

BULLETIN BOARD

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FROM THE EDITOR'S TERMINAL...

Welcome to the new year & hoping that all your Christmas wishes came true. One essential part of the holidays is Christmas cards. It seems more folks are doing photo cards with pictures of their Basenjis. Received quite a few this year & must say that they're REALLY nice! An article in the recent AKC Gazette tells about a group that stages Santa & pet photo session as a fund raiser for a local humane society. One such photo card arrived and the combination of Basenji & Santa was priceless. Know of another Basenji Christmas photo that won second place in a Holiday photo contest. We all KNOW that our basenjis are pretty great any time of the year, but the holiday season does seem to bring out their whimsical best. Am appealing to all members to get your pencils sharpened. Really would like to include articles of interest to all BCOA members, but sadly have little input from anyone. Suggestions for articles, for what you would like to see in the Newsletter, or better yet, articles or information written by you would be most welcome. This newsletter CAN be much better but really do need your help and ideas. Let's make 1991 a great year & hoping to hear from you soon. CTH

B.C.O.A. CALENDER OF EVENTS

NATIONAL SPECIALTY DATES

1991 Pineville, North Carolina September 26, 27, 28 & 29
1992 Indianapolis, Indiana September 21, 22, 23 & 24

REGIONAL SPECIALTIES: 1991

May 25 Basenji Club of Cincinnati

All dates will be printed as information becomes available - please submit YOUR club special event to have it listed in the Calendar.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Puppy mills in Kansas alone produce over 180,000 puppies per year, estimated to be worth \$15 million to that state's breeders & brokers. The \$15 mil translates into a \$42 million dollar industry for the state EACH year. Public awareness of the industry is at an all time high thanks to several television specials about the realities of cash crop dogs. Many dog clubs are voicing their opinions & suggestions to the AKC, forming committees to act as well as writing to their local government representatives urging solutions to this redoubtable trade. Hats off to the networks that most graphically informed the general, pet buying public of this shame.

Did you know that in the July 1990 AKC Gazette Basenji Breed column, Ms. Damara Bolte wrote a most frank article detailing her decisions & breeding of her African imports? For those who have not read the article or have the Gazette, find it! This candid reporting of what is happening with the new American Basenji citizens is certainly most welcome & hope see more of those involved with the imports writing of their experiences. Documentation will be invaluable in the future when the imports' contribution to the breed will be more evident. Thank you, Ms. Bolte

Results of eight genetic scientists at Texas A&M University discussing recent advances in canine genetics were reported in the Journal of the AMVA.

(Vol 196, #9 May 1990) Current knowledge & the future of DNA fingerprinting as well as its application in identifying individual dogs as members of specific breeds was the topic. DNA fingerprinting uses an individual's DNA to determine relationships with other individuals. Breed specific legislation provided the motivation for the genetics workshop. The agreement was that individual breeds of dogs cannot be identified by use of DNA fingerprinting currently. Based on several independent works, one study showed that less similarity existed between two Am. Staffordshire terriers than between a Whippet and one of the Am. Staffs. The meeting concurred that technology in genetic research is promising and obtainable in the future.

Nominations for 1994 National Specialty Judges

Each voting member of the B.C.O.A. (as defined in the By-laws) can nominate one conformation judge and one sweepstakes judge for each B.C.O.A. Independent National Specialty. All judge nominations shall be mailed to the B.C.O.A. Vice-President before April 15, 1991, on the form below, or a reasonable facsimile thereof. More than one form may be included in an envelope, but each nomination must be signed, with the member's name and address printed clearly and legibly underneath the signature. Nominations postmarked after April 15 shall be ineligible.

Conformation Judge Qualifications:

- Judges nominated must meet the requirements set forth in the A.K.C. governing the awarding of A.K.C. championship points to the Basenji breed.
- Only judges shall be eligible who have not judged the conformation or sweepstakes at a B.C.O.A. independent National Specialty in the five (5) years prior to this one.
- The selected judge shall be requested not to judge Basenjis within three hundred (300) air miles of the specialty site during the six (6) months prior to the specialty. Failure to comply with this request shall disqualify that person from serving as a judge at the B.C.O.A. Independent National Specialty.
- The following people are not eligible to judge this specialty: Ann Rogers Clark, Robert Cole, Robert Stein, Forest Dye, Jeraldeen Crandall, Jane Williams, Susan Coe, Damara Bolte, Shirley Chambers and Carlos Jimenez.

Sweepstakes Judge Qualifications:

- The sweepstakes judge need not be an A.K.C. "approved" judge. Anyone in good standing with the A.K.C. may serve in this capacity.
- Only those persons are eligible who have not judged the conformation or sweepstakes classes at a B.C.O.A.



CLUB BUSINESS



Report on Board Action

BALLOT #1, 21 NOVEMBER, 1990 - APPROVED

New members circulated in accordance with the By-Laws: The following people have applied for membership in the BCOA & their names along with a request for comments have been published in the October issue of the Bulletin Board. No comments have been received by the Secretary. Your approval is requested to accept the applicants as members: Scott & Susan A. Suhr, OH; Valerie Meador, TX; Peggy A. Purvis, IN; Keith W. & Judith A. Skatrud, WY; Frances J. Foster, OR; Douglas Joy, CA; Diane Hill, OK; Charles F. & Molly Jo Larsen, WA; Mary A. Powell, NC; Carl & Susan Jensen, CA; Eva J. Brown, MS; Virginia Klecka, IL; Dan L. & Mary E. Bruns, OH; Harold L. & Corrinne N. Cullins, CA; Evelyn Woolery Van Erp, MO; John W. & Billie J. Edwards, CA; Lisa C. & Gregory P. McCoy, NY; Amy E. Scott, MT; Karey A. Begeman, AZ; Sue Gruber, OH; Linda C. Driver, WA.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Curby, Grundman, Jimenez, Jones, Russell, Williams, Work, Wuornos

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

In accordance with the By-Laws, if any member wishes, comments concerning applicants may be sent to the Secretary. Applicants are listed with their two Sponsors (*):

Lauren M. Baker, 210 Harrison Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601

*Patricia Edgerton & Karen Pashley.

Jeff & Theresa Gygi, 300 Byram Blvd. Martinsville, IN 46151

*Sandra Bridges & Ann Hacker

Richard Beech, 7009 Sable Ln. Sactise, TX 75048

*Kathie Brewer Perkowski & Scott Henderson

Independent National Specialty in the five (5) years prior to this one.

- Only those persons are eligible who do not live in the region of the specialty.
- The selected judge shall be requested not to judge a Basenji sweepstakes for the six (6) months prior to the specialty. Failure to comply with this request shall disqualify that person from serving as the sweepstakes judge at the B.C.O.A. Independent National Specialty.
- The following people are not eligible to judge sweepstakes at this specialty: Ann Rogers Clark, Robert Cole, Robert Stein, Forest Dye, Jeraldeen Crandall, Jane Williams, Susan Coe, Damara Bolte, Shirley Chambers and Carlos Jimenez.

Conformation: _____ Sweepstakes: _____

Member signature & Member name (print) and address

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Mail nominations to:

Michael Work, B.C.O.A. Vice-President 5350 Mowery Road Lima, Ohio

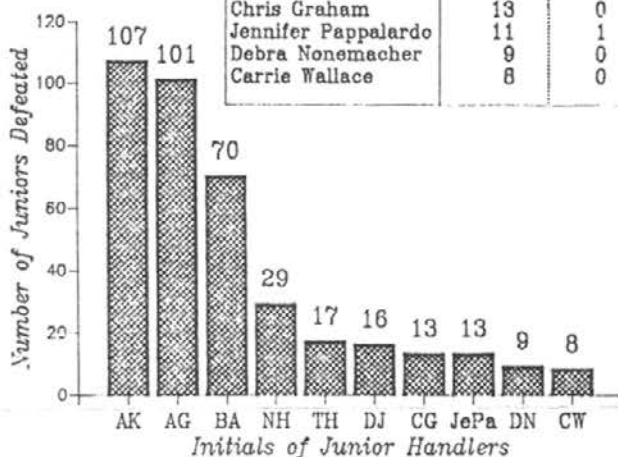
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Submitted by Connie Reid, 411 Webb's Chapel Rd. Denver, NC 28037

The following tally displays only the top ten this month in the graphic report. 27 juniors are currently being kept track of in the AKC Show awards. Please do feel free to call or write concerning differences in the tally. Calls left on the answering machine will be returned collect. Thanks & best of luck to all in 1991!

Junior Showmanship Tally
Shows from Jan 5, 1990 to Oct 6, 1990
Show Awards Mar - 90 through Dec - 90 Issues (Not Inclusive)

Names of Junior Handlers	Defeated	BJH Wins	Firsts
Amanda Keller	107	8	17
Anne-Marie Goulet	101	2	8
Beverly Jean Arrand	70	4	4
Nicole Higham	29	0	2
Teresa Hull	17	0	0
Damon Jones	16	0	1
Chris Graham	13	0	0
Jennifer Pappalardo	11	1	4
Debra Nonemacher	9	0	1
Carrie Wallace	8	0	0



COMPUTERS . . .GONE TO THE DOGS!

What would you say to the idea of vet consults, puppy referrals, breed information, health, training & show information nationwide - all done by your own home computer? Too futuristic you might say. Think again & enter the domain of Prodigy. What the business and hi-tech world has known for awhile the home user is now learning. Prodigy, the interactive communication network service is growing in popularity & scope. Marketed by Sears as well as software retailers, it is the modern version of the party phone line with innovative touches thrown in. Via your telephone, a PC user is linked to information, banking, shopping, air reservations, travel guides, horoscopes & numerous topics of interest to all. There's so much there you could spend weeks on line and never see it all. Everchanging & ALWAYS current are the bulletin boards, the electronic letters between Prodigy subscribers. Messages either posted for general viewing or posted to an individual's private mailbox are where folks do the talking & boy do they talk alot. There are over 400,000 subscribers nationwide with hundreds signing on daily.

It's in the Homelife section, within the Petline category & the Pet bulletin board that is interesting to Basenji PC owners. In Petline resides an online vet, articles of general interest, notices of health advances, concerns & many other topics that are continually rotated. The Pet Bulletin Board has dog (as well as other animal pet) related conversations going on all the time. Covering all aspects of the fancy, have read discussions on current legislation, folks seeking solutions to problems & any other dog related topic you could think of.

So what does this have to do with Basenjis? Well, they are listed in the information section with a fairly accurate description of their history as well as their characteristics. Basenjis appear on the Bulletin Board regularly, with folks wanting the same information they call or attend dogs shows for as well as basenji owners just wanting to talk to each other. Have directed several puppy inquiries to BCOA affiliated clubs, given information about the breed & showing, about BCOA as well as electronically meeting folks on line that share their homes with basenjis. Information between BCOA members is quickly managed & know of some on line that "talk" regularly, myself included. Classified type ads are not allowed but directing folks to club sources for information is part of what Prodigy, as well as breed clubs are all about.

So is there anyone out there on Prodigy? Jon Curby is on line, his Prodigy ID is HFHG16A, mine is NHJR85B. Feel free to give a ring in E-mail. And don't be suprised if your next inquiry heard about Basenjis on their computer first!



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