NATIVE STOCK PROJECT

Basenji Foundation Stock Applicants

The dogs presented alphabetically below have been through two of the steps required to become Registered Basenji Foundation Stock.

All required information has been provided and each dog has had three hands-on evaluations: Approved Judge, Breeder-Judge and Long-Time Breeder. The Evaluators have judged them as typical of basenjis and have given them ratings of Fair or higher. The entire applications and evaluations with comments can be seen at www.basenji.org.

Each dog has been individually considered by the BCOA Board of Directors based on their applications and evaluations. Each of these dogs has received a majority Approved vote by the Board.

The next step will be a general membership vote with each applicant grouped by area of import --Avongara 2009 and Lukuru 2009-- for ease of voting. The general membership vote will be on the groups. Ballots will be mailed out by April 1, 2009 and must be returned post-marked on or before April 22, 2009.

All individuals in each group getting a two-thirds vote of “Approve” by the voting membership will be submitted to the AKC to be registered as Foundation Stock.

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American Kennel Club Opens Basenji Stud Book

New York, NY - AKC announced today that, at the request of the Basenji Club of America (BCOA), it will open the basenji stud book to dogs from countries with no AKC accepted registry. The BCOA has initiated this program in order to offer an opportunity to import dogs from their native land.

“Due to the changing circumstances in the areas where these dogs thrive, this may be the last opportunity to import the breed from its homeland,” said BCOA president Sally Wuornos. “The basenji stud book has been closed since 1990 when it was briefly opened to imported native stock.”

The BCOA has established a ten-step process for dogs who wish to apply, after which, members will vote to ultimately approve the dogs’ entry into the stud book. The stud book will be open from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013 for basenjis who have gone through the ten-step process, been approved by the BCOA Board and membership, and that meet the following requirements:

• Applicant must be at least one year old at time of evaluations
• Applicant must be imported after 1990 directly from Africa or in utero from Africa
• Dogs from the following areas are currently under consideration for admission:
  • Northern Congo
  • Southern Benin
  • Southwestern Cameroon
  • Central Congo

For more information and all necessary forms visit the Basenji Club of America web site: http://www.basenji.org,

The complete petition to AKC, additional documents submitted for each native stock dog may be viewed at: http://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List.htm
AVONGARA ANZALI – Average Evaluation Score: 4.0 – Very Good. BALLOT 2009-3: APPROVED

Approved Judge -- Magnus Hagstedt – 12-18-08

I was met by an open and interested attitude, and struck by the most beautiful eyes and expression. She has dark eyes with a full expression. Her proud expression also comes through her proud, free and natural carriage that is both easy and very typical for a basenji. She has a very extraordinary temperament, very stable, open & easy-going. But still with integrity. She has excellent body proportions, and excellent legs & feet, with balanced angulations both in front & behind. She is tall, but with excellent proportions & elegance. Feminine head & expression & balanced proportions between skull and foreface. Strong jaws, perfect & healthy teeth & correct scissor bite. Excellent coat & skin with a rich red colour. I am impressed by her amount of bone in proportion to her size. Her tail is well-carried, if not curled the ideal way. All in all she presents a beautiful total “package” for a basenji, and considering her background she also carries a fascinating possibility for herself & her breed. She has a very convincing general impression, as well as desired details befitting a valuable basenji. Rating 4 Very Good

Approved Basenji Breeeder Judge --Leila Karkas - 10-25-08


Long-time Breeder – Elisabet Selinus - 12-27-08

Bitch of definite basenji type but on the larger side and with a most charming temperament. Head is good with nice expression and very good pigmentation. Dark eyes. Ears a bit too large and too low set. Eyes could be more almond shaped. Level teeth with a scissors bite and full dentition. Some wrinkles. Good neck and well laid back shoulders. Straight front, good fore chest. Could have more depth of brisket. Very good tuck up. A bit long in loin. Tail could be higher set and have a much better curl, but is carried well down on her hip. Very long second thighs and low hocks. Very good pasterns, feet and pads. Sufficient hind-angulation and a good shelf. Very good movement. Skin very pliant. Coat could be shorter but is of good colour and with excellent markings. Rating 4 Very Good

AVONGARA ASUMA – Average Evaluation Score: 3.66 – Good+. BALLOT 2009-4: APPROVED
Approved Basenji Judge – Marja Talvitie -11-28-08

Open, a little big and long in loin but still very good in type. Well angulated, correctly set but open tail. Good head with good wrinkles. Excellent coat. Moves well. No doubt he is a basenji. Rating 4 Very Good

Approved Basenji Breeder Judge - Leila Karkas - 10-25-08


Long-time Breeder – Tina Taavitsainen - 11-20-08

A basenji male of very correct size but long in back which makes him look bigger than he is. The same fact – length of back – makes his neck to look a little short which it is not. If a back would be shorter and a tail better he would make a very nice male indeed. It does not feel fair to give him a rating of Good as the list of positive issues on him is actually much longer than the negative ones. He has just become 12 months at the time of evaluating. We were not lucky with the weather when I had my evaluation done since it had been pouring rain for days and it just continued. We took him out and I must say I was happy to see how well he moved in that huge wet grass. Being a bad time of a year (breeding season) he was a little bit thin but otherwise in top shape. Rating 3 - Good

Plus+
- Correct paws and good pasterns
- Superb short coat with lovely deep black colour, pliant skin & nice markings
- White feet & white tailtip
- Good pigmentation with totally black lips, a little ‘winternose’ but still dark enough
- Dark and correct shaped eyes
- Superbly open & happy temperament
- Correct movement
- Correct proportions of head, showing some wrinkles too

Minus- Tailset should be a little higher. Tail should curl much better but when ‘free and relaxed’ he carries it fine though not making a real curl. Long in back and a little bit sloping croup but again looks better when relaxed. A little biggish ears but when the cheeks are there the ears will look more balanced.

AVONGARA BERNADETTE – Average Evaluation Score: 4.0 – Very Good. BALLOT 2009-5: Approved

AKC Approved Judge – P. Levi Marsman - 11-23-08

Good type. Movement superb. Head and ears good. Tail could be a little tighter but overall good specimen of the breed. It should be an asset to the American basenji breeding pool. Rating 4 Very Good

AKC Approved Basenji Breeder Judge – Joseph R. Tomey -11-22-08

She has a very typical basenji head. She is a little longer then tall. Good feet. Good tail set but little curl. Very good dark red coat. Great temperament. She is very much a basenji. Rating 4 Very Good

Long-time Breeder - Debbie Hauri -11-22-08

Extremely sweet disposition with tail wagging and very friendly. Small ears, good bite with nice eye shape and color. Head was nice shape but could use little more wrinkle but otherwise typical. Color is correct and movement is true coming & going. Side gait is also good. The thing
that would keep her out of the show ring is that her legs are a little short or back is too long and tail could use more curl. Overall she is a very balanced mover and there is no doubt that she is a basenji. Rating 4 Very Good

**AVONGARA KITOKO** - Average Evaluation Score: 3.0 - Good. BALLOT 2009-6: Approved

**AKC Approved Judge - Charles Olvis – 12-13-08**
The male is very much a basenji. Nice outline. Good to great temperament. He has good color, good head. Nice body, tail could use a little more curl but overall nice basenji. Nice balanced animal good for the breed  Rating 4 Very Good

**AKC Approved Basenji Breeder Judge – Judy Webb – 11-1-08**
Dog’s movement is good with decent front assembly. Good feet & wonderful temperament. Proportions a little off & head a bit broad with very loosely curled tail. Carriage of tail not to side but this is definitely a basenji. Wrinkle could be better. Feet were very good. Color & marking and coat quality very typical of the breed. This dog would need to be bred correctly but does have things to offer the breed. Rating 2+ Fair

**Long-time Breeder – Mike Graves – 11-15-08**

**AVONGARA LUKA** - Average Evaluation Score: 4.0 – Very Good. BALLOT 2009-7: Approved

**AKC Approved Judge – Judith Hupperts – 12-5-08**

**AKC Approved Basenji Breeder Judge – Marianne Klinkowski – 12-3-08**
This compact tri-color bitch sports a short glossy black coat and an attractive head with small ears, short, refined muzzle and fine wrinkle. She is off-square with clean, fine bone and brisket to elbow. She has nice fill in front and dainty little feet. Her tail is carried up over her back in a single curl. Her appearance, mannerisms and character are very consistent with the template which defines the breed in my mind and I have no doubt that this lovely little bitch is a basenji. Rating 4 Very Good
Avongara Luka is a very nice, petite, female with a friendly, playful disposition. She stands slightly under 16” with fine, clean bone. Markings are correct, coat is short and tri coloration very nice. Quality headpiece, small hooded ears with dark almond eyes. Shoulders moderately laid back, level topline, although back is longer than ideal. Moderate, balanced angulation front and rear. Tail is set high, but curls loosely. Luka is small, but covers ground swiftly with a flowing stride. True on the down and back and good length of reach from the side. Luka offers outstanding qualities in conformation, health and temperament. She will be a great addition to the basenji gene pool.

Rating 4 Very Good

AVONGARA OJO - Average Evaluation Score: 3.33 – Good+. BALLOT 2009-8: Approved

AKC Approved Basenji Judge – Dr. Donald Sturz -12-5-08

The overall look of this 3-year old male clearly indicates that he is a basenji. Head proportions were correct but in need of refinement. This dog had exceptional front construction, which he used well in motion. Bone and substance were good. Feet were quite good in being knuckled and well padded. Balanced fore and aft. Could use a shorter loin, which would correct for length and create a squarer proportion. True coming and going, balanced in side gait but could (missing word? “use”) more rear extension. Loose tail. Exceptional temperament (underlined for emphasis). Definitely has features to offer the gene pool. Rating 3 Good

AKC Approved Basenji Breeder Judge -- Marianne Klinkowski – 9-20-08

Solidly built, off square, plainly marked and clearly defined tri-color dog; well angulated front & rear with a very solid, level topline. Good fill in front. A very classic head with lovely short muzzle and proper skull/muzzle ratio; unfortunately, 4 incisors out of alignment however canines properly placed. Beautifully crafted small, well set ears. Pliant skin, lovely temperament. There is no question in my mind that this is a basenji. Rating 4 Very Good


Long-time Breeder – Doris Daniels - 9-19-08

This correctly sized dog impressed me with his strong topline, small ears and excellent feet. He moves reasonably well on the down and back with good side gait. His tail set is acceptable with a single curl. He has a very outgoing, friendly temperament. Ojo is long in loin and his ears (while small) are not correctly shaped. His eyes, although dark are not the typical small almond-shaped basenji eye. All in all, Ojo displays breed type, and I feel he is worthy of inclusion in the stud book. Rating 3 Good
AKC Approved Basenji Judge - Edna K. Martin – 10/10/2008
This dog is certainly of sufficient quality to be shown at AKC conformation events. While he is a big dog and slightly off of square, he is not coarse. His elegance and carriage are particularly exemplary when moving. He lacks rear propulsion by virtue of longer rear pasterns than necessary, but his balance and fluidity are quite apparent. Of exceptional quality are his muzzle to skull proportions, lovely ear-set and placement, good pasterns and feet. His shoulder angulation is a bit straighter than ideal, but is properly set on the body and is attached to a long and well-angulated upper arm. Brisket is to the elbow and chest is well developed without heaviness. Topline is level and strong, tail-set is good – better in movement than at rest. Tail loosely curled, as is more typical of native stock. Overall, a lovely dog. Rating 5 Excellent

AKC Approved Basenji-Breeder Judge - Marianne Klinkowski – 09/21/2008
Very typical basenji dog with easy, ground covering stride; sound coming and going. Well-angulated front and rear with equal length of shoulder and upper arm. Strong, level topline and brisket deep to elbow with good fill in front; very good tuck-up. Off-square, well-marked brindle dog with defined black stripes on a background of chestnut red; pliant skin, clean, fine bone, and compact feet with well-arched toes and thick pads. Attractive head with small ears, dark eyes, proper skull/muzzle ratio and scissors bite with large, strong teeth. Calm, stable temperament showing intelligence and good sense; reserved with strangers but affectionate with those he loves. To my mind, this is a basenji. Rating 4 Very Good

Long-Time Breeder- Carol Webb – 09/18/2008
In my opinion, this is a basenji. He is a bit tall, but within acceptable height. Long in loin, nice angulation, moves well. Lovely almond eyes, very dark. Nice ears. Not much wrinkle. He has a loose tail, but set fairly well when at ease. Excellent bite. Rating 4 Very Good


AKC Approved Judge – Judith Hupperts – 12-5-08
Not so good points: Lazy tail curl. Should be tighter. Slightly cheeky. Rating 5 Excellent

AKC Approved Basenji Breeder Judge – Terry Lyddon – 12-28-08
Kumba has abundant basenji type. This is no doubt; in observing his physical traits as well as his personality, a basenji. Kumba appears to be sound in structure and health. I believe that he would be show quality here in the US. The only physical characteristics that I would improve on, according to the US standard, would be a slightly tighter tail and a slightly shorter back. Otherwise, he is sound, has a good coat, has a typical basenji head, nice ear set, and a good bite. I am sure that Kumba will positively add to the basenji gene pool. Rating 4.5 Very good to Excellent

Long-time Breeder – Stan Carter, DVM – 12-24-08
Avongara Tambura may be the best of all the African imports I have seen. He exudes basenji type and could easily enter the show ring. Overall appearance is that of a handsome, muscular male that carries himself proudly and is friendly to all. Stands slightly under 17”, weighs 23 pounds, with medium bone. Small, high-set ears, moderate wrinkles, with a dark eye. Strong, level topline, but somewhat longer than ideal. Excellent tail-set, high on back, but loosely curled. Feet small with well-arched toes. Shoulder lay-back and rear angulation is good, balanced front and rear. Coat is short, dark brown, with classic white markings and matched stockings. Movement excellent, with good reach and drive. Clean coming and going, maintaining a level topline when moving out. I strongly recommend Avongara Tambura. He has many fine attributes and great potential to make a lasting mark on our breed Rating 5 Excellent
AVONGARA ZIBILI  - Average Evaluation Score: 4.0 – Very Good. BALLOT 2009-11: Approved

AKC Approved Judge – P. Levi Marsman  - 11-2-08
Movement excellent, over all type quite consistent to the standard. It is definitely a basenji. Tail could be a little tighter but is typical for the African dogs. Could compete in the show ring with little difference than American dogs. Rating 4 Very Good

AKC Approved Basenji Breeder Judge - Marianne Klinkowski - 10-09-08
This striking red basenji dog has a wonderful front with a lovely line of neck into shoulder. His upper arm and shoulder blade are long and of equal length and he has a strong rear with a long second thigh and short hocks. He moves out easily with a ground-covering stride and is absolutely sound coming & going.
He has clean, fine bone, a level topline, a short red coat, pliant skin and his tail is loosely curled. His proportions are off square, however the length of his body is in his ribcage with a relatively short loin.
His masculine head has a pleasing expression with dark, almond eyes, excellent pigment, small mobile ears and nice wrinkle. He has a perfect scissors bite with large strong teeth. In my opinion, this is every inch a basenji
Rating 4 Very Good

Long-Time Breeder – Kim Byrd - 9-19-08
Alfie is obviously a basenji. He has a lovely topline, rear & front assembly. His eyes are almond shaped & his pigment is very dark. He’s a smooth moving dog and has nice upstanding oval feet. Coat color is a nice red. I’d like to see him be more sure of himself around people when they need to touch him, i.e., on the table. Alfie works very well one-on-one with his owner and shows his extreme intelligence by obedience talent and controlling his environment. I would like to see a smaller ear and a smaller sized dog but overall very nice. Rating 4 Very Good


AKC Approved judge – Dale Simmons  - 9-6-08
This dog was immediately identifiable as a “show quality” basenji male with hooded ears, wrinkling forehead, almond shaped eyes with dark rims, head held high on an arched neck, a high set tail held variously in a tight curl or more loosely over the back, smoothly muscular
hindquarters with good angulation at stifle and hock, tight compact feet with arched toes. He moved smoothly and effortlessly with topline leveling out nicely. Table examination revealed a scissors bite with evenly aligned teeth and a correctly pliant skin with hard coat. His color appeared more fawn then chestnut red, although this may be changing with age as the hair along the back ridge to the tail is more chestnut reddish. He also appears more square built rather then high on leg, but this is within the range found in the competitive show rings. Rating 4 Very Good

**AKC Approved Basenji Breeder Judge – Kathryn Britton - 9-6-08**

From a profile glance, to a fast moving view, this dog is obviously a basenji. His type is very nice. He has a lovely head with lots of wrinkle. Ears could be set a little higher, but when alert, he shows them with a higher set appearance. He has nice cushion, proportioned headpiece, and almond eyes with good pigment. Nose leather appears to have lightened, but is fine. His sidegait allows one to see his excellent topline and high-set tail. His rear movement is great, while the front could be a bit more clean. Overall, I think this dog is high quality and would even do well in the show ring! Rating 5 Excellent

**Long-time breeder -- Laurie Gregory - 9-6-08**

My first impression is that Amisi is definitely a Basenji. He has a solid, athletic build, close to the standard in height and weight. He is short-coupled with moderate angulation front and rear. He has a deep brisket & his neck fits nicely into his shoulders. His tail set is high with a forward lean. Length of leg is typical, nice flexible pasterns. His gait is balanced with a level topline. He moves slightly wide in front. His head is typey – similar to early imports. He has fine wrinkle, dark eyes & mascara. Ears are wide set. His coat is very short, skin pliant. His white is appropriate to a basenji. Color could be darker red. Temperament was friendly and curious. He came right to me for petting and play. Rating 4 Very Good