

BULLETIN BOARD

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FROM THE EDITOR'S TERMINAL...

Yes, know this is a bit late this month. Please forgive the editor, was happily in Pineville for the National Specialty during the normal time frame for the production of the Newsletter. Yes, it was a wonderful specialty. The weather was perfect, the sites used for the field & conformation events were outstanding, and of course seeing all of those wonderful Basenjis entered was a delight. Very special this year was the large number of entries in the Obedience ring, not to mention the supportive crowd at ringside cheering on the competition. And the field events, especially the Scent trial; thrilling to watch the grace & eager style our hounds command when hunting. A big round of applause goes to all that worked so hard to make the Specialty in the South such a great event. Hoping to hear from you soon. CTH

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

From the September 1991 AKC Gazette:

Erythrocyte Pyruvate Kinase (PK) deficiency was first described in Basenjis twenty years ago. It was thought to have been eliminated after successful screening programs years ago but Dr. Urs Giger at the University of Pennsylvania recently reported 4 affected Basenjis, the first documented cases in more than 10 years. PK enzyme deficiency in red blood cells (RBC'S) causes them to die prematurely. Dogs develop a chronic hemolytic disorder in which dead RBC's fragment as the body recycles RBC constituents. Besides anemia, high levels of the breakdown products bombard both liver & kidneys, overwhelming their ability to process & eliminate these waste products, resulting in such major organ damage that precludes imminent death. Early signs of PK deficiency begin at several months of age. Gums & skin appear pale; poor growth, mild intolerance to exercise & varying degrees of weakness & muscle wasting become obvious. Orange stool, rapid heart rate & subtle heart murmurs are consistently seen by one year of age. As the disorder closely resembles autoimmune hemolytic anemia, the more common disease in which the body produces antibodies that attack its own RBC's, inaccurate diagnosis may result in inappropriate & ineffective treatment. PK deficiency only causes symptoms in those affected that carry two genes for the defect. Thus carriers with one defective gene & one normal gene show no clinical signs & may go unidentified. Tests are available to diagnose affected & carrier dogs. Because PK deficiency is fatal, efforts are needed to prevent these genes from spreading into the Basenji gene pool. Fortunately, at this time, it appears the disease is not widespread. (*Journal of the AVMA, Vol 198, #10, May 15, 1991*) *

Dogs whose owners use lawn herbicide containing 2,4-D are up to twice as likely to develop lymphatic cancer. In a study published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* (Sept. 3, 1991), researchers report that the common plant killing chemical might pose a health hazard to humans as well. Even with just one herbicide application a season the cancer risk was 1/3 higher than among dogs whose owners did not use the chemical. 2,4-D is found just about all broadleaf weed/seed products, identified on labels as 2,4-D, 2,4-D acid or 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid. Homeowners buying liquid or granular formulas popular for lawn enhancement, as well as mixtures used by pro lawn companies, in agriculture, parklands & golf courses all pose the risk.

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B.C.O.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NATIONAL SPECIALTY DATES

1992 Indianapolis, Indiana	September 21, 22, 23 & 24
1993 St. Louis, Missouri	September 17, 18 & 19

CLUB BUSINESS

BALLOT # 24, 31 August, 1991 - APPROVED

Site Proposals for the National Specialties circulated at the request of the President: You are requested to approve a restriction concerning specialty days as of the 1995 Specialty: Only site proposals for National Specialties will be considered that utilize weekend dates.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Grundman, Jones, Jimenez, Wuornos

DISAPPROVE: Coe, Russell "Although weekends are ideal, there are times that we shouldn't be totally locked out of alternatives", Work

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Williams

BALLOT # 25, 31 August, 1991 - APPROVED

Appointment of Public Relations contact circulated at the request of the President: You are requested to approve the appointment of Patricia L. Bright, WI, to serve as contact person for public relations for the Basenji Club of America.

APPROVED: Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Grundman "AKC requested that we appoint a contact", Jones, Jimenez, Work, Wuornos

VOTE WITHHELD: Russell "What would the duties entail?"

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Williams

BALLOT # 26, 31 August, 1991 - APPROVED

Coordination of BCOA & AKC in Performance Evaluation Tests, circulated at the request of the President: You are asked to approve the President's submitting a request to the AKC that all Basenji Hands On Performance Evaluation Tests be coordinated through the BCOA Judges Education Coordinator, who will identify someone to arrange for participating dogs & will help find a breeder judge for the event.

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

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Williams

BALLOT # 27, 31 August 1991 - 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 May 1991 issue of the Bulletin Board. No comments have been received by the secretary. Your approval is requested to accept the applicants as members: Alice D. Prouty AZ, Carole L. Kirk KY, Donald & Kimberly Etherson NJ, Phoebe & Harry Copley MO, Jennifer L. Sealy & John T. Seitz OK.

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

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Williams

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 (*):

Marcia Al Kupp 73 W. Burns Ave. Akron OH 44310

*Beverly J. Dequinze & Jan Bruner

Stephen R. Berry & Tammy McSwain 7607 Mays Chapel Road
Knoxville TN 37938

*Karen Pate & Connie C. Reid

Suzanne Hefner 1632 Second Ave. NW, Hickory NC 28601

*Mark Meister & Connie C. Reid

Stephanie Schmidt 3330 NW 116 Ave., Blaverton OR 97006-5218

*Cathy L. Gesch & Jaqueline C. Jones

Susan Urbha 2628 N. Charles St., North St. Paul MN 55109

*Patricia L. Bright & Sally Wuornos

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*Peggie & Donald W. Murphie

L. Tobie Tauber 13331 Skyline Blvd., Oakland CA 94619

*Marilyn Leighton & Eleanor Kohn

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Green Cove Springs FL 32043

*Elaine Sykes & Ginee Carter

Michael A. & Kathryn J. Pine (Jr. Members: Amy & William)

6150 Longmont Way, Carmichael CA 95608

*Margaret A. Hoff & Kenneth Leighton

Glenn H. & Jackie Rolser 208 Mayodon Dr., Cary NC

*Shirley J. Jones & Frances J. Foster

Andrew E. Spero, Jr. & Jill E. Taylor 200 Beisner Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15227

*Patricia Edgerton & Jan Bruner

B.C.O.A. NATIONAL SPECIALTY 1991 . . . And The Winners Are

Best Of Breed: Ch. Sonbar's Celestial Wizzard
Owners: Sally Wuornos, Patricia Bright, Robert Fetter
Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Candu's Blaquefire
Owner: Shelly Williams
Best of Winners/Winners Dog: Candu's High Roller
Owners: Charles & Stacy Molloy
Winners Bitch: Music City Ramblin' Rose
Owners: Damara Bolte, Karen Jenkins, Jon & Lynda Marsh
Reserve Winners Dog: Abutu's Cosmo Topper
Owners: Christian Neihoff & Charles Mullins
Reserve Winners Bitch: Changa's Hot Damm Here I Am
Owners: Tracy Gramann & June Young
Veteran Dog: Ch. Arubmec's The Victor
Owner: Patricia Cembura
Veteran Bitch: Ch. Jato J'Mira
Owner: Chris Hartley & Joan Harper
Best in Sweepstakes: Bluecrest Dreamtime At Timar
Owner: Jean Martin
Sweepstake Best of Opposite: Abutu's Cosmo Topper
Owners: Christian Neihoff & Charles Mullins

Stud Dog: Ch. Hacker's Shadow of Woz
Owner: Ann Hacker
Brood Bitch: Ch. Reliant Crystal Singer
Owner: Evelyn H. Hirt
Brace: Ch. Okpara Ato Ngozi Ibo & Ulu Nwanyi Ato Ngoma Ibo
Owner: Daniel Lee Taylor Jr. & Sandy Beaudoin
Best Junior Handler: Amanda Keller
Obedience High In Trial: Kenset Georgia's On My Mind
Owner: Candance C. Griffin
Best in Field Lure Coursing: Leelyn Robin Hollow Starlet, FCh.
Owner: Fredrika Rhodes
Best in Field Scent Trial: Karah's Gae Legato TT, FCh.
Owner: Susan Campeau
Survival Instinct High In Trial: Huey D Toons of Yujen
Owner: Jill Latzke
All Around Hound Award: Kenset Vesta Tiy
Owners: Sue & Gary Weld

Congratulations to all!

For Your Information . . . Continued

Most manufacturers recommend that treated areas be avoided by pets & humans for at least several days but as recently as two years ago the label warnings from product to product varied, most were less cautious in the time of avoidance of treated areas. The herbicide works to kill weeds as the chemical is absorbed by plants & broken down by sunlight. Malignant lymphoma in dogs is similar

to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in humans. It strikes the lymphatic or immune system & can involve lymph nodes, spleen & some blood cells. This new study of lymphoma among dogs permitted to romp on treated lawns intensifies the concern among humans. The incidence of lymphoma in the U.S. has increased by 50% since 1973 in humans & the herbicide has proved to be a more serious risk factor for dogs than other commonly encountered chemicals. +

George Brewer, MD, of Michigan State University, is working on the study funded jointly by Morris Animal Foundation, the American Kennel Club & the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals that will set up a system to find probes which identify problem genes in dogs through a simple blood sample. Such screenings will not be possible for about two more years but it is reported that the initial results are promising. +



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