclone UD
1969	Evergreen Basenji Club holds the first local club Basenji Specialty (August, 69 entries).
1972	Hemolytic Anemia Test becomes available.
	Tracking Dog Tracking Title won by CH Il-Se-Ott Golden Majorette CDX TD
1979	BCOA begins single National Specialty Show, replacing the regional supported specialty.
	American Sighthound Field Association accepts basenjis.
	Field Champion (ASFA) & Best In Field Bubalak's Divine Bette
1980	"Years of the American Basenji, Volume 1" is published by Melody Russell & Susan Coe, 535 dogs listed
1981	Best In Show (tri-color) CH Arabrac's Mountain Mamba

Tracking Dog Excellent Springs CC of Takuvik TDX FCh

from Africa (1997 and 1988 imports plus Esenjo).

AKC begins offering lure coursing events and titles.

Field Champion (AKC) FC Dharian's Phantom LCM

1990

1992

1993

AKC reopens Stud Book for registration of Foundation Stock

1942 BCOA Officers

The original board of directors for BCOA
President: Alexander Phemister
Vice-president: Ethelwyn Harrison
Vice-president: Eloise Gerry
Secretary: George E. Richards
Treasurer: George L. Gilkey



Top: CH Baronfield's Cyclone UD Middle: Goodbye My Lady poster Bottom: FC Dharian's Phantom LCM



1994 African Stock Exhibition was added to the National Specialty.

Best In Show (brindle) CH Changa's Dan Patch

AKC sanctions agility events and awards.

Agility Title UCD Quietus Bongo CDX FCh AG1

BCOA launches into cyberspace with our website.

Dual Champion(s) DC and CanCH Select Information CD SC TT FCh

DC Select's Spontaneous Combustion SC TT

2000 Best In Show (black & white) Ch Bluestone's Wild Buckwheat

2003 BCOA VersatileBasenji Program is born to celebrate our intelligent and adaptable

breed.

2005 AKC starts the Rally Program.

Rally Novice Apu Little Red Lentil RN

Rally Advanced Lacada's Con Man K's Kaper RA

Rally Excellent Lacada's Con Man K's Kaper RE

2006 Rally Advanced Excellent Lacada's Con Man K's Kaper RAE

2007 Utility Dog Excellent 2 "Sparky" ~ Aljor's Back to Sonbar UDX2

Fanconi Syndrome DNA Marker Test becomes available July 14.

2009 Performance Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Honor Roll was initiated.

2010 Grand Champion GCH Jasiri-Sukari Bucking the Trind

Best In Show (brindle-pointed tricolor) GCH Jasiri-Sukari Bucking the Trind

Basenji University is established and added to the BCOA website.

Fanconi Syndrome DNA Direct Test - Dr. Gary Johnson identifies the mutation

responsible for recessive basenji Fanconi Syndrome.

Triple Champion & Preferred Agility Champion Drew ~ TC(PACH/CH/FC)
Sinbaje's Picture Perfect CDX, RE, SC, FCH, OA, OAJ, MXP6, MJP6, PAX,

NCC, NJC, OAC, TG-N, WV-o HP-n, TN-o

Master Agility Champion Feigh ~ MACH/FC Eldorado's Y's African Sinbaje

CDX, RE, SC, FCH, GRC, NAC, WV-0, TN-N, HP-N

2014 Championship (any) for an Avongara Import FC Avongara Naziki SC earns her

AKC Field Championship.

National Field Champion NFC FC Taji's hAfrican Chief SC

Memorable United Kingdom win

In 2001, Basenji CH Jethard Cidevant wins Best in Show at Crufts!



Top: Mary Langula with Aljor's Back to Sonbar UDX2 Bottom: MACH Feigh and Triple CH/PACHDrew



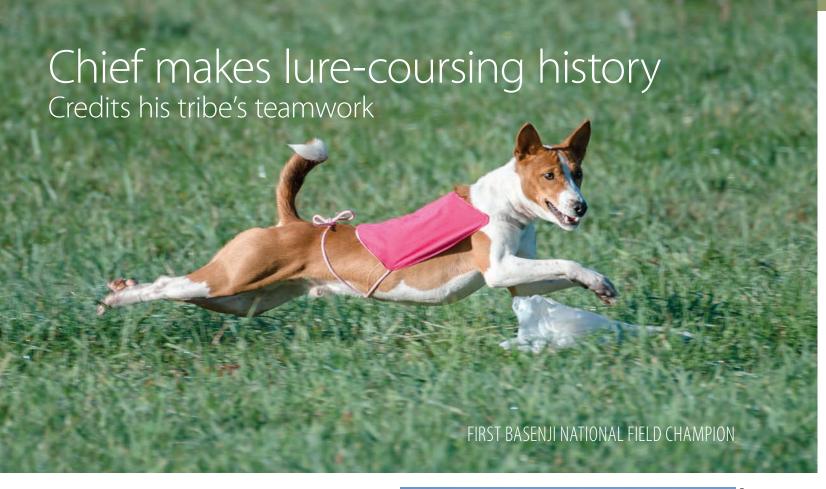
Basenji Pedigree Database

In 2004, Sally Wallis, England, takes her incredible 20 years of research into a worldwide on-line pedigree database with over 70,000 pedigrees.

What will be next?

Photos from Basenji University Timeline.

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BY RANNY GREEN

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When future winners look at the American Kennel Club Lure Coursing Championships trophy during their year with the hardware and see Katie Campbell and Chief's (Taji's hAfrican Chief) names inscribed for 2014 they will only be viewing a microcosm of the story.

While the 1½-year-old basenji's breathtaking run over a 1,384-yard course on a late-summer morning near North Bend against a Rhodesian Ridgeback named Kaia was flawless and one for the ages, it would not have happened without the incredible teamwork of Chief's tribe in the days – and months –- beforehand.

"There are a lot of people involved in this win," says Campbell, of Seattle, "and each of their names should be on the trophy."

To paraphrase the African proverb, "It takes a village...," Team Chief's win represented the first time a basenji or an area dog has won the coveted title – in September contested over the gently rolling Meadowbrook Farm grassy terrain that is inhabited by 300 400 Roosevelt elk most of the year.

Carol Chittum, event trial chair, says, "Naturally shy, they (elk) come out at night to feed. Their hooves leave pie-plate-sized



Chief poses with just a portion of his tribe and American Kennel Club National Lure Coursing officials following his triumph. He is the first basenji to win the National Field Champion (NFC) title.

impressions in the earth which are disguised by the grass. These 'dents' made the footing very challenging for the faster hounds.

Winners of this event on fields of this nature are typically hounds who are extremely fit and who have enormous drive.

Chief's route into the six-dog best-in-field competition began earlier this summer when Campbell's friend, Holly Hamilton, a Cincinnati basenji breeder met the dog while in Seattle to judge a lure-coursing event. "I was immediately enamored with Chief because he was so easy going and friendly," she recalls. "I stayed at

Katie's for part of the trip and got to know him quite well."

When one of her breeding stock came into season during Hamilton's stay in Seattle she discussed potential stud dogs with Campbell and it was decided the half-African Chief would be an excellent mate. During his stay in Cincinnati, Chief, along with several of Hamilton's dogs were taken to a local National Oval Track Racing Association (NOTRA) track, where the dogs start out of a box and chase a lure around the track.

"I was really impressed with his speed and drive," Hamilton recalls, "especially since he had never raced before and told my friends Chief would likely be an incredible courser. He earned eight points toward a NOTRA title and I let Katie know I saw plenty of coursing potential in him. Sometimes I just have a gut instinct that a dog is going to be good. I've been coursing basenjis since 1997 and I am a lure-coursing judge."

Despite oozing with potential and piling up eight NOTRA points, Chief was no step further along in qualifying for the AKC National, however.

In stepped Mary Ellen Chaffin, another Campbell friend, who was going lure coursing in Junction City, OR, in early August. "When I heard from Holly how much Chief enjoyed racing, I wanted him to have the chance to course and race more. Even though I never imagined Katie would trust me with one of her dogs, I offered to take Chief to Oregon for the last trial to qualify for the AKC National Lure Coursing Championships and she agreed to let me run him there." Campbell was judging at another show in Lacey that weekend, hence could not accompany Chief to Junction City. Chief earned three points there and qualified for the North Bend patients!

"If Holly and Mary Ellen hadn't been so insistent and proactive," Campbell says, "Chief would have never had the chance to run for the AKC championship."

Fast forward a month:

Campbell was in St. Louis judging the Ibizan Hound National Specialty the weekend of the AKC National Lure Coursing Championships (Sept. 13-14), leaving the 24-pound, red-and-white basenji's care and guidance to Team Chief. Another friend, Barbara Reisinger, went to Campbell's West Seattle home to pick up the dog and a second Campbell entry Friday. Sept. 12, bringing them to the grounds in North Bend, where they were to camp out with Chaffin for the weekend.

However, Chaffin injured her back late that night and up stepped Brenda Phillips and Sarah Smith-Falkner, Campbell friends and a contingent of others (some from other breeds) who cared for the dogs throughout the next day, feeding them and running them (the first day of breed competition).

Phillips and Smith-Falkner tag-teamed roles Saturday with Chief, the former checking him for inspection and the latter preparing



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him for each run and making certain he wore the appropriate colored jacket, and then cooled him down after each outing.

Reisinger assisted with the warm-up process, too, on Saturday. That involved easy walking and/or trotting to dynamic, moving stretches, then spine massage and vertebrae movement just like a fine-tuned athlete. This was followed by plenty of verbal emotional support before he was handed off to Smith-Falkner to run.

Phillips adds, "After the trial Saturday, I continued to make certain all the dogs were cared for – walked, fed, watered and situated in shady locations and when it cooled off I provided them blankets to keep them warm for the night."

Campbell returned home late Saturday night from St. Louis and arrived at the grounds early Sunday morning for the final day of breed competition and scheduled best-in-field runs.

Saturday and Sunday's best of the best (breed) overall winners advanced to the best-in-field finale, which was scheduled for late Sunday afternoon. However, equipment issues and darkness forced the championship to be conducted Monday for the safety of all entries.

Three of the four judges, however, had flight reservations to return home and were forced to leave Sunday night.

The Monday pairings, done by a random draw and with only one judge, had a greyhound vs. a whippet, basenji (Chief) vs. a Rhodesian Ridgeback and an Ibizan hound vs. a Saluki. Each is scored in five categories – endurance, speed, agility, how it follows the lure, and overall ability, says Bob Mason, AKC director of lure coursing.

Asked if having only a single judge presented a problem, Mason replied, "No, not all. The AKC rule book stipulates the event can be conducted with one or two judges and I had the authority to appoint another from the personnel on hand, if needed.

"Everything went marvelously well despite the fact we were forced to move the best-in-field competition to Monday."

"Every dog has its day," said Campbell, "and everything lined up nicely for Chief by drawing the Ridgeback (owned and bred by Julie and Sheri Eschilling, of Salem, OR). Chief represented his breed, my breeding program, and his half native (African) parentage beautifully."

When asked how this ranked among her thrills in years of conformation and dog-sport activities with the breed, Campbell responded, "It gives new meaning to friendships and commitment. It is truly one of my top competitive achievements."

As opposed to conformation, the lure coursing owner/handler does not have control of the dog after each run begins. That's when the dog's innate traits and focus kick in.

"Lure coursing allows the owner-handler to preserve the breed's functionality," Campbell adds. "I could see a smile on Chief's face

through all of his runs. He was thriving in his element. And win or lose, nothing makes a breederowner-handler happier."

Adds Chittum,

"Chief is one of the most outstanding representatives of his breed I have seen in 32 years of participating in lure coursing in 30 states and two foreign countries His runoff here was extraordinary."

Says Beth Levine, field trial secretary, "Chief is a young, strong, fit dog who was bred to the



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standard for his breed to have the conformation, athleticism and temperament to excel at this sport, which is a simulation of the type of work sighthounds were originally bred to perform. This national championship is a three-part event and requires dogs to be presented at their utmost physical fitness and stamina to run the long, challenging courses without tiring.

"Chief was fortunate to draw a Rhodesian Ridgeback for his bestof-the-best run, and managed to match him stride-for-stride even though his opponent was a much larger dog. He ran a superior course judged against the basenji ideal, but even more, he ran a superior course judged against the bigger, longer-striding opponent. He really earned that win."

Stats and Facts

The AKC National Lure Coursing Championships drew 119 dogs from 10 breeds, with Whippets boasting the largest entry of 24, followed by Basenjis, Ibizan hounds and Pharaoh hounds at 19 each. Washington and Oregon topped the state entries but others traveled from Maryland, Ohio, Arkansas and Colorado. This marked the first year a Cirneco del'Etna, an ancient Italian breed, was entered.

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The AKC National Lure Coursing Championships originated in 1995 but there were several years when it was not conducted.

The AKC requires the NLCC trials Best of Breed course be a minimum of 800 yards and the Best in Field layout a minimum of 1,200 yards.

This was the second AKC NLCC hosted by the Cascade Coursing Club at Meadowbrook Farm. The previous one was in 2008 with an almost identical entry total.

There are 20 AKC and Foundation Stock Service breeds eligible to compete in AKC lure coursing. To be eligible, each dog must be 1 year or older.

The JOHNNY Award

BY CAROLE KIRK

The Johnny Award is presented each year to the BCOA National Specialty Best of Breed winner. The award is named for BIS/BISS CH Zindika's Johnny Come Greatly JC, and was created by his owners, Michael Jameson and Patrick Allison, to honor all that Johnny accomplished during his show career.

The award is made up of two parts. The first part of the award is a pewter plate, created by Damara Bolté, which features a relief of Johnny. The second part of the award is a perpetual trophy which is topped by a bronze sculpture of Johnny, also created by Damara. A plaque bearing the name of the current National Specialty Best of Breed winner is added each year to the perpetual trophy. The perpetual trophy is displayed each year at the BCOA National Specialty.

If you are new to the breed, however, you might be wondering just who Johnny was and why he has an award named after him.

BIS/BISS CH Johnny Come Greatly JC was one of the "winningest" basenjis ever. Johnny, as he is more commonly known around the show ring, was sired by BIS/BISS CH Blucrest Bound for Reveille and out of Ch. Zindika's Flying Fanny. Johnny was bred by Ceci Rappé, of Zindika Basenjis, who handled him to his AKC Championship title. Johnny's mother, "Fanny," was a daughter of CH Changa's Dan Patch who was our breed's first brindle basenji to win an AKC All Breed Best in Show.

Johnny was born January 8, 1995. He finished his AKC Championship at the early age of 8 months by going Winner's Dog & Best of Winners at the BCOA 1995 National Specialty in Oregon.

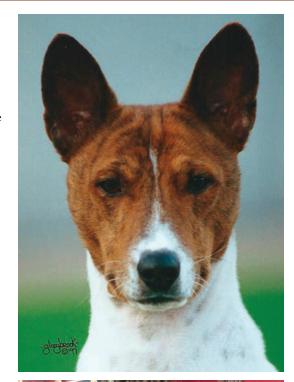
Johnny's show career as a "special" was conducted under the guidance of professional handler Erin Roberts who exclusively handled him for his owners Michael Jameson and Patrick Allison. Johnny earned his first AKC All Breed Best in Show in 1996 and never looked back.

In 1997 Johnny was the first Basenji to be ranked #1 Hound and he ended the show year as #1 Hound.

Johnny retired from the show ring in 2000 and sadly passed away from cancer in 2004. His memory lives on in the hearts of his breeder, his owners, his handler, and all of us who were ringside to watch him show.

During his illustrious career he achieved the following honors:

- American Champion
- AKC Junior Courser
- Canadian Champion
- UCI International Champion (shown by owner Michael Jameson to this title as well as UCI BIS)
- 59 AKC all breed Best In Shows (he earned 21 of them in just one year)
- 481 AKC Best of Breed wins (including BOB at Westminster Kennel Club in 1998 & 1999)
- 250 AKC Group 1's with a total of 402 group placements during his career
- 11 AKC Best in Specialty wins (including the BCOA National Specialty 4 times)
- Group Winner, 2000 World Dog Show, Milan, Italy

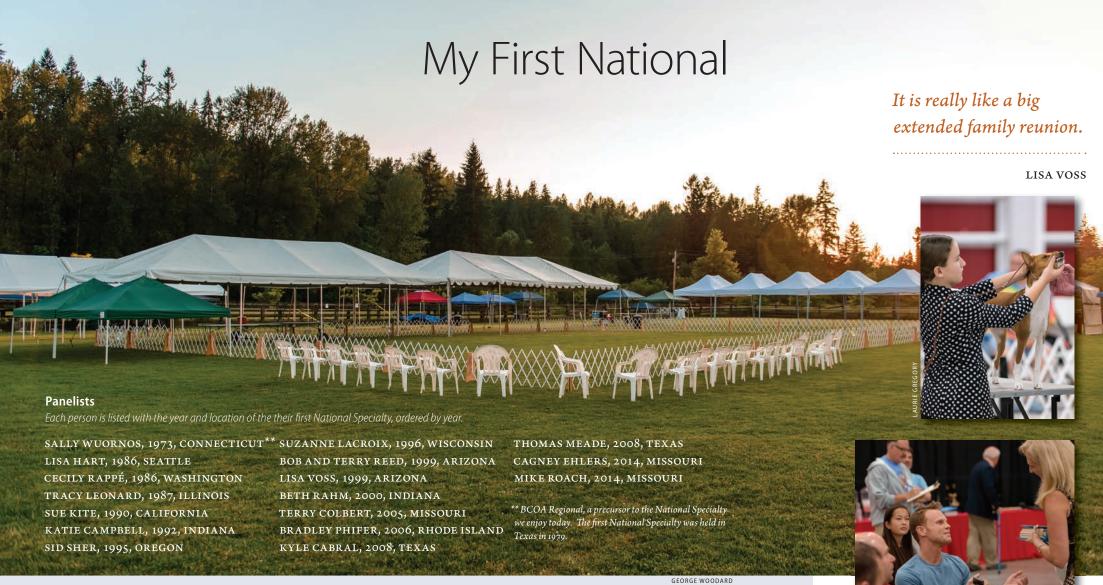




The Johnny Perpetual Trophy

Pewter plate with relief of Johnny, by Damara Botlé.

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Why did you go to your first National? Why do you go back? The lure (pun intended), the glitz, the entertainment; the society, the education, the camaraderie—these are just a few of the motives our panelists had for attending their first National and why they return. How do they compare to your reasons? Enjoy being tantalized by their stories and start planning your first, or next, National!

Sally Wuornos

My first "national" was 1973. It was in the era when there was a national in each of several regions, every year. I had just purchased my first show basenji, Hannalore's Little "Bridget" the previous fall, from Hazel Ulm. I wanted to go to Westminister that February, but Hazel talked me into going to the national in Connecticut. It was my first time flying anywhere! I sold my last horse to purchase that ticket. Hazel handled Bridget and she was Winners Bitch, I jumped up and down and screamed! I have calmed down some in 42 years!

Mike Roach

I was definitely curious about the show. I had heard about it from others and how much fun it is to be around all these folks with Basenjis! We've only had our BRAT basenji, Gunner, for about 3 years, and our brindle pup, Sam, for 1 year. Though we had ruled out showing Sam, we are active in the Lure Coursing hobby with both dogs. Sam had a lot of promise given his first 6 months of coursing, so we decided to go. Purina Farms did not disappoint, but the best part was being among a slew of RV's where we all could easily interact and enjoy the company. Hearing all the B's that were in season was quite the treat!

Kyle Cabral

I went because my mentor, Pam Geoffroy of Eldorado Basenjis, encouraged me to attend with my baby puppy. She enticed me with the opportunity to see lots of dogs, from all over the country, and meet many of breeders who are the cornerstone of American Basenjis. She was right. As a life-long learner, the most important aspect of the national for me is the opportunities to learn about the breed history, breed specific health seminars, breeding and genetics, and conformation structure, that are not readily available elsewhere. I could listen to Susan Coe or Jean Martin talk about history and structure for hours on end, and never bore or tire.

Introduction The "First" is always special, holding a dear place in our hearts and minds. From the weeks of anticipation to the crowning glory of the Best of Breed competition, one's first National is a week of high excitement, hopes, and a tad bit of exhaustion. There is never a dull moment—especially when our hounds decide to conjure up their ancestral voices in blood-tingling, hair-raising unison.

In this issue of the *Bulletin*, we are pleased to introduce a panel of diverse members that pontificate with sentimentality about their first National and share wisdom in regards to attending your first National. No matter where the perspective of the member came from, there is one paramount aspect to each of their reflections: the Basenji Fancy is an amazing community and we LOVE our dogs.

Panel Selection Our panel reflects a broad spectrum of the multi-faceted community in which we belong as BCOA members. We have each region of our country represented on this panel. Long-standing and long-attending members, Juniors (or former Juniors), first-timers, performance enthusiasts, breeders, hobbyists, fans, and handlers are all here. No stone was left unturned in an attempt to garner a true cross-section of the memories of My First National.

Interesting Observations First there are the wins. Oh, to win at the National—to win anything is moreover the relevant commonality. Many of our panelists reflected upon their wins with humble grace, noting that one does not go to the National planning to win. Wins are the "spice" in the "sugar and spice" of the National, the whole week being nothing short of sweet.

Then, there is the staggering unity in the advice given to someone preparing to attend their first National: meet people, have fun, and observe. The National can be frenetic at times, so a key to meeting people is to introduce yourself! There is no doubt with a room full of crazy Basenji-loving people that fun will be had—enjoy the opportunities and make some, too! Finally, observe, observe, and observe some more. Observe the dogs, the handlers, the judges; the National is a great study—enjoy learning while there.

Top: Cagney Ehlers, with Topeka, in 2014. eft: Brad Phifer at the auction in 2014, with Katie ampbell as "Vanna White."

Bradley Phifer

My friend and breed mentor, Linda Pence, and I went together with no dogs. She encouraged me to come so I could meet other breeders and see all of the best dogs from around the country. The national specialty is a learning opportunity, a networking opportunity, and if you've been at the auction with Kyle Cabral and I... it's kind of fun!

Terry Colbert

I had heard that there were sports that you could do with the basenjis and other sighthounds. I wanted to learn about these sports, see if they interested me and to find out how to enter the events. I had always been active with my past dogs, hiking and going for walks, so I figured sports for this breed might be fun.

Cagney Ehlers

I went because it was probably as short of a distance a national will ever be from my house and my grandmother's place too. (I am in Nebraska now). And because it would be a great experience for me and my "girl", Topeka. I also went to the National so that I could socialize with all the "Basenji People" and their dogs.

Tracy Leonard

It is an important event to be able to see both puppy and adult basenjis IN PERSON. A picture may be worth a thousand words but never under estimate an in-person, hands-on exam of a dog.

Katie Campbell

I wanted to meet the breeders and actual dogs that I had seen in magazines, and wanted to see how they moved; remember, this was PRE-internet, and we had little to no opportunities to actually view dogs in motion unless they were right in front

I was also keen to train my eye to see what specific stud dogs delivered in their get.

I still attend to see other breeders and their stock that I admire... many of them are dear friends now.

40 BCOA Bulletin (APR/MAY/JUN 2015) visit us online at www.basenji.org www.facebook.com/basenji.org BCOA Bulletin (APR/MAY/JUN 2015) 41 What are your most vivid memories? Admiration, pride, hysterical situations, the memories shared with us are both rib-splitting and tear-jerking. It is clear that the BCOA National leaves lifetime impressions upon our "family" members and these memories are a persuasive force for attending the National.

Lisa Hart

I was showing in a class of 3 sandwiched between Russell Hendren and Ken Henrichsen. I felt like such a newbie (which I was)!

Mike Roach

Participating in the Parade of Rescues...Gunner is my Heart dog. I was so proud when they called Gunner's name and read his story as we trotted around the ring like a show dog. I think even he was excited about it!

Cecily Rappé

We made the mistake of leaving the room for a short time with our dog loose. In typical basenji fashion, she tore up the blinds in the window. The hotel tried to charge us an exorbitant amount so my husband argued with them, assertively but not out of control, and they threatened to call the police. I was horrified that we were causing a scene and wanted to hide. It all worked out in the end, but I didn't want to be known as a "trouble maker!

At my first National in Portland, I tripped in showing Kayla and ended up needing knee surgery that put me out of showing for 6 months. When I returned to showing, and put a point on Kayla (I was still a novice handler) all my competitors stood outside the ring and cheered

Terry Colbert

Hearing the multiple waves of group howls of the basenjis together at my first national.



Thomas Meade

Interviewing Damara Bolté for an article for the Bulletin. (Don't miss Thomas' excellent advice for attending a National in the Juniros column on page 10.)

Beth Rahm

When entering Indiana, I stopped at a rest stop to potty my girls and who should I run into but Damara. I was awe struck to run into her. It was like meeting a celebrity. She was extremely kind and spoke to me for a few minutes about my brindle girl Blossom. Then, I was off again to the hotel. I couldn't believe how many basenjis were all over the place. It was mind boggling to see that many. As a relative newbie, I was very impressed how kind most of the older breeders were and made you feel welcome into the group. I have been hooked ever since and can't imagine not being involved in the basenji community.

Sue Kite

I did get to see Mike Work do one of his famous balancing acts and a near miss with the tree/ bush in the ring. The hospitality and comraderie was incredible and I met some great people and saw some awesome dogs. I didn't win, but I was absolutely thrilled to have been there to meet people that I continue to have a friendship with.

What is your advice for someone attending their first National? While you can never be fully prepared for your first National, our panelist's share invaluable insight into setting expectations for one's first National. Their expertise and astuteness is worth heeding—it will no doubt benefit you in having a fantastic first National.

Suzanne La Croix

"GO!!" Enter your dog in something just for fun. Arrive early, stay late, and make a point of just walking up to people and introducing yourself and your dog. We are a friendly and supportive bunch and we'll be so glad to meet you and to encourage you! Your breed mentors and new friends are just waiting to meet you!

Terry Colbert

Get to as many events as you can to at least observe and maybe even offer to help out. You never know what may end up sparking your interest and creating a hobby for you and your basenjis.

Mike Roach

Everyone goes for different reasons, but if you're going to see what the experience is all about, then watch as much as you can...so many great events and learn about them. Ask guestions. You never know what may be of interest to you in the future.

Sue Kite

For anyone attending their first, please walk around and MEET people. Walk up to them (not when they're getting ready to go into the ring) and ask them who they are, if you don't know and introduce yourself. We don't bite and most of us are always anxious to meet new folks. TALK to people about the breed and not just one person, a lot of them – there are a lot of breeders and breed mentors and they are a wealth of knowledge, so use them.

Sally Wuornos

My advice is to decide what you want to get out of nationals well before you get there and then be sure you do it. If you want to learn about shoulders, fronts, rears, etc., pick a mentor and contact them well before nationals to see if they'll ringside mentor you and point out various aspects of the

Sid Sher

Insofar as advice I would give to someone attending their first, I will give the same advice I was given. Have fun, don't expect to win, and if you win any ribbon at a national it's something to treasure (thank you Dr. Tracy Leonard).

Cagney Ehlers

I remember almost everything, but it would either be sitting around the ring with my friends at eight o'clock at night watching and stalking the Top 25 Basenji hounds or being dragged around by my pooch, Topeka, who was taking everything in like a lunatic!

Bradley Phifer

- Having Damara Bolté ask me if I was going to leave any hair on the dog while I was grooming
- Watching Katie Campbell walk in 8 inch black stilettos. #jealous Memories that are not recommended:
- Being stuffed into a mini-van, then a hotel room, with 12 dogs and Tad
- Buying a Mercedes Sprinter and driving cross country with Beth Redo-Rahm and 16 dogs.

Kyle Cabral

My most vivid memory of my first National Specialty was watching Mike Work show Zephyr (MBIS BISS Ch. Eldorado's Echo of the Wind). On display, was the bond between a show dog and his handler, and the artistry of showmanship. Mike would hand stack Zephyr, and struggle to get Zephyr to stand without moving, then Mike would struggle to his feet, and stand 4 feet from Zephyr, all the while holding the dog's attention, and commanding him with his eyes and hands, NOT TO MOVE. It was a constant dance, a tango if you will, to get Zephyr to look his best anytime the judge was examining him. The attention Mike paid to his charge, and Zephyr's love of the show ring was apparent. It was a dance for the ages. Zephyr was eventually awarded first Award of Merit at this National, and Mike was applauded for his effort. Zephyr didn't make Mike's job easy, but from ringside, it appeared effortless.

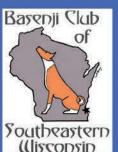
Looking for the New Titles? What about Health Results?

We have some ideas about how to handle these items in the future. But for this issue, they were also left out to help us to reduce cost in light of having so few ads.

Let the Publication Task Force know how you feel about them. Do they belong in the Bulletin? Could they be in the Bulletin Board instead? What if they were just available online? Please sumbit feedback to Suzanne La Croix, lacroix@animalink.com.

The first quarter information for both new titles and health results will be available on the BCOA website alongside the Bulletin itself.

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20th Annual Sweepstakes & Specialty **Friday, July 24, 2015**

Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club Indoors & Air Conditioned

1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia, WI 53036

*** Best Bred By Exhibitor *** *** AKC National Owner-Handled Series ***

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes Judge M. Susan Joyner, New Lenox, IL

Regular and Non-Regular Conformation classes Judge Katie Campbell, Seattle, WA

Lunch will be available - Silent Auction too!

Show Chair & Secretary Lisa Marshall 414-333-0156 lisam1918@gmail.com

Entries Close Wednesday, July 8th, 2015 at 6 pm CST Enter Online at: bcosw.org Click on Online Shopping



Followed by 4 days of Wonderful Wisconsin shows

Waukesha Kennel Club

Waukesha County Expo grounds Saturday, July 25th & Sunday, July 26th Basenji judges are Mrs. Karen C Wilson & Mr. Luc Boileau

Burlington Wisconsin Kennel Club

Walworth County Fairgrounds Monday, July 27th & Tuesday, July 28th Basenji judges are Mrs. Sari Brewster Tietjen & Mr. Thomas A. Kilcullen

Roy Jones Dog Shows, Inc., Superintendent 260-925-0525 rjds@royjonesdogshows.com

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BCOA FINANCIALS

Balance Sheet: Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2015

Profit & Loss Ordinary Income/Expense: Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2015

INCOME

TOTAL INCOME

GROSS PROFIT

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase Bank-Checking	27,557.51
Chase Bank-Savings	:
National Specialty AGILITY	1,002.36
African Stock Project	1,775.17
Archive Maintenance	111.92
Contingency Fund	51,920.96
Public Education Program	464.94
National Specialty Reserve	586.16
Rescue Fund	7,950.99
Total Chase Bank-Savings	63,812.50
Total Checking/Savings	91,370.01
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	
Petty Cash - Bulletin Board	-0.13
PayPal Account	23.73
Total Other Current Assets	23.60
Total Current Assets	91,393.61
FIXED ASSETS	31,333.01
Equipment	
Club Projector	472.49
Total Equipment	472.49
Total Fixed Assets	472.49
Other Assets	17 2.15
National Specialty Advance	
National Specialty Advance-2017	500
National Specialty Advance-2016	1,500.00
Total National Specialty Advance	2,000.00
Total Other Assets	2,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	93,886.10
	23,000.10
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	22.252.74
Opening Bal Equity	22,259.76
Retained Earnings	56,534.89
Net Income	15,071.45
Total Equity	93,866.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	93,866.10
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ICOME		EXPENSE	
MEMBERSHIP (INCOME)		REGIONAL EVENTS - NOT NATIONALS	105.00
Complaint Filing Fee	0.00	COMMITTEES	
Affiliated Club Dues	425.00	Sunshine	8.44
Membership Dues	11,509.00	Education	
Membership Application Fee/Dues	0	Public Education	
Total Membership (Income)	12,044.00	Meet The Breeds	41.86
PUBLICATIONS (INCOME)		Total Public Education	41.86
Illustrated Standard	10.00	Total Education	41.86
Bulletin Income		Total Committees	50.30
BCOA Bulletin Ads	990.00	CONFERENCES	
BCOA Bulletin Ads - Web	175.00	ASFA Delegate	85.00
BCOA Bulletin Subscriptions	55.00	Total Conferences	85.00
Total Bulletin Income	1,220.00	DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	
Roster Income		ASFA Annual Dues	60.00
Roster Advertising	875.00	Total Dues and Subscriptions	60.00
Roster Income - Other	55.00	INSURANCE	
Total Roster Income	930.00	D&O Liability Insurance	262.50
Total Publications (Income)	2,160.00	Total Insurance	262.50
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		MEMBERSHIP (EXPENSE)	-10.00
Breeders' Webpage Income	2,120.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	
Total Miscellaneous Income	2,120.00	Breeders' Web Page Expense	25.00
OTAL INCOME	16,324.00	Total Miscellaneous Expense	25.00
ROSS PROFIT	16.324.00	PayPal Fees	384.92
NOSS I NOT II	10.324.00	Postage and Delivery	55.36
		PUBLICATIONS (EXPENSE)	
		Bulletin Board Expense	
		Bulletin Board Postage	234.47
		Total Bulletin Board Expense	234.47
		TOTAL EXPENSE	1,252.55
		Net Ordinary Income	15,071.45
		NET INCOME	15,071.45

BASENJI HEALTH ENDOWMENT FINANCIALS

Balance Sheet: Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2015

ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
CHASE - Checking	10,949.48			
CHASE - Savings				
Contingency Fund	101,179.90			
Midge Greenlee Education Series 23,889.46				
CHASE - Savings - Other	20.14			
Total CHASE - Savings	125,089.50			
Total Checking/Savings	136,038.98			
Total Current Assets	136,038.98			
TOTAL ASSETS	136,038.98			

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity Opening Bal Equity 150.615.81 -14,576.83 Unrestrict (retained earnings) 136,038.98 Total Equity **TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 136.038.98



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Resolution	lmage size	File size	JPG	Pixel size	
Full Page					
72 ppi	36.5 x 46.9 in	33.8Mb	8.8Mb	2625 x 3375	
300 ppi	8.75 x 11.25 in	33.8Mb	8.8Mb	2625 x 3375	
Half Page Vertical					
72 ppi	18.25 x 46.875 in	16.9Mb	4.5Mb	1313 x 3375	
300 ppi	4.377 x 11.25 in	16.9Mb	4.5Mb	1313 x 3375	

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COPY DEADLINES

January 25	1st Quarter issue : Jan/Feb/March
April 25	2nd Quarter issue : April/May/June
July 25	3rd Quarter issue : July/Aug/Sept
October 25	4th Quarter issue : Oct/Nov/Dec

AD DEADLINES

1st Quarter issue: Jan/Feb/March January 1 April 1 2nd Quarter issue: April/May/June July 1 3rd Quarter issue: July/Aug/Sept October 1 4th Quarter issue: Oct/Nov/Dec

Rates	Members		Commercial
(All Rates include up to four photos per page)	Color	B/W	Ads
Front Cover	\$225	N/A	N/A
Inside Front Cover	\$140	N/A	N/A
Inside Back Cover	\$140	N/A	N/A
Back Cover	\$175	N/A	N/A
Full Page	\$110	\$90	\$140
Center Spread (2 facing pages)	\$125/pg	N/A	N/A
Half Page	\$65	\$40	\$70
Quarter Page	\$35	N/A	\$60
Affiliated Club Specialty	Free*	N/A	N/A
2 page spread, win photos & text	\$50*	N/A	N/A
National Specialty Results	Free*	N/A	N/A

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