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Newsletter



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Club News

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Be neighborly—call or E-mail new folks in your area and say "Hi!"

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FOLKS ON THE MOVE/ CORRECTIONS

Don't forget to send address corrections. We publish them so that BCOA mailings and publications--and your friends--can find you...

- **Karen Ehnat**—new address is 11206 Eavanston Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98133
- **Cynthia A. Horan**, SANZA BASENJIS—new address is 1642 Bratle Branch Way, Woodbine, MD 21797-7845

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MEMBER NEWS

Please keep us posted about members' marriages, illnesses, deaths and other "card-worthy" events. We'll print them, and Sunshine Chair Linda Pence will send a card from BCOA. Call all information to Sunshine Chair Linda Pence, at (317) 896-5849 (or write to her at 572 Sycamore, Westfield, IN 46074).

We were so sorry to hear of:

- The death of Andie Paysinger's "Sunnie"--so tough to lose them.
- The death of Terry Koski's father on 10/31. Our very best wishes go out to Terry and her family.
- The recent hospitalization and surgery of Jean Phillips of Bojak Basenjis. Our kindest thoughts and best wishes go out to you.

BALLOTS

BALLOT 96-32 APPROVED

1997 NATIONAL SPECIALTY DATE CHANGE
(Postmarked September 12, 1996; effective September 30, 1996)

Circulated at the request of the President. You are requested to approve the addition of July 9, 1997, to the dates for the 1997 BCOA National Specialty. With this addition, the number of days for the Specialty (July 9-13; five days) will be in line with the recommendations currently being proposed for the Guidelines for National Specialties.

Approved: Bolté, Coe, Craven, Gavaletz, Graves, Grundman, Schreiber, Williams, Wuornos. **No record of vote:** Curby.

BALLOT 96-33 APPROVED

1997 OBEDIENCE AND JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES
(Postmarked September 16, 1996; effective October 4, 1996)

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Guidelines. You are requested to approve the selection of Rex Wolfe (CO) as Obedience Judge and Cindy Scott (CO) as Junior Showmanship Judge for the 1997 National Specialty to be held in Denver, CO.

Approved: Bolt, Coe, Craven, Gavaletz ["*Could we have a brief bio on these judges in the Bulletin Board?*"], Graves, Grundman, Williams, Wuornos. **No record of vote:** Curby, Schreiber.

BALLOT 96-34 Approved

1999 SPECIALTY TREASURER
(Postmarked October 2, 1996; effective October 20, 1996)

Circulated in accordance with BCOA National Specialty Guidelines. You are requested to approve Mary DeWhitt (AZ) as Treasurer for the 1999 National Specialty, to be held in Mesa, Arizona.

Approved: Bolte', Coe, Craven, Gavaletz, Graves, Grundman, Williams, Wuornos

No record of vote: Curby, Schreiber

ELECTION BALLOTING RESULTS

As inspector of Ballots, I received 439 ballots for the Basenji Club of America, Inc. 1997 election of officers and board of directors. Five of these ballots were invalid. From the 434 valid ballots, I tallied the following results:

PRESIDENT: Margaret Greenlee, FL, 392 votes; Abstention, 42 votes

VICE PRESIDENT: Terri Gavaletz, CA, 368 votes; Michael Work (write-in), 1 vote; Abstention, 65 votes.

SECRETARY: Anne L. Graves, TX, 399 votes; Abstention, 35 votes

TREASURER: Margaret Grundman, FL, 274 votes; Glenda Galdeen, MI, 138 votes; Abstention, 22 votes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Damara Bolte, VA, 332 votes; L. Janes Williams, GA, 303 votes; Iris Craven, MD, 275 votes; Karla Schreiber, OK (sic), 275 votes; Sandy Beaudoin, OK, 267 votes; Melody Russell, WA, 256 votes; Susan Coe, PA, 255 votes; Sally Wuornos, MN, 254 votes; Jon Curby, MO 241 votes; Carol Webb, CA, 216 votes.

Sincerely, Elizabeth P. Miller, CPA ~



The explorer

Photo from Pat Fragassi, Pleasanton, CA

PUPPIES

—by Sally Wallis, Zande Basenjis, England

Sally Wallis and her husband, Marvin, have been successfully breeding Basenjis in the U.K. since Marvin relocated from America to England following his marriage to Sally. Marvin, who judges at Championship level in U.K. and Europe, is celebrating his fortieth year in the Breed and was President of our B.C.O.A. in 1962.

Sally and Marvin have bred and shown their Zande Basenjis to top honors in Great Britain & Europe. Their first UK litters produced Dog World Top Stud Dog '89 and '90 & Top Brood Bitch '89. Their names appear on four Breed Club Trophies as breeders of BIS & two for RBIS, against several Breed Club Annual *Top* Trophies and the B.O.B.A. Ch. Show Progeny Trophy 1987, '88, '89, '90 & '92. They have Eng., DT (VDH) & Int., champions and many CC winners to their credit and a team of Zandes took Challenge Certificates & RCCs in 1996.

They currently share their home with seven Basenjis aged from two years to an honorable fourteen.

We are pleased to welcome Sally Wallis to the pages of the B.C.O.A. Newsletter.

I love having puppies, despite the work, despite the worry and despite the expense.

A litter doesn't start with the pitter patter of tiny feet and small but sharp teeth tearing out the toes of your stockings as you do the puppy shuffle across the floor. No - it starts, sometimes years earlier, with the decision on which stud dog to use.

Mentally picture your ideal Basenji, take a look at future Mum and figure out what you need to take your line onwards and upwards to that goal. Some calculated risks are permitted, especially if your long term plans allow you to plait back into your own lines to fix type. You can breed out for - say - extra height, knowing that you will keep your excellent fronts and tight feet, but with the possibility of losing the quality of your coats.

Personally we eschew fashionable studs in the interests of breeding something which pleases us and we are ever mindful of the original functions of a Basenji in the wild.

Having come to a decision, take a look at the parents, siblings, progeny of the siblings, aunts, uncles and forebears of your chosen boy. And above all, ask questions of his breeder, his owner and anyone who has used him. Be as sure as you possibly can be that there are no hidden scourges - and be entirely open and honest with the owner of the stud about the health or otherwise of your own line.

Finally, agree terms in writing with the stud dog's owner. Our own boys get cash at time of mating and in the event of there being no puppies, a repeat mating at the next season between the same pair. If the mating is to be for *pick of litter* - spell out whose pick - yours or the stud owners?

It is customary in my country to take the bitch to the stud. Number of matings is optional. Some breeders feel that a second mating about 48 hours later is "insurance" and others feel this leads to uneven litters. Above all, once the mating has taken place and the bitch has dried up, don't start prodding her about. It is too late now to do anything about it if she isn't in whelp and if she is, that too will become obvious in due course. Basenjis carry very high as a rule and sometimes it is difficult to be sure until the 6th week or even later.

What you CAN do at this time, apart from ensuring the mother-to-be gets gentle and regular exercise, is whisper instructions in her ear. "One r/w boy, 2 r/w bitches, 2 tri bitches and whatever else you like".... She won't take a blind bit of notice - Basenjis are notorious for producing the wrong colour/gender combinations - but it'll help pass the time. No need



Photo by Don Foglase, Tewksbury, MA

Line 'em up!

to feed her up until the litter is born - if she puts on too much weight she could have a difficult delivery.

You should be making sure, if you have not already done so, that you know exactly where each puppy is going and that the homes are suitable. Keep in touch with your new owners. And prepare her whelping box - making sure it is accessible to you but will ultimately provide privacy for the new mother and her babes. Time soon passes.

If this is her first litter, you will not have much to guide you about the length of her pregnancy nor the best day to breed her. It is a good idea always to keep copious notes on each bitch - seasons, visual observation, day bred, and ultimately number of days between mating and whelping.

The day will come when she starts to get restless and shows a tendency to tear things. Have a large amount of newspaper at the ready - torn in narrow strips, not cut. The Financial Times is perfect. It is less absorbent but better quality and the ink doesn't come off on tiny pads.

This is the point where I bow out. Our bitches know that in Marvin they have a gentle, efficient and utterly reliable midwife, with experience (he should have after 40 years of this sort of thing) to see them through safely. He always delivers the first puppy and calls out markings and details - Shani has had ten puppies and all but three have been breech births - which I record. While the second puppy is emerging, I weigh the first and so on. Careful note is taken about the sightings (or otherwise) of the placenta. Speed of each pup around to the milk bar is also noted. Depending on the length of time between puppies and a need for us to sleep, the bitches will accept a substitute midwife after the first one or two.

Being Basenjis, they do not always chose the most appropriate times to give birth. Middle of the night - 2 in the morning.... Marvin likes to have forceps and surgical clamps as well as scissors at the ready. The ferocious way a Basenji mother can put paws into the tum, grab the cord in her teeth and wrench, can appear a tad brutal. If possible, we try to clamp and cut it. This is why accessibility of the whelping box is essential. Mums tend to curl up in the corner and make sure you can't see what is happening, let alone get a helping hand near them.

By morning, bleary eyed and lacking sleep, you can clear up the mess and collapse somewhere, thrilled to bits and oh so proud of your squirming little creatures. If you are lucky, the nightly screaming will cease quite soon. Some litters are very quiet - which I find even more disturbing. What is she DOING to them?

We leave our puppies on torn up editions of the Financial Times until they can take their own weight. It is a personal preference, but the puppies can maintain their natural swimming motion easily and are not forced to stand up on a deep piled piece of bedding until their legs are strong enough to support them properly. As soon as they are 'up' they have proper bedding.



Photo by Betsy Polglase, Tewksbury, MA

Future "chairman of the board"

Socializing puppies starts at once. Making sure the mother can see her babe at all times, we pick them up from the very first day and cuddle them. I hold them against the pulse in my neck so they can sense, if neither see nor hear, outside contact. There is a right and a wrong way to pick up puppies and even adult dogs. Bums must be very firmly supported and front legs held close to the body and facing forwards. At NO age does one pick up a dog by one arm or even under both with the thumbs on the chest as with human babies. When the time comes, it is very important to teach everyone who comes into contact with the puppies how to handle them.

For the first couple of weeks, they seem to just lie there when they are not feeding. Mother will stay pretty close to the bed-box and at first may be a little concerned each time you pick one up. So long as she sees you do it and can keep her eye on it, all will be well.

Come the day when they take their first hesitant steps - invariable backwards - we put our puppies onto Vet-bed. Throughout their puppyhood it is vital that they be handled. Everyone who comes to the house gets to cuddle a puppy. Doors are slammed, pans dropped, radio or TV left on - so they are totally used to noises, sudden bangs and people.

Mum by now is probably on 3 or even four meals a day - it is better to keep her strength up than let her become ravenous for her next meal. And at about three weeks you can start the kids off on supplementary feeds and solids. We use their normal kibble, ground to a powder at first and then increasingly coarse until it is fed to them in its normal state. First meal is usually taken 'ensemble' - all the piglets at the same trough. Push a tiny nose into the very sloppy powdered milk with ground kibble and warm water and see what happens. They get the message delightfully quickly and very messily. It is sensible to feed them sometimes all together and sometimes in individual bowls. Of course, when you are worming them, you must make sure they have their own bowls and stick with them.

It is now that they have a woolen collar, crocheted or plaited and with a tail hanging loose. They pull each other around by the tails and become accustomed to something around their necks. At about 5 - 6 weeks we put a light leather collar on last thing at night. By the time they wake up in the morning they are used to wearing a collar.

Socialising should be continued - this has to be a nonstop process even as other training is introduced. Stand them on a table and take photos of them 'stacking' themselves in front of a hand-held bowl of something nice. Let them play out in the garden, rustle leaves, chew,

explore. Have their owners visit if at all possible and if not, send them photographs at every new stage of development. Make them feel involved and that it is THEIR puppy.

Feed them sometimes in a crate, sometimes not. Let them learn that a crate is not a bad thing - put toys and favourites bones in and leave one up near them. As soon as they are used to it, take them in the car in it - perhaps with an aunt or Mum. Just a couple of miles at first, and if two people go, one can keep talking and reassuring the travellers.

Lead training is best done one at a time. We start with the puppy destined to leave us first. Going away from the house is always the worst, so we start by carrying them to the top of the driveway and letting them pull us back. Later we stand and watch the cars, lorries, tractors (this is a farming community) and even horses go by. At first they can watch the world go by from the safety of a cuddle, but later they can stand on the ground and be encouraged with words and caresses.

Nails should be regularly cut. First of all with scissors but as time goes on, the puppies can be accustomed to the sensation of a file or proper clippers. And of course - toilet training..... This is nowhere near as daunting a task with Basenjis as it can be with other breeds. They are naturally clean. Newspaper in a designated area or tray and as soon as they wake up, pop them in it - if the weather is clement, get them out in the garden before eyes are properly opened. Trying to get six puppies onto the paper with two hands when they all wake at once - oh well. You'll be surprised how fast they learn. Praise, praise and encouragement at all times is the key. They will regress when they get to their new homes but the seed is sown and very often within a week they are well on the way to being clean again.

A piece of bedding put down with the babes and the adults - by the time they leave us all they are all sleeping in one pile on the floor at night - goes with each puppy. This smells nicely of the rest of the family and helps settle the puppy to a new home. Some new owners find it helpful if the breeder has purchased a crate and already accustomed their particular baby to it.

New owners are helped by the provision of detailed health, worming, dietary notes. Instructions on what to do in the case of a tummy upset brought about by the journey, food for a few days so any change can be effected gradually and the knowledge that the breeder is always available to offer advice and guidance. A lesson in nail-clipping before they depart with the new addition to their family is a good idea too. They should be aware of the need for the second inoculation, the date it should be administered and the particular product used for the first one.

Even if it is only a card at Christmas, preferably with a few photographs, new owners should be encouraged to keep in touch with their breeders. Sending the puppy away is painful enough but the knowledge that your kids will remember you and greet you with yodels and shrieks of delight when you meet again, helps. ~



Photo by Karen Hutchison, Lancaster, PA

Position is everything...

Tallies

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Basenji Junior Showmanship Top Ten based on AKC Show Awards through October, 1996, covering shows January 5, 1996 through July 31, 1996. Prepared by Lisa Marshall, 10611 S. Farmdale Dr., Oak Creek, WI 53154.

- Amy Marshall, 176 points, 3 Best Junior, 8-1st, 6-2nd, 3-3rd, 3-4th
- Stacy Snyder, 135 points, 4 Best Junior, 5-1st, 5-2nd, 1-3rd, 1-4th
- Kathy Caton, 125 points, 3 Best Junior, 4-1st, 6-2nd, 3-3rd, 4-4th
- Ann Curby, 122 points, 6-Best Junior, 6-1st, 1-2nd, 1-3rd, 4-4th
- Kellie Iranon, 62 points, 3-1st, 1-3rd, 3-4th
- Brian Blanchard, 38 points, 2-Best Junior, 3-1st, 1-2nd
- Allison Ryskalczyk, 30 points, 1-2nd, 2-3rd, 1-4th
- Michelle Sweeney, 25 points, 2-3rd, 1-4th
- Douglas Montgomery, 23 points, 1-1st
- Shea Gephart, 21 points, 1-2nd, 3-4th

NOSE TO THE GROUND

Got an idea that works well for you and your Basenjis? Have you got a story about your little rascal? Can you shed light on some problem? Know neat places to get things? Share it with the rest of us. Call or fax Betsy Polglase at (508) 458-8108 or write to 341 N. Billerica Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876; E-mail: <BetsyPolglase@worldnet.att.net>

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- **Everything in Dog Books and other things too**, 1-800-487-9867 or Internet: <<http://adognet.com/4M/welcome.html>> has Basenji playing cards by K. Jones—a double deck set in a plastic box—order #BSJPC for \$14.98

HELP IN PLANNING SHOWS AND SPECIALTIES

BCOA Secretary, Anne Graves, has two useful notebooks from AKC: one is a report from various breeds' Nationals about the motels and other sites and how cooperative/pleasant/helpful, etc. those places have been in their experience.

The second is a huge manual for planning dog shows and obedience trials, including AKC rules and regulations as of July 1996.

The manual can be borrowed, and Anne will send the information on motels and sites to whoever requests it. Contact Anne Graves at 5102 Darnell, Houston, TX 77096, telephone (713) 667-1226, E-Mail: <71674.1374@compuserve.com>

INPUT REQUESTED ON OBEDIENCE JUMPS

Secretary, Anne Graves, reports that the AKC has requested input from Basenji owners who do obedience work on whether Basenjis should have jump heights lowered, as some breeds have requested. Send opinions to William H. Blair, Sec'y, AKC Parent Clubs Committee, 400 E. 59th St., Suite 2A, New York, NY 10022-2358.



Photo sent by Fran Wiener, Brooklyn, NY

Gearing up for the "arctic express"

MERRY CHRISTMESS

—Printed with kind permission from author Georgia Henry

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The 'senjis had caught it earlier that day, and the poor little thing hadn't lived through the fray.

And I in my long johns and ma in her flannels were laying in bed, flipping the channels.

When down in the den there arose such a clatter, we sprang from our bed to see what was the matter.

We tore down the stairs, stubbed our toes, said a curse. Did we have a burgler, a prowler, or worse?

When what to our wondering eyes should appear, but the biggest damn mess we'd seen all year.

The tree was tipped over, its ornaments smashed. The lovely angel topper had its wings slashed.

The presents were shredded, not a stocking still hung, and the lights on the mantle were very unstrung.

When out of the chaos the 'senjis appeared with tinsel in tail curls and wearing Santa's beard.

Their baroos, how they echoed, their tails, how they spun. Not one sign of remorse for what they had done.

Then we shouted and hollered and called them some names, "You vandals! Assassins! You'll drive us insane!"

"Now get to your kennels while we clean up this mess." ("How'd they get out? Didn't latch them, I guess")

"Oh, look at their faces, the poor little dears. It's not all their fault if we're thick 'tween the cars."

"We know better than leaving this stuff in full sight, and we ought to check latches to make sure they're tight."

So we gave the poor 'senjis a hug and a kiss. And they sat there and watched as we cleaned up the mess.

Then we tucked the dear 'senjis in our bed, warm and tight and as we settled back in, said, "Merry Christmas to all,

and to all a good night." ☺

Rescue

RESCUE-LISTING POLICY

WHO CAN LIST — Basenjis listed with, or turned over to, rescue contacts or organizations by owners having no other place to turn; by shelters; by animal control officers or by humane societies.

LISTING INFORMATION — Send name/s of Basenjis, vital statistics, good/bad traits, whether crate-trained, medical information, type of home desired and (optional) snapshot to: *The Bulletin Board*, 341 N. Billerica Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 (call/FAX Betsy Polglase: (508) 458-8108; E-mail: BetsyPolglase@worldnet.att.net). The dog will be listed until it is adopted, or for three issues of the *Bulletin Board Newsletter*—whichever comes first.

"HAPPY ENDINGS" — *Let us know of your "happy endings!"*— these encourage others to adopt.

DISCLAIMER — Contacts in rescue listings are either BCOA members in good standing or friends or relatives of BCOA members in good standing; however, under no circumstances does the *Basenji Club of America* guarantee the Basenjis listed or the services provided by these rescue contacts.

LET'S CONTINUE TO SOLVE THE RESCUE PROBLEM BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT DOES IT FOR US IN A WAY THAT NONE OF US WILL LIKE.

NEW RESCUE CONTACTS

(Contacts not listed in the yearly *Roster*)

- **ALASKA**, Sally R. Grundman (Peg's daughter), P. O. Box 1407, Seward, AK 99664, (907) 224-5480.
- **ARKANSAS, MISSOURI**, Caryn Jones, Rte 2, Box 122, Koshkonong, MO 65692, (417) 264-3287.
- **COLORADO**, Judith Holiday, BCOA Rescue Chairman can be reached at FAX # (303) 795-2932. Her correct E-Mail is: <70650.2101@Compuserve.com>
- **LOUISIANA**, Janine Peters, 566 Richardson Loop, Dry Prong, LA 71423, (318) 899-5731, E-mail: <NenePeters@aol.com>
- **MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA**
Sally Wuornos, SONBAK BASENJIS, 32051 Virgo St. NE, North Branch, MN 55056, (612) 689-4247

YEA! We have rescue contacts in 43 of the 50 U.S. states plus two Canadian contacts. **Only six states need coverage:** Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, West Virginia, Idaho, New Mexico and Montana.

BASENJIS NEEDING HOMES

Keep sending notices of rescue dogs—it works! Photographs are a bonus and will be returned. ** means highest priority.

- **Sam**—tricolor n/male approximately 2 years old. All shots, heartworm negative. Climbs chain link fences but will come back when he sees another Basenji. Great house dog, housebroken and doesn't seem to tear up things. Crate trained. A really pretty Basenji with a sweet temperament, but must have a WOODEN fence or an apartment. Seems to understand "get the bunny" and runs like the wind. Call *Betty Taylor, Dallas, Texas—Dallas, Ft. Worth Basenji Club*, (214) 398-4901 or *Freda Bechtel* (972) 234-3459. 10/96-2
- **Winston**—Red/white male approximately 6 years old. Needs to be only dog in household and must have "take charge" people. Great house dog and very sweet once he learns who is the boss. (He was

bluffing the first owners.) Call *Betty Taylor, Dallas, Texas—Dallas, Ft. Worth Basenji Club*, (214) 398-4901 10/96-2

- **Buster**—Red/white male about 4 years. Very agreeable to other dogs (moved right in with my household pack and made himself a place). He walked into a hospital emergency room following a storm and got himself some help! Excellent house dog; hates crates. Has some separation anxiety but is O.K. after a few days, so prospective parent needs to be home with him for a while. Call *Betty Taylor, Dallas, Texas—Dallas, Ft. Worth Basenji Club*, (214) 398-4901. 10/96-2
- **Louie**—red/white 10-month old n/male. Housebroken, crate trained. He has had some obedience training. He is good with children and other dogs. He is too energetic for his "Mom," who has a heart condition. His owners will keep him until a new home is available. Call *Barbara Narehood, Mt. Laurel, NJ—Deleware Valley Basenji Club*, (609) 234-2422 or e-mail <narehood@waterw.com> 10/96-2
- **Teala**—red/white spayed female age 6. Crate trained, housebroken. Up to date on shots. Very, very sweet, unassuming dog—bordering on shy, but not at all defensive. Was taken by someone in newspaper ad, "Free to good home." Good with children, has lived with cats, had lived with a German Shepherd. She is in foster care at the moment trying to put a bit of weight back on her. Call *Betsy Polglase, Tewksbury, MA—Bay State Basenji Club Rescue Committee*, (508) 458-8108 or E-mail <BetsyPolglase@worldnet.att.net> 10/96-2
- **Kumba**—Red/white n/male, 1 year old. All shots up to date, heartworm negative. Raised with a cat and 3 small children. Given away "because he bites." Actually he doesn't appear to bite. He is a very sweet little boy who just has lots of Basenji energy and is playful, affectionate and loves to be petted. Full blaze on his face. Contact *Meridith Carr, Tampa, FL* (813) 985-3910 or E-mail <DRTK70A@Prodigy.COM> 10/96-2
- **Sparky**—r/w unaltered male born 12/94. The following letter was received by the Editor: "We are trying to find a good, happy home for Sparky. Sparky is very playful. He is a very outgoing dog. He is a little too much for us, too aggressive toward our other dogs. We have small children, and Sparky needs a home without small children, for if he is resting or asleep he is a danger to them if they happened to wake him. "We also have a 10-month old red and white female—very nice dog, but good home only." *Michael Woodward, 734 Woodward Rd., Mocksville, NC 27028.* 11/96-1
- **(NO NAME)**—Red/white 5-year old female was rescued by the Show-Me Basenji Club from a bad situation in Nebraska. She is not aggressive, but has not been well socialized, and will take some effort to help her blossom. She has had a tough life, and needs some love. If you have a home, or perhaps a Basenji boy who needs a companion (she was raised with other Basenjis), please call *Show-Me Rescue Chair, Linda Ehlers* (816) 747-8552. 11/96-1
- **Maggie**—r/w spayed female, age 3. Housebroken, friendly. Owner cannot keep due to divorce. She is in the Northern Virginia area, near Washington, D.C. Call *Lisa Correll-Auerbach, Powhatan, VA*, (804) 598-7929 or E-mail <XCGF94A@prodigy.com> 11/96-1

FOLKS WANTING BASENJIS

Be sure to call these folks as they do not receive the Newsletter. Also—Let us know if they adopt so we can remove them from the list.

- **Mary Regan**, 1320 Wyncrest Dr., St. Louis, MO 63011, (314) 207-7201. Mary has two cats and raised Basenjis (Bijou). She is looking for an older spayed female for a companion—preferably a b/w or a tri, but will take any. She is self-employed, she camps and she travels—hopefully, all with the Basenji she hopes to adopt. She has a 4-ft fenced yard and is single with grandchildren that visit. 11/96-1

(USE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ONE FROM THE
TREASURER BY DECEMBER 10, 1996

(Remember that if you paid dues after September 30, 1996, you have already paid for the year 1997!)

1997 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Dues are payable on or before JANUARY 1, 1997. Please enter all the requested information and mail this form with your check or money order (in U.S. FUNDS), payable to BCOA, to the Treasurer whose name and address appear below. Your membership will lapse if not received, or postmarked by FEBRUARY 1, 1997. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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All advertising copy and fees must be submitted TOGETHER, to be received by the Treasurer no later than February 1, 1997.

Please send all dues and roster advertising to:

Margaret (Peg) Grundman, Treasurer

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The Hi-Country Basenji Club is hard at work on the 1997 BCOA National Specialty, July 10-13, 1997, Denver, CO. It will be held at the Holiday Inn at the Denver International Airport.

For more information, contact: Pat Bird, 10662 Brewer Dr., Northglenn, CO 80234, (303) 452-4380 or visit their web page:

<<http://spot.colorado.edu/~snyder/HiCountryBC.html>>

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HAPPY ENDINGS

- ☺ **Kumba**, a 1-year old red/white neutered male. This sweet and loving little boy had found a home with a woman and her husband in Florida. They have a large, fenced yard and a pot bellied pig. *Sent in by Meredith Carr, Tampa Florida.*
- ☺ **Sophie**, 8-month old spayed tricolor female. Lovable and extremely comical. Beautiful and enjoys the company of other Basenjis. Gets on well with children. Is active and NEEDS LOTS OF SUPERVISION (she's a smart and energetic puppy). She was adopted by her foster "Mom" who has an 8-year-old Basenji male. *Betsy Polglase, Bay State Basenji Club Rescue Committee.*
- ☺ **Rocky**—red/white 2-yr old n/male. Unclaimed stray from the Ocean Co. Shelter. He is housebroken, good tempered and excellent with children. He is working on crate training and walking on a leash. Very energetic, good with other dogs and respects 4' chain link fence. He is being adopted by a Massachusetts family who lost a Basenji last year. *Barbara Narehood, Mt. Laurel, NJ—Deleware Valley Basenji Club*
- ☺ **Rocky** (another one!)—19-month-old, tricolor n/male. Given up because a baby in his family had serious dog allergies. Good with children; loves people. Knows sit, no, stay, jump and he plays fetch. (Would like to chase cars if you'd let him.) Rocky was adopted by a woman in Pennsylvania who had recently lost a dog. *Karen Hutchison, Lancaster, PA*
- ☺ **Linus**—red/white 10-month old n/male. Housebroken, crate trained, very affectionate, and good with children and some dogs. Is O.K. in the yard with a 4' chain link fence. Linus will be going to his new home on December 6. His new owner will be a 13-year-old girl with supportive parents. *Barbara Narehood, Mt. Laurel, NJ—Deleware Valley Basenji Club*



Photo sent by Pat Fragassi, Pleasanton, CA

Looks good, Dad—can I have some?

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Happy Holidays!
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