

B. C. O. A. BULLETIN BOARD - October, 1988

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BALLOT NO. 32 - PASSED - SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS, circulated in accordance with the By-laws.

The following individuals have applied for membership in the BCOA. Their names, along with a request for comments, have been published in the April issue of the BULLETIN BOARD. No comments have been received by the Secretary. You are requested to approve the following applicants as members:

Catherine Schira, AZ; Jo Ann Linebaugh, TX; Ed & Barbara Naddy, CA; Mary Hillhouse, CA; Ben Hansen, OK; Gale Whitehurst, GA; Carol Shotwell, CA; Jaycee Mulligan, FL; Winnie Welker, ID; William & Elaine Sykes and *Jason Kujala, FL; Brenda L. Jones-Greenberg, AZ; Mrs. Diane Pasco and *Danielle Pasco, AZ.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Reed, Russell & Williams.

BALLOT NO. 34 - DEFEATED - SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO BASENJI STANDARD

The attached listing of proposed changes to the Basenji Standard is circulated through the office of the president, by the Standard Committee. Your approval is requested of these changes. This is a change in form, requested by the American Kennel Club.

APPROVED: Bolte, Camp, Grundman, DISAPPROVED: @Bridges, @Coe, @Jimenez, Reed and @Williams. ABSTAIN: Curby, Russell.

(See attached copies for various comments.)

BALLOT NO. 35 - PASSED - SUBJECT: ANNUAL AWARDS CHAIRMAN

Your approval is requested to appoint L. Jane Williams, GA, as annual awards chairman to look into the feasibility of awards for the top basenjis in conformation, obedience and lure coursing, and to report on suggested expenditures for such awards. This ballot is submitted at the request of President Cunningham and circulated in accordance therewith.

APPROVED: *Bolte, Camp, Curby, Grundman, Reed, and Russell. DISAPPROVED: @Bridges, @Coe, @Jimenez and @Williams.

*The Diane C. Coleman Award is offered by friends for the top winning basenji in Group competition. The Wessman Award is offered (EDITOR'S NOTE: By the Basenji Club of Northern California, Inc.) for the top winning basenji in Breed competition.

@Per recommendation of the proposed chairman, @This needs to be rewritten. It did not come out as originally intended. @On the recommendation of the proposed chairman, @This ballot is incorrectly worded. The original intent of this committee was to institute a system where all titles earned by any Basenji were acknowledged by the BCOA. This would cover not only conformation, obedience and lure coursing, but also temperament testing, weight pulling, and any other activity where an official "title" is awarded. I feel we have more than enough awards for the "top" Basenjis and so see no need for one more. My feeling is that anyone who takes the time and effort to work with their Basenjis to the point of earning a title - no matter what it is - should be acknowledged by the BCOA, thus, hopefully, encouraging continuation of these activities where the talents of our breed can be proven. I recommend this ballot be withdrawn and resubmitted to reflect the above.

BALLOT NO. 36 - PASSED - SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL SPECIALTY.

Your approval is requested to require the treasurer of the BCOA National Specialty to submit a preliminary financial report one month after the specialty and a final report within three months. Failure to do so will result in the BCOA not approving affiliated club specialties in that area. This ballot is circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Coe, *Grundman, Jimenez and *Williams. DISAPPROVED: @Camp, @Curby, @Reed and @Russell.

*What happened to my request that the BCOA Treasurer's name be on all Specialty accounts to avoid an occurrence of the problems we had this last time? *Considering the difficulty the Treasurer is experiencing with the 1987 National Specialty Treasurer, this ballot is of great importance. As far as I know, she has yet to receive a complete report from the 1987 BCOA National Specialty.

@See attached comments. @The clubs associated with 3 out of 4 of the next National Specialties do not put on specialty shows at all. We need some other method of control. @Two objections - (1) why penalize all clubs in the area, instead of just the club failing to report? and (2) I would recommend changing the sentence from "Failure to do so will..." to "Failure to do so may..."

BALLOT NO. 37 - PASSED - SUBJECT: CPA TO TALLY ELECTION RESULTS

Your approval is requested to the appointment of Cindy Horan, Maryland, as the CPA to tally election results on behalf of the BCOA. This ballot is circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Reed, Russell and Williams.

BALLOT NO. 38 - PASSED - SUBJECT: TELEPHONE BALLOT RE: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO STANDARD

A conference call of all BCOA board members was held on August 4, 1988. The proposed changes to the Basenji Standard were discussed, and after various changes were made to the wording, for clarification purposes, the proposed changes were unanimously accepted.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Reed, Russell and Williams.

BALLOT NO. 39 - PASSED - SUBJECT: REGISTRATION OF NATIVE AFRICAN BASENJIS

During the same conference call, all board members, with copies of the proposed ballot pertaining to reopening the AKC Stud Book for Basenjis, voted unanimously to forward the proposed ballot to the BCOA membership for approval.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Reed, Russell and Williams.

BALLOT NO. 40 - PASSED - SUBJECT: EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON

President Cunningham requested the board approve the appointment of Forrest and Lucretia Dye, OH, as Co-Chairmen of the Education Committee. Upon approval of this ballot, President Cunningham will ask Mr. & Mrs. Dye if they will accept such appointment.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Reed, Russell and Williams.

BALLOT NO. 41 - PASSED - SUBJECT: TELEPHONE BILL FOR CONFERENCE CALL

At the conclusion of the conference call, the board voted on a ballot pertaining to approval of payment of the telephone bill for the conference call.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Reed, Russell and Williams.

LETTERS, ETC.

Dear Penny & Sandi:

I am unhappy with the last Bulletin - it makes me feel really dumb. I do want to learn and I'm not all that stupid. I tried my dog books and could not find the definitions. This is my 1st basenji. It would have been nice if 2 items were defined for those of us who are novices, esp. as they are important and represented most of the Bulletin. Please in the next issue could you define: Fula, and the initial IPSID? Most appreciated.

Also sent in ballots when received - Bulletin should have arrived before ballot - to bad I'd have voted differently or added a comment. To late now.

Forgot one comment and do not know how to get it included. We hardly mention movement yet most judges judge heavy on it from my few observations. Our dogs do not move as a race horse trotting full out! I'd like to see movement included but will/did (Sh) accept proposed standard.

DEB CHENEY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The best I can do for you is some extremely brief definitions from my own (possibly mis-) information. Fula of the Congo was imported by Veronica Tudor-Williams after the first tri-colors had already appeared in breedings in England. The tricolors that descended from Fula included a new pattern - called "Fula black", it was a black and white that was not dominant genetically, and showed a tendency to tan hairs later in life (on some it was very young). On a traditionally patterned tricolor, you can tell those that carry the "Fula black" by the isolated islands of black on the cheeks in the mask. The full name of IPSID is "Immuno-Proliferative Small Intestine Disease; it is my understanding that it is the clinical name for what we had been calling "malabsorption", a wasting disease that includes diarrhea, weight loss, other symptoms, and usually death. You may be able to get more information from your dog's breeder. *MEMBERS OUT THERE - Help me please!!*)

I am not really a Basenji breeder, or even a serious show contender. I own Basenjis because I admire them as a unique and lovely breed of dog. I think it is wonderful that the brindle dogs are being seriously considered. I am not particularly a brindle fancier, but they have their place in the African population and I believe they should be a part of the American population.

May Kenworthy does seem to have a strong opinion about colors. Surely the health question is more important! In my limited experience, breeds that are color restrictive seem to have an excess of health problems associated with them. Human interference doesn't always build a better dog. The Basenji is an old breed and has turned out very well without much meddling from humans.

The more natural population of African dogs should be combined with the American dogs. Some genetic diversity seems essential for the health of the breed. I believe the concerns should be the health and vigor of the dogs, not the colors. Basenjis should be bred for type and hunting instincts. It would be a shame to have the American dogs become a different type than the African dogs.

For every color there is a person who likes that particular color. Color preference won't ever go away. But an entire breed of dog should not be adjusted to fit the tastes of one or two people. I am relatively new to Basenjis and I hope that the individuals with the power to make such decisions don't all agree with Mary Kenworthy.

Just one owner's opinion, but surely there are others who agree with me!

Sincerely, **LESLIE NORTH**

In response to Connie Reid's response to Jan Bruner's letter & my own concerning the "pet shop puppies." The BIG thing here, is that Connie neglected to inform the readership that she did indeed attempt to rescue the pups in her original letter. (My stoney cold little heart now forgives her!) Frankly, I'm amazed the bitch's owners didn't run screaming to her with their tales of woe, not being able to place the pups. Breeders are always the first to hear of them. (Don't we all know that!)

I'm quite certain Jan and (I as well) never intended to imply that WE have never made an error. All breeders, I'm sure, have made errors in judgement when placing pups. (Is there ANYONE out there with a 100% satisfactory placement rate?!)

The particular incident in question seems like a TV script. One almost KNOWS what the outcome would be. A predictable ending to an unfortunate beginning.

JANE BINGHAM

ps. Shan't write again as we could go on forever on this topic. I'm sure our readership appreciates this & we all can get on with new issues!

To: BCQA Bulletin (or Newsletter)

If there was ever a time for Basenji breeders and the BCQA to "make haste slowly," I think this is it! While our Standard format must be changed to adhere to AKC's requirements, any actual changes should be carefully thought out as the impact will be seen for many years to come. Adding a new color pattern at this time, when we have no idea how it will affect current colors or even if it will produce correct brindles, should be tabled until an extensive test-breeding project can be carried out with the proposed new breeding stock. This will also allow time to determine what this new stock carries genetically in regard to physical, mental and health traits, as well as any problems which may surface with age.

Even a limited amount of test-breeding and the resultant observation of the following generations (a minimum of 3, to have any real value) would take at least 7-10 years if done correctly. We need to know as much as possible about the genetic makeup of this "new blood" before incorporating it into existing bloodlines or we could very easily wind up dealing with more severe problems than we already have. This means inbreeding on these dogs (son/mother, father/daughter, brother/sister, then going back to the original dog). If the quality of the dog prohibits this type of breeding, then I can see no reason to consider breeding it at all.

Equating the brindle color with health is simply not possible as we know absolutely nothing about the genetic makeup or background of these new imports. We can HOPE that they do not carry and/or will not develop Fanconi, IPSID, or possibly something even worse, but anything more than hoping is only wishful thinking at this point!

I wish to stress that, like Mary Lou Kenworthy, I am not (repeat, NOT) against the brindle color, new blood or change. We were both very taken with the brindle and red bitch pups shown at the end of the '88 Safari film and feel that they both are of excellent quality, obviously pure breeding, and have much that is positive to contribute to the improvement of the breed. Our main concern, shared by many other long time breeders, is that this be done in a way best suited to minimize future problems. A long term breeding program, such as John and Margaret Sommer planned for their native import acquisition, is the responsible way to handle such a project. There is no reason at this point in time, other than financial recompense for the people involved, to register these native Basenjis with AKC.

Sincerely, **JOAN B. CLAGUE**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS: In accordance with BCOA Bylaws, if any member wishes, he may send comments on any applicant to the Secretary of the BCOA. Applicants are listed below with their two sponsors:

Patricia Marshall	Frank & Betty Taylor	Pauline Hiller	Larry & Christina Willey
3749 Lay Avenue	356 N. Prairie Creek Rd.	RD 1 Patnode Rd.	266 Penick Ave.
Groves, TX 77619	Dallas, TX 75217	W. Chazy, NY 12992	Delaware, OH 43015
Eric Roberts	Scott Henderson	Loretta Kelley	Phyllis Schierloh
Kay Henderson	Ray Henderson	Diane Davis	Lowella Ronk
Michelle Carter	Karon Begeman	Janeed Franz	Rod & Jamie Johnson
2806 N.W. 21st Street	17821 N. 27th Dr.	931 Memorial Village Dr.	1764 Chaucer
Oklahoma City, OK 73107	Phoenix, AZ 85023	Houston, TX 77024	Madison Heights, MI 48071
Ron Schrock	Alice Midkiff Prouty	Arvia Petter	Karen Butler
?	?	Thomas ?	Mary Williams
Virginia Finley	Gordon Bajema	Palmina Lattanzio	Tina Marie Brasher
1023 Green Meadow Rd.	107 S. 7th Ave.	22401 Colony	211101 Bon Heur
Charleston, WV 25314	St. Charles, IL 60174	St. Clair Shores, MI 48080	St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
Jane Lodge	Vicki Curby	Karen Butler	Karen Butler
Damara Bolte	Jon Curby	Charles Hiller	Charles Hiller

***** JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

(Submitted by Francis Bercher, Junior Showmanship Chairman)

The following are the results of Junior Handler wins as published through the August issue of the AKC Gazette. If there are any corrections or additions, please notify me as soon as possible.

JUNIOR	# DEFEATED	JUNIOR	# DEFEATED
Beverly Jean Arrand	7	Jeana Leaden	6
Nic Baarrett	3	Jonathan McCarty	2
Alyssa Coe	35	Tara McCloud	1
Leslie Colegrove	6	Rachel Palm	1
Tara Kay Harris	46	Lupe Real	1
Kate Hauri	5	Lisa Wiedemann	2
Millicent Hoffman	5		

Tara Kay Harris was named Best Junior Handler at the Salina KC show on April 8, defeating 18 other juniors; BJH at Heart of the Plains KC on April 24 over 12 competitors, and BJH at Greater Emporia KC May 15 against 7 other Junior Handlers. Hope you all read the review of the new Junior Showmanship regulations in the July Gazette - if not, be sure to write to AKC for the new 3-part booklet.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to personal illness and other unavoidable circumstances, Kerry Hagen must resign as Advertising Chairman for the B.C.O.A. BULLETIN. Chris Hartley, 2073 Pine Street, Livermore, CA 94550, has agreed to step in. Kerry deserves our thanks for her hard work and dedication to what is, at times, a thankless job. We wish her all the best and hope that she is soon feeling 100% again.

SIGHT OR SCENT HOUNDS?

The Basenji Club of America at present is not a member of the American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA). ASFA is an organization that was organized to test the coursing abilities of ASFA recognized sighthounds and award Field Championship Certificates to those hounds that are judged worthy. At the present time Basenjis are recognized as sighthounds by ASFA and are eligible to compete at field trials sanctioned by ASFA and earn points toward their Field Championship. If the BCOA wishes to hold Lure Field Trials in conjunction with their National Specialty Shows, the BCOA must become an affiliate member of ASFA. Before the BCOA Board takes any action on this matter, a survey of the Membership is appropriate. The following list of questions is designed to provide the Board with a cross section of opinions of the Membership and hopefully aid them in making an informed decision.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Please photocopy the following questionnaire, fill out and return to Ken.)

1. Have you attended an ASFA sanctioned Lure Field Trial? (How many? ___) YES___ NO___
2. Have you coursed a Basenji(s) at sanctioned trial? (How many? ___) YES___ NO___
3. Have you practiced or trained a Basenji(s) to lure course? (How many? ___) YES___ NO___
4. Do you own a Basenji(s) that competes regularly at sanctioned lure field trials? YES___ NO___
How many Basenjis? ___ How many trials per year? ___
5. Are you interested in learning more about Lure Coursing? (If Yes, See below)* YES___ NO___
6. Do you believe the the Basenji is a Sighthound? YES___ NO___
7. Do you believe that Basenjis should compete in the sport of lure coursing? YES___ NO___
8. If the BCOA were to become an ASFA member or affiliate club, do you feel that Basenjis may be prevented from ever competing in AKC sanctioned field trials? YES___ NO___
9. Do you want the BCOA to become a member or affiliate club of ASFA? YES___ NO___

If you own(ed) a Basenji Field Champion or Basenji Lure Courser of Merit, please send the following information to:

Ken Leighton, 4530 Entrada Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, (415) 846-5300

If you need information on the sport of lure coursing, please send inquiries to the above address.

DOG'S FULL NAME TITLE HELD DATE PUBLISHED IN F.A.N. MAGAZINE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Use additional paper if necessary.

If you belong(ed) to a local Basenji Breed Club, when the dog earned a Field Title, were any of your Title Holders a Club "FIRST"? Please include this information with this survey. Hopefully a list of "FIRSTS" will be compiled and published in the BCOA Bulletin.

Thanks for your time, and Good Luck! (PLEASE RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 20, 1989!!)

KENNETH LEIGHTON, BCOA Lure Course Chairman

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