



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUBSM

James P. Crowley
Executive Secretary

March 16, 2007

Pamela Geoffroy, Chair
Basenji Club of America
Native Stock Committee
197 Mt. Hope Street
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Dear Ms. Geoffroy,

This concerns the request submitted on behalf of the Basenji Club of America with regards to the registration of African imports.

This subject was discussed by the AKC Board at its April 2007 meeting. Before acting on the matter, the Board did have a number of questions that it wishes to have addressed.

I am enclosing the Guidelines for Opening or Closing the AKC Stud Book from the AKC Online Policy Manual. One of the criteria is demonstrating that the action was important or critical for the welfare of the breed. As the one-time admission of African Basenjis seventeen years ago appears to have successfully addressed the health issues referred to in your letter, and as the progeny of these original imports remain in the gene pool, why are additional imports needed? The Board was interested in knowing what the Basenji Club of America hoped to accomplish.

There was some confusion on whether this only applied to the future imports or whether there were already some recent imports in this country involved in the request. If the latter, have any of them been bred to other imports or to AKC registered Basenjis? In 1990 opening of the registry was presented as a one-time request. If the possibility exists that the BCA may wish to periodically admit additional stock from Africa, has the BCA considered establishing a registry as was done by the Saluki Club with the Society for the Perpetuation of the Desert Bred Saluki (SPDBS)? A dog with a three-generation pedigree of dogs in the SPDBS, AKC, or other acceptable foreign registries, would be eligible for AKC registration.

Should the AKC Board approve this request, it would still be contingent upon a 2/3 vote of the membership per the policy. I would recommend that that be delayed, however, until the AKC Board determines that it could approve it if the BCA membership votes affirmatively.

Sincerely,

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