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## BALLOT RESULTS - 1986 B.C.O.A. NATIONAL SPECIALTY SITE/JUDGE SELECTIONS

Ballots counted by: Sandy Beaudoin  
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564 Ballots Distributed  
245 Returned On Time  
1 Returned Late  
1 Regular Judge Vote Voided  
(2 votes)

SITE: Houston #1 (August, Astrohall) 91 Votes  
Houston #2 (October, Ramada Inn) 152 Votes\*

### JUDGES

Regular Classes:  
(1) Del Glodowski 44 Votes  
(2) Russell Hendren 41 Votes  
(3) Derek Rayne 30 Votes  
(4) Robert Forsyth 29 Votes  
Robert House 28 Votes  
Melbourne T. Downing 25 Votes  
Lu Dye 24 Votes  
Forrest Dye 22 Votes

Sweepstakes:  
(1) Judy Cunningham 64 Votes (has accepted)  
(2) Shirley Chambers 58 Votes  
(3) Sandra Bridges 52 Votes  
(4) Deanna (Lehew) Souza 36 Votes  
John Sommer 22 Votes  
Penny Inan 7 Votes

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### BCOA Member Comment:

Reference - Ballot No. 11 - December 2, 1985 - Passed  
(February, 1986 Bulletin Board)

Is it simply a matter of formality to secure the signatures of two BCOA members on a membership application? If our BCOA Board "overlooks" this stated and printed by-law, makes one wonder about perhaps more critical ballots.

Edna Steton  
BCOA Member

### THE MODERN BASENJI: A Precise, Reflective, Introspective, Logical, Forceful Overview Of Lineage

By Aleg P. Uller

THE BASENJI HAS EXISTED in his present form for thousands of years, and fanciers of the breed are quick to point out that he is completely natural and developed to near perfection without the intervention of man. While the purist reminds us that the objective is not to develop the Basenji, but to preserve him as nature meant him to be, it is becoming obvious that we have reached a point where decisions must be made. In particular, questions of size and color must be resolved and we must work together towards a common goal if the Basenji is to retain the characteristics which make him unique.

**COLOR:** We now have three recognized colors in the Basenji breed. These are the red & white, the tri-color and the black & white. This last color was originally composed of two distinct varieties, the recessive Congo/Sudan black and the Liberian or dominant black. There is little question but what the recessive black is a pure bred Basenji, but many claim that this variety is not true, since tan hairs frequently appear at maturity. Similarly, many assert that the dominant black, while unquestionably a pure black & white, is not a pure bred Basenji. Therefore, the recessive black should be referred to as "Pure Basenji, black & white (?)" and the dominant black should be referred to as "Pure Black & White, basenji (?)"

A further complication was introduced by an interbreeding of the two lines to produce a uniform variety which appears to retain the best qualities of each. Although it evades the real issue, these should be referred to as "Pure Black & White Basenjis", or for the sake of simplicity, Black & White Basenjis. The question of color is far from resolved, however, since many authorities hold that the original decision to recognize only three colors was arbitrary and unreasonable, and that the sable, brindle and tiger stripe which exist in Africa should also be recognized. The eight allowable colors would then be: Red & White; Tri-color; Pure Basenji, black & white; Pure Black & White, basenji; Black & White; Sable; Brindle; and Tiger Stripe.

**SIZE:** A similar situation exists with size. The Basenjis seen in the show ring are significantly larger than the native stock. There are those who feel that the modern Basenji is at least an inch taller on average than our standard because of improved veterinary care and better nutrition, and that the standard should be raised an inch to conform to what is actually being shown. On the other hand, a number of breeders have based their breeding on smaller stock and are producing stock which conforms to the standard. There are also those who point out that the native Basenji was smaller than our standard by several inches, and that the standard should be reduced accordingly. A logical solution to the size problem is to capitalize on it, and to encourage the breeding of Basenjis with as much disparity in size as possible. With very little effort, three sizes could be produced, although this would not bring a great deal of recognition, since several other breeds have already done so. May I suggest that our goals be set higher, and that an attempt be made to produce four sizes, to be known as toy, miniature, standard and giant, or to emphasize the uniqueness of this achievement, teeny-weeny, tiny, just right and humungous.

The benefits of such an approach are not apparent until one examines the end result. Eight colors and four sizes would give a total of thirty-two different combinations. Justification would clearly exist for recognizing all thirty-two varieties. Championship points and a Best of Variety award would be given for each, just as is done with Cocker Spaniels of different colors and with different sized Poodles. These awards should be referred to by a more meaningful term than Best of Variety, in recognition of the many varieties involved. Unless a more descriptive term can be found, "Best of Individual Preference" is suggested.

Every show could then produce thirty-two satisfied exhibitors, each with a Best of Individual Preference award. Since most shows do not draw thirty-two exhibitors, it is possible that EVERY exhibitor would win a coveted Best of Individual Preference award. Each Best of Individual Preference winner would be eligible for Hound Group competition. This would make for an impossibly large group and the AKC would immediately establish a separate Basenji group!

THINK OF IT -- Thirty-two Basenjis of every conceivable color and size, each a true Champion with an unbroken string of Best of Individual Preference awards, vying for the right to represent our breed in Best In Show Competition ---- at every single show!!!!

The challenge exists -- the gene pool is there ---- LET'S DO IT!

(Editor's Note: Before you rush to reply, please read just the first letter of the words in the title following the colon, then separate the author's name into three different words by spacing after the a and the g. MANY THANKS to Wayne Holbrook for this hilarious contribution!!!)

#### JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

(Submitted by Junior Showmanship Chairperson for BCOA, Francis Bercher)

The tally of Junior Handler wins is now complete for 1985, and I am pleased to announce that Kim Lange of Kent, Washington is the Top-Scoring Junior - for the 7th straight year! Surely this must be a record among Junior Handlers. Certainly the number of Juniors showing Basenjis is at an all-time high this year, as is the number of wins posted by them. Kim has also won the Kal-Kan sponsored trip to Crufts for being the top-scoring Junior Handler in the U.S. in all breeds. She has received an all-expense paid trip to London to show at Crufts on Feb. 8 & 9, and will return to New York to show at Westminster on Feb. 10 & 11. By the time this is published, Kim will have already been to these shows, and I know she will represent herself and the Basenji breed in a manner in which we can all take pride.

The final results for 1985 are as follows:

| <u>JUNIOR HANDLER</u> | <u># DEFEATED</u> | <u>JUNIOR HANDLER</u> | <u># DEFEATED</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Diana Beard           | 1                 | Kristin Lange         | 121               |
| Susan Cannell         | 11                | Christopher Pate      | 5                 |
| Catherine Cant        | 1                 | Lori Perkowski        | 7                 |
| Alyssa Coe            | 51                | Charlie Pzazz         | 1                 |
| Amy Deimler           | 1                 | Stephanie Schierloh   | 4                 |
| Jean Deimler          | 39                | Carl Siegle           | 25                |
| Kerynn Fisher         | 2                 | Amy Stephenson        | 1                 |
| Chris Funchess        | 29                | Chrystal Thomson      | 36                |
| Tracie Gramann        | 38                | Krista Ward           | 6                 |
| Brett Doty Garner     | 276               | Gregory Weaver        | 4                 |
| Tara Kay Harris       | 45                | Karin Ann Weaver      | 1                 |
| Kate Hauri            | 33                | Aaron Weedy           | 3                 |
| Jenny Hobbs           | 17                | Kari Wournos          | 333               |
| Laryl Hughes          | 2                 | Mikki Youngbauer      | 6                 |
| Kim Lange             | 577               |                       |                   |

Four Juniors were awarded Best Junior Handler from the last report through the end of the year; the number of competitors defeated in all classes follows the show date: Brett Doty Garner - BJH at the Chico DFA Show on Oct. 11 (13) and BJH again at Two Cities KC on Oct. 12 (27); Tracie Gramann - BJH at Kokomo KC on Sept. 27 (2); Kim Lange - BJH at Timberland Valley DFA on Oct. 5 (34), Yellowstone Valley KC Oct. 11 (4), and BJH at The Helena, Montana KC show on Oct. 13 (5); Kari Wournos - BJH at Minnesota River Valley KC on Sept. 22 (8), BJH at the BCOA Specialty on Oct. 6 (9), Mason City KC Oct. 13 (16), Minneapolis KC Oct. 20 (12), and BJH at the Marion KC show on Nov. 1 (7).

BALLOT NO. 21 - January 30, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REGARDING NATIVE BASENJI, circulated at the request of President Camp.

You are requested to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the BCOA supports those efforts within the Basenji Breeder community to obtain and register native African purebred Basenjis. In the event a purebred native dog is acquired, the BCOA will lend its official support in the form of a proposal and guidelines under which the AKC could reopen the stud book.

APPROVE: Bolte\*, Curby, Grundman, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Coe, Hendren

\*Bolte Comment: It or they must be "worthy" specimens.

BALLOT NO. 22 - January 30, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON NATIVE BASENJI IMPORTATION & REGISTRATION, circulated at the request of President Camp.

You are requested to approve the following:

Establish the Committee on Native Basenji Importation and Registration, to be chaired by Russell Hendren. The committee will have the following goals:

- To establish a repository of information pertinent to obtaining, importing, and registering native dogs.
- To develop guidelines for completely documenting imported native Basenjis and their offspring for use in a proposal to the American Kennel Club regarding reopening the Basenji stud book.
- To report its findings through the official BCOA Publications.

APPROVE: Bolte, Curby, Grundman, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Coe, Hendren

BALLOT NO. 23 - February 20, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: PRINTING OF OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATES, circulated at the request of President Camp.

You are requested to approve the printing of 300 obedience certificates at a cost of \$42.36.

Comment: We have not purchased obedience certificates for many years. This extra expense is not included in the present 1986 obedience budget.

APPROVE: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Russell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Mankey

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It is with sadness that we must report the death of Bill  
Putscher, Breeder/Judge, on February 5, 1986. Our sincere  
condolences to his family.

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