

## **Basenji Club of America – Judges Education Committee**

### **APPLICATION FOR JUDGE MENTORS**

The Mentor Program is open to any Member of the Basenji Club of America who is in good standing with BCOA and the American Kennel Club.

The minimum qualifications to become a mentor are either:

- Meet the qualifications to apply for AKC judging approval in a primary breed. This requirement is 12/5/4 which translates to 12 years in the breed, 5 litters bred and raised, 4 champions produced from those litters; or
- Individuals who are approved by the AKC to judge the Basenji and have been Members of the Basenji Club of America for 6 years.

If you meet these qualifications and are willing to follow the protocols outlined in the application, you will be welcomed into the program.

Mentors will be listed on the BCOA Website. The list of mentors will be given to the American Kennel Club, and also included in Judges Education material.

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### **PROTOCOLS**

In mentoring prospective judges of the Basenji, I will use the Standard, which was approved on May 8, 1990, as the basis for my comments. I will preface any comments regarding likes or dislikes not specifically addressed in the Standard with a disclaimer such as, “in my opinion...” or “in my experience...”

As a Mentor of the Basenji Club of America, I am willing to work with other BCOA Members in order to present professional seminars. I will work to assist current or prospective judges in understanding our breed type as described in the Standard. Under no circumstances will I promote my own breeding program or make disparaging remarks about the breeding program or character of another BCOA Member.

If asked to present a seminar, I will refer that invitation to the Chairman of Judges Education. The Chairman will assign a Mentor or Mentors to make the presentation, using the material approved by the Board of the Basenji Club of America. In all likelihood, the Chairman will assign the person who receives the invitation to make the presentation. The Basenji Club that is geographically near the site of the Seminar will be notified of the Seminar. Members of that Club will be asked to assist in the Seminar by bringing dogs or in other appropriate ways. If allowed by the sponsoring organization, they will be invited to attend the Seminar.

The material used in all Seminars and Ringside Mentoring opportunities will be approved by the Basenji Club of America’s Board of Directors. I will assist with Seminars and Ringside mentoring when in attendance. According to AKC regulations, ‘Mentors will be permitted to participate on days they are exhibiting up to the class in which they have an entry. They will not be allowed to participate thereafter except at National or Regional Specialties where formal ringside mentoring is organized.’

I recognize that my role as a Mentor is an important one as new judges seek to learn the essence of our breed through observation and discussion. Compliance with the protocol outlined above and cooperation within the Group is essential to the success of the program. Failure to comply will necessarily result in removal from the Group.

I accept these protocols and will abide by this agreement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year you obtained your first Basenji: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of 4 Champions, and registration numbers, from your breeding:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Special skills I am willing to contribute: (i.e. high tech, presenter, artist) or possible projects I would like to undertake on behalf of Judges Education:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed application to:  
Marianne Klinkowski, Chairman of Judges Education  
10010 Phar Lap Drive  
Cupertino, CA 95014-1112

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year you joined the BCOA: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Judges Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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