



Procedures for Submitting Native Stock

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Introduction:

The evaluations and voting are stringent to answer the concerns of the membership about the previous opening of the Studbook. The evaluation procedures developed for the native imported dogs have these highlights:

There will be three pre-qualified evaluators who are judges and/or long-time breeders doing hands-on evaluations of the imported dogs with regard to whether they are Basenjis and the quality level of each individual. The imports will be graded by the evaluators from "Excellent" to "Unacceptable." All applications and evaluations will be published.

Any dog receiving a "Fair" or above rating will be presented to the BCOA Board for their approval.

Any dog receiving a positive majority vote by the BCOA Board will be put on a general membership ballot by area of importation. A two-thirds vote in favor will be required before the dogs are submitted to AKC.

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.

Process:

Step 1 – Forms

- All necessary forms can be found on the BCOA web site: <https://www.basenji.org>. Additionally, one can write to Native Stock Committee Chair: Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St, North Attleboro, MA 02760, to obtain printed copies of all forms.
- Print Application for "Submitting Native Stock."

Step 2 – Application

- The person submitting an application is responsible for setting up and keeping appointments with evaluators. The Chair of the Native Stock Committee must be notified of evaluator selections for each dog when the application is sent in. Native Stock Committee will be responsible for sending forms to Evaluators selected by applicants. Applications can be made at any time but the final due date for the application is March 1. [2014-02M]

- Please note: One evaluator must be chosen from each category listed below.

Evaluator Categories:

- AKC Judge: licensed by AKC to judge basenjjs
- AKC Basenji Breeder Judge: is or has been a basenji breeder and is licensed by AKC to judge basenjjs
- Long-term basenji breeder: has bred basenjjs for 15+ years, bred 7 litters with 5 champions and is a member in good standing with the BCOA
- Photographs: The required 3 photographs must be in color and show full body (from ears to feet): 1) front on, 2) left side and 3) right side. See: Photo Submissions for Native Stock Application. These are the photos as required by AKC and they will be used when the dogs are to be registered. There will be NO exceptions regarding the photos.
- Additional Optional Photo submission: To allow up to 4 additional photos and an optional short video of the dog. The video will only appear on the BCOA website. *[2014-02M]*
- One photo similar to the required photos of all offspring (if applicable) must be included with the application when it is submitted. Photo requirements are specific. See our prepared webpage for all guidelines and requirements for the 3 required photos to be prepared to accompany your applications. The webpage address is:
<http://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Application/Photos.htm>.

Step 3 – Mail in Application

- Send completed application form for dog(s), the 3 required photos of each dog and any optional photos or videos. Evaluator names will be part of the form so be sure to have the Evaluators chosen. Include the non-refundable \$50 fee (check or money order) made payable to BCOA and mail to Native Stock Committee Chair, Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St., North Attleboro, MA 02760. Send application and photos in as early as possible. The final date for applications and photos is March 1. *[2014-02M]*

Step 4 – Evaluators

- The person submitting an application is responsible for providing the names of the evaluators to the Native Stock committee and setting up and keeping appointments with evaluators.
- Evaluations cannot take place before the application is submitted.
- Evaluations will be done in person by three pre-qualified AKC judges and breeders. The three evaluation sessions must take place independently to avoid “grading” by committee. *[2014-02M]*.
- There will be no additional charge to you for the work of the Evaluator but you must work with the Evaluator to find a mutually workable time and place for evaluations. The NS Committee will provide a list of approved evaluators to choose from.
- The Native Stock Committee will print out the “Form for Native Stock Evaluators” and “Guide for Native Stock Evaluators” for evaluators to use and will mail them to each evaluator prior to the evaluation appointment. *[2014-02M]*
- The evaluators will evaluate each applicant using the “Guide for Native Stock Evaluators” as posted on the BCOA web site: <https://www.basenji.org>. All dogs receiving an evaluation rating of Fair, or above, will be presented to the BCOA Board for voting.
- Proceed with the evaluation appointments.

Step 5 – Mailing Evaluator Forms to Native Stock Committee

- The Evaluators will mail the completed Evaluator Forms to Native Stock Committee Chair: Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St., North Attleboro, MA 02760. [2014-02M]
- Evaluator forms must be in the hands of the Chair by March 31 to be part of the year's submission to AKC. [2014-02M]
- At the completion of the Evaluator process for each dog, the Native Stock Committee will notify each applicant of the Evaluator's scores. [2014-02M]

Step 6 – Native Stock Chair

- The Native Stock Chair will send completed applications with photos and evaluations to the BCOA Board of Directors. The application fees (checks or money orders) will be forwarded to the BCOA Treasurer.

Step 7 – Board vote

- The Board will vote on each application individually, using the photographs and evaluator's comments.
 - Note: If a dog fails to make it to the membership ballot, its application may be repeated one additional time as long as the Studbook is open to BCOA approved Native stock.
 - Note: Reapplication can be made with the same evaluations or with three completely new evaluations but cannot be a mix of previous and new evaluations.
 - Note: If the dog has produced progeny, but the dog is now deceased, you may still reapply with the existing evaluations and photos. All criteria must be met." [Notes: 2014-02M]

Step 8 – Membership Ballot

- The Native Stock Committee, via an official BCOA Ballot, will present all applicants who receive a majority vote of Pass by eligible Board members to the membership at large to be voted on.
- To allow BCOA membership to make informed decisions, photographs of each applicant being voted on along with the Evaluator's scores will be published in the Club Bulletin and/or Bulletin Board Newsletter before the voting date. The BCOA web site <http://www.basenji.org> will have the same information as well as the evaluators' comments, application and any additional photos and video information before the date for voting. [2014-02M and 2024-16]
- Each Board approved applicant will be grouped by area of import for ease of voting.
- The results of the membership ballot will be published in the next available BCOA Bulletin Board Newsletter. [2013-55]

Step 9 – AKC Registration

- All individuals in each group getting a 2/3 vote of "Approve" by the voting membership will be submitted to the AKC to be registered as Foundation Stock.

Step 10 – Studbook Opening

- The BCOA will follow this process once per year until December 31, 2028, with any dogs imported into the United States prior to December 31, 2028, eligible for registration until December 31, 2030. After December 31, 2030, the Studbook will be closed. [MB 2017-02M 12-10-17]

The following are approved changes to the original Procedures

- Following a motion by Dr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to extend the Open Registration for Basenjis imported from Africa, until December 31, 2018, with any dogs imported into the United States prior to December 31, 2018, eligible for registration until December 31, 2020. [AKC Board meeting November 7 & 8, 2011]
- BCOA membership ballot 2012-03 regarding the extension of the studbook opening as approved by the AKC was passed with an approval of over two-thirds of the voting membership.
- Any changes, other than those generally considered housekeeping, to the approval process for including new native dogs into the AKC registry shall be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the BCOA membership. [2012 AGM motion. Approved July 13, 2012]
- BCOA membership ballot 2014-02M regarding AKC approved changes to the Native Stock Procedures was passed with an approval of over two-thirds of the voting membership.
- BCOA membership ballot 2017-02M regarding AKC approved changes to the Native Stock Procedures was passed with an approval of over two-thirds of the voting membership. AKC Board Approval was final 8-13-2018

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Ballot 2006-37
 Ballot 2007-10
 Ballot 2008-41
 Ballot 2008-42
 MB 2012-03
 2012 AGM minutes
 Ballot 2013-55
 MB 2014-02M
 MB 2017-02M
 Ballot 2024-16

DATE ORIGINATED	REV. LETTER	BALLOT #	NAME
08-18-2008	NEW	AKC Approved process	Pam Geoffroy
10-21-2008	A - change dates for apps & evaluations	2008-41 & 2008-42	Pam Geoffroy
06-24-2012	B - studbook extension	MB 2012-03	Bylaws & Docs Committee
11-11-2013	C - add 2012 AGM motion	MB 2012-05	Bylaws & Docs Committee
11-11-2013	D - approve updates	2013-55	Bylaws & Docs Committee
11-20-2014	E – membership ballot Native Stock Procedure Changes	2014-02M	Pam Geoffroy
08-13-2018	E – membership ballot Native Stock Procedure Changes	2017-02M	Pam Geoffroy
06-12-2024	Publication of candidates updated	2024-16	Pam Geoffroy