Lukuru Lema
Evaluations

AKC Approved Basenji Judge — Dr. Ronald I. Spitzer on December 18, 2009

Nice head and good ears and bite and wrinkles. Tail is sickle and not curled. She is shorter of leg and heavy. Top line is good.
I would like more vibrant color and more height.
All in all can be used for breeding.

Rating 3 Good

AKC Approved Basenji-Breeder Judge — Joseph R. Tomey on December 19, 2009

Lema is one of the best African basenjis that I have seen. She is more aloof with strangers but alert with her surroundings.
She has the most beautiful head I have seen. Her ears are very well set and small. Her eyes are the darkest and well set.
She is a little on the small side but is square. Her front and rear movement is effortless.
I would like to see a little longer neck. Tail set is good. I would like to see a little more curl.

Rating 5 Excellent

Long-Time Breeder — Jan Bruner on November 4, 2009

Head – muzzle a little shorter than skull, skull could be flatter with better defined occiput – beautiful wrinkle pattern and cushions. Nice dark, almond shaped eyes with excellent pigmentation. Excellent small ears, I prefer a slightly higher ear set – overall very pleasing head.

Neck and Body – nice flow of neck into well-laid back shoulders, upper arms a little short, but not overly so. Excellent rib spring, depth of chest and front fill. A little longer (15½”) than tall (14½”) but does not make her look unbalanced. She is the typical big dog in a small body – she has strength, good musculature, poise and alertness. Her rear angles are moderate and correct with a nice sweep of stifle. She has small cat feet with good pads, toes are a little more spread than I prefer. She has the proper loose skin throughout her body, correct markings except tail is sickle, set is decent, could be a tad higher – it has the correct white tip. On her left front foot one toe is red.

Movement – Lema’s side gait is classic – free and balanced with good front reach and rear drive. She was pleasing with her front movement coming at me – I noted no crossing over. Rear movement going away was good but seemed to be a little hock-y (hocks tending to turn out.)
Overall she had more bone than I’m used to seeing as a show breeder, but the amount of bone is consistent with what was seen on the original Blean and Veronica Tudor-Williams foundation stock. Her bones (leg) tend to be more round, and I personally prefer a more bladed bone, but this is just an observation, not a judgment against Lema.

The only fault of any seriousness I noted is a wry bite, but considering the overall quality of Lema, I would hope this could be worked away from in breeding. I feel Lema has a lot to offer the breed in terms of her quality and temperament. She was completely calm and people-oriented with me – she permitted me to handle her however I needed. She’s inquisitive and affectionate. “An asset to our breed!”

Rating 4 Very Good
Form for
Native Stock Evaluator

Evaluator: Long Time Basenji Breeder

Dogs name: Lukuru Lema

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Overall Evaluation (circle one):

Excellent (5) Very Good (4) Good (3) Fair (2) Poor (1) Unacceptable (0)

Name: Dr. Ronald St. Clair Duerr Date: 12-18-09

Signature: 

Applicant collects all forms and mails to: Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St, North Attleboro, MA 02760. Completed Evaluator Form is due on December 31, 2009.
Evaluator: AKC Approved Basenji-Breeder Judge

Dogs name: Ukuru Lema

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Name: John Bruner Date 11/4/09

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