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"ZEN" STARTING TO LEARN
by M. Christy Eakins, 36 The Leches, Warfield Park
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Now when ZENDE arrived, I was all prepared for the worst - that is to say, I had read all I could find about Basenjis and consequently expected her to cheer everything she could reach, be hopelessly disobedient, climb like a cat, and be house-clean from the start. Needless to say, she confounded me - most of my precautions! She obeyed nothing but me, bones and SOOT, strictly in that order of preference. I was soon wearing long sleeves and gloves for our evening romps, and ever since, any sort of glove has meant a game to her - which has sometimes needed a great deal of explaining to visitors. She was not clean in the house until four months of age. I have wondered since that this was because of her change of environment at the tender age of five and a half weeks, which had not given SHAM, her mother, a chance to complete her training. The elderdog was her favourite middle piece, the fitted carpet second, snow third, and saved her a very forthright. In fairness to her, I must say that she would cover her "traces," using her nose as a shovel, or catapult, a front paw. I thought this enduring until one evening the corner of the blanket was suggestively turned back. After that, she seemed to prefer to go my bed to relieve her feelings.

She never had the chance to develop the act of disobedience as I purposely did not give her a direct order until she was almost nine months old. I wanted to teach all she could touch me, and to this end, left her free to express herself and develop her personality within the widest practicable limits. True, on the walls she was always on a leash, having proved to me that the articles were right about lack of traffic sense, but unlike most dogs who are happy to be taken out and equally happy to return home, if allowed to choose, ZEN would always take the turning that led further away. From this I concluded that she was an individualist as do other pets in very early life so before she was three months old started to teach her useful tricks to occupy her active mind. She learnt five in two weeks and would go through them with her little trick.

The most difficult for her was the "down." She didn't seem to know what to do with her long front legs, and managed to look almost as awkward as she crooked, attempting to get her paws on the floor while keeping her front feet in the "sit" position. Eventually, she mastered it, but always made a real performance of the show.

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"MERMAID" thrilled us by going RB from the puppy class her first time out. Since then she has gone BS0 for a 3-point major at Champaign, Illinois, under Judge Theodore Warneer.

motion positioning, hucking her muzzle down while continuing to look up at me so showing the whites of her eyes. It was most droll and always earned her a reward. One evening, unprompted she put it to good use. I was eating cheese which she adores, and taking no notice of the dog, ZEN reached up and pricked me with her forepaw and, avoiding my crouching hand, walked round until she could look me full in the face, then - deliberately - lay down. Of course, this called for tremendous praise, and cheese, and finding that it really worked, it became her "begging" position from that time. After that, it was an easy step for her to learn to "hand me the cheeses" before playing games, and later, to "hand me the knife" when she wanted something from the dinner table. She would locate a knife and carefully ignore all the tempting dishes, pick it up and bring it to my hand. This particular trick had its disadvantages as, once started, she would continue until the table was cleared, or until she'd delivered all the knives she could reach. There were also a couple of occasions, my attention having momentarily wandered when I was gently handed a knife dripping with gravy to the detriment of clothes and carpet.

As for the trimming, it was certainly true. It seemed quite natural for her to balance on the back of a chair to look out the west window, or stroll along the bookcase. Whenever I was sitting at the desk she would use the lowered front as a step to reach the top, being sure she would find something new up there when she got her. Her favourite spot was a sunny morning was on the table in the east window where she would sit watching the birds in the bare oak opposite, follow the flight of the wood pigeons and the progress of the sparrows along our fence.

Jet aircraft sometimes came over us and they too would be watched with great interest. Her eyesight and hearing were phenomenal and she always knew long before the Schmazer when people were approaching.

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From Nancy H. Miller, 2711 Sir Avenue
San Angelo, Texas 76901

The enclosed bit of prose may not describe every Basenji puppy, but as I think back on the trials of the past few months, it seems to describe the puppyhood of our two Basenji girls, MISSY and SCARLETT, pretty well. The Basenjis are nearly grown now and I'd and I feel we're thoroughly prepared through practice on the "girls" to rear a human family when the time comes . . .

PUPPIESHOOD

Basenjis are the most cuddlesome and captivating puppies, the most impossibly incorrigible adolescents, and the most devoted and dignified adults imaginable. They invariably go through the first two stages, and should their owners survive these times with any degree of sanity, he will be rewarded by the last stage.

Young Basenjis are sweet when they sleep, pretty when they play, charming when they bark- and terrible when they are teething! They are the picture of innocence caught with the remains of the new droplets between their needle-sharp teeth.

They're quiet all the time- except when put into their crates at bedtime.

Basenjis are fond of certain adults, all children, climbing fences, rashly chew bones, long walks and beating vents. Generally speaking, they dislike baths, rain, air-conditioning, dogs that bark, cats that scratch, doors that prevent them from reaching their chosen destination, and most of all, bedtime.

A Basenji's curiosity is aroused by knitting yarn, large bones, ambulance sirens, and grasshoppers. Their appetite is whetted by steak scraps, dog food, soda pop, laundry detergent, and thumb tacks.

While they are puppies, any intruder is in danger only of being licked to death, or perhaps of being bruised by the frantic wagging of a curvy tail. As they grow older they become quietly suspicious of strange adults.

Just when you're sure your nerves are frayed beyond repair, your furniture has been chewed into shabbiness, and you think you've come to the end of your rope as far as Basenjis are concerned, you'll walk into the room where your little demon is asleep. He'll look up impartially and chirp loudly in greeting. Your nerves will mend, your heart will melt, and you'll feel amply blessed that you are owned by this miracle of Mother Nature- your own Basenji puppy.

From Mrs. Pamela Skelenger, Box 46
Vetkaalou, Oslo 3, Norway

. . . PRIMROSE has not had a litter for one and a half years and I have been waiting to use her daughters until I got a new dog. Now they have both come into season and been bred to the new little import I bought from Miss Cook last spring. He is by ST. ERME PONY EXPRESS, out of a RIVIANA BLACK IVORY daughter. PONY EXPRESS is by STREUS EMBERS by BLACK IVORY by BLACK IVORY by BLACK FULA, a son of FULAI, and my female is by M'BORI also a son of FULAI, out of daughters of CH. BLACK FULAIBLACKSON who is a brother of FULAI. Don't you think that sounds a good mixture? I know I am getting them all to look alike. It is such fun with each litter, recognising the pups from a previous lot cropping up again.

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by Sheila Smith, 14941 21st Avenue S.W.

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A young Miss from Canada crossed the border Sunday, August 30th, and won Best in Match at the Evergreen Basenji Club's first plan A Match, RON-ANNE'S MAGIC WHISPER, a red and white owned by Ron and Anne Fanning, Richmond, British Columbia, went from Junior Puppy class to the top. On leaving the ring, Ron Fanning asked, "What did we do?" Sent a little female afi, I'd say.

On WHO'S BEEN SNEAKING CAN, CH, JOSUA O'TENNJI as Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Match very nicely handled by Don, owned by Peggie and Don Murphie. I was sorry the Murphy children weren't there to see "Shibol" win. When they returned from California and found out, they thought it was "better than Christmas."

There were 39 Basenji entered, and there would have been more if the roads hadn't been so slick, several arrived after our 12 noon closing time. It was unfortunate, but we had to abide by the A.K.C. rules.

First place winners in each class were:

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Open Dog, JOSUA O'TENNJI, Peggie and Don Murphie.

PUPPIES (6 to 9 months), RON-ANNE'S MAGIC WHISPER, Ron and Anne Fanning.

November Bitch, SPARKLING GARNET GOLD, Dale and Janie Goldlett.

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American Breed, KOKO'S ROYAL NUTMEG, Marvin and Elaine Shanes.

Open Bitch, PEDDON'S ARAL, Peggie and Don Murphie.

The Best of Breed in the obedience ring (9 entries) was RAMA KAMA WACKY PAT with a score of 190, owned and trained by junior member, Debra Jones, of Jamestown, Oregon. Best of Breed scoring was CH, J., N.K., JAME JINX, owned by Brad and Judy Lowe and Shirley Way.

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When, therefore, one of your correspondents writes in the September issue, "my 16 inch male is one of the smaller males currently being shown," this, if anything, seems to be a serious situation. It would, incidentally, be equally worrying if a 16 inch male was the largest shown.

If a 3 inch bracket is accepted as desirable, and I don't think that this can be seriously challenged by anyone with a general knowledge of the natural consequences of adaptation to civilised conditions and the observed results upon desired breed characteristics of too small or too large. This is not a totally objective evidence as to the mean height of Basenji in their natural habitat since it would require expensive, large scale research, and such reports as we have seem to suggest a preference for a smallish type, mainly on the grounds that this type possesses a greater measure of elegance and type characteristics which give the Basenji its "quality." However, even if this is accepted, scientific research suggests that when a breed originated in a primitive environment and is developed in a more advanced society with the consequent dietetic and veterinary care, certain bacterial changes take place in the intestines which results in the mean size increasing. Also, as Veronica has pointed out in her book, "it is better to have a dog which is slightly too big, but which possesses the correct length of leg, especially in the forelimb, than a small dog with short legs, giving a Corgi-like appearance totally out of keeping with the desired resemblance to an otter." As for the size of the Basenji, it seems clear that this demands a dog which is sound, with deep chest and with the length of leg and elegance of dogs which must be noted. This eliminates the short-legged, barrel-riddled type, and also the over-all weedy animal, or the over-large, coarse, heavy unwieldy one. This gives us a guide in broad terms, but to this must be added experience of breeding patterns and associated characteristics over a long period before one can arrive at a permissible range of size and its relative importance which can be expressed in terms of the breed standard, and further than this, give a firm lead to breeders and judges that will produce a constantly improving influence on the breed as a whole.

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**SIZE**

by Ernest Goodman, 8 Hardy Grove, Folly Lane Swinton, Manchester, England

Recent years have revealed the concern, not to say the despair, of some breeders at the seeming preference of some judges for oversized Basenji. At this distance it is impossible for me to assess how widespread this is, or whether it is only a problem in some regions, but as the matter seems to generate a fair degree of heat, it seems to call for some attempt at a cool assessment of the issues involved.

Over here, I would say that this is not a serious problem, and that the great majority of Basenji are within the limits approved by the breed standard. Not only have I been as far back as I can remember, any general tendency on the part of the breed to prefer oversized Basenji is unknown to me.

The biggest dogs which have been made up often had excellent conformations and type which have made it difficult to overlook them, but in any case, have little far outnumbered by Basenji nearer the ideal in size. I must admit that conditions here over are much more conducive to the solving of problems of this kind. The Basenji fanciers here have a much more closely knitted circle of judges and aspirant judges see a cross-section of all the best Basenji in Great Britain at most of the championship shows, and each new judge is sent a copy of the standard by one or other of the breed clubs. The club, the K.C., is provided with each breed club an approved list of judges of approved championship show level, and the clubs ensure that this list is balanced as between specialist (breeder) judges, and all-rounders. The clubs also provide lists to the showmen of a number of open shows where almost invariably cooperate by choosing an approved judge. In addition, comments and breed notes in the weekly dog papers, together with critiques of exhibitors' dogs, are read and everyone and they highlight particularly deficiencies in judging (from time to time general) and the future. What parallels there are in the American system I don't know, but would be interested to learn.

But what of the fundamental issues involved in the question of size. In order to look objectively at the problem, one clearly has to take into account the original job of the Basenji, its preferred natural habitat, the natural consequences of adaptation to civilised conditions and the observed results upon desired breed characteristics of too small or too large. There is no totally objective evidence as to the mean height of Basenji in their natural habitat since it would require expensive, large scale research, and such reports as we have seem to suggest a preference for a smallish type, mainly on the grounds that this type possesses a greater measure of elegance and type characteristics which give the Basenji its "quality." However, even if this is accepted, scientific research suggests that when a breed originated in a primitive environment and is developed in a more advanced society with the consequent dietetic and veterinary care, certain bacterial changes take place in the intestines which results in the mean size increasing. Also, as Veronica has pointed out in her book, "it is better to have a dog which is slightly too big, but which possesses the correct length of leg, especially in the forelimb, than a small dog with short legs, giving a Corgi-like appearance totally out of keeping with the desired resemblance to an otter." As for the size of the Basenji, it seems clear that this demands a dog which is sound, with deep chest and with the length of leg and elegance of dogs which must be noted. This eliminates the short-legged, barrel-riddled type, and also the over-all weedy animal, or the over-large, coarse, heavy unwieldy one. This gives us a guide in broad terms, but to this must be added experience of breeding patterns and associated characteristics over a long period before one can arrive at a permissible range of size and its relative importance which can be expressed in terms of the breed standard, and further than this, give a firm lead to breeders and judges that will produce a constantly improving influence on the breed as a whole.

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The Southern Basenji Specialty show, held in conjunction with the Texas Kennel Club All-Breed show in Dallas on September 29, 1965, afforded this writer an opportunity to get acquainted with fellow Basenjis.

We came into Dallas on the wings of near tragedy. Traveling with professional handler Ellen Snyder, we were some 30 minutes behind Minnie and Francis Hill. As we approached the small town of Bayville, Louisiana, we observed the flashing red light of a wrecker. As we drew nearer, we saw the Hill's wagon anchored to the wrecker and Francis standing in a group by the roadside. Minnie was not in evidence. Ellen parked her Van on the shoulder of the road and we sped to Francis. Fear that Minnie was injured clutched at our hearts. And then, as the scenes stroked Minnie, calmly leading two Basenjis. It was a moment of wondrous relief. After the investigation of the highway patrolman was completed, we loaded the Hills', their luggage and four Basenjis into our Van and took them to Monroe where they rented a wagon.

It was a poor beginning, to put it mildly, for a long-anticipated trip. These Hills are pally folk. They did not for a single moment allow the mishap to mar the purpose of the trip. Although we arrived at the conclusion of the specialty dinner, we had our time of relaxation and enjoyment with the Basenjis at an informal gathering with Delma (Peter) Smith and Barbara Barse.

It was a valuable experience for me, so new in Basenjis. Although I've been a dog writer and breeder for more years than I care to enumerate, my personal experience has been with a toy breed. I've attended many gatherings of dog people, both socially and professionally. At none of these has there been the congeniality, the genuine expression of comradeship as was exhibited by this group sharing the hospitality of the Hills. There was an air of absence of withholding or competition. Just a happy group of people sharing a common interest - Basenjis.

There was fellow writer Sam McKeever from far away Alaska, a former Mississippian, who took his long trip as a birthday adventure for his niece and his lady. And the Aubry Griggs' who are making their home in Forest, Mississippi, just about 60 miles from my home town.

The Basenjis, 35 of them, shared with this writer the experience of sitting breathlessly on the sidelines, proud owners of our first Basenji/under professional handlers. Like mother hens, we watched our dogs in the hands of Maxine Roan, and Ellen Snyder, although neither placed in the ribbons, our show was undiminished. Both CLAUTION and my LADY had previously earned points.

The Aubrey Griggs' CH, KHALAPA'S GAY FUL CADET, handled by Ellen Snyder, was voted Best Basenji by Judge Percy Roberts and later placed second in the Hound Group. Best of Winners went to MR. THUNDERBOLT OF R-LYNE, owned by Norma J. Bell and handled by Henry McClure. Winner's Bitch was won by Reva Lawson's COBRIA'S LADY CLARISIA, all the way from Pennsylvania. CH, SPEARWOOD BEDAELLE OF BALDRANDA, owned by Elza W. Ramey was shown by Miss Mildred Lewis. Best of Breed was won by CH, SHANGRI LA'S HILLS HALF ACRE, handled by Ellen Snyder. It was a gala experience for a novice in Basenji to see such an excellent representation of the breed - an entry of 150.

It is no surprise on this writer's part that so much is made of the Basenpees judging by Margaret Robertson of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The next issue of "The Basenji" will carry my feature on this well-known breeder.
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"THE DALLAS CAPER"

To Shane and Jo York, Bill and Judy Hock, and the many other Texans who worked on the specialty, I have to say thanks for the marvelous hospitality. I enjoyed myself thoroughly, as I am sure many other visitors did also.

Why does a guy who owns only one dog chase around the country looking at Basenjis, spend his time poring over club books, and dare to write about the breed? Wasn’t always that I had only one dog, and the day will come again when I have more. Personal problems dictated the reduction; won’t go into that here.

For one who lives far away, there’s only one way to find out what’s really happening in the breed, and that’s seeing a lot of Basenjis. That’s been accomplished by going to a specialty. In addition to watching 99 dogs in the regular classes, you get a breeder’s opinion of the 30-odd puppies also entered in the sweepstakes. You meet lots of people—some of whom have been only a name or a picture before.

What’s this nonsense about only people in a particular region voting on the location? Each of our specialty is, or should be, a National affair. So far as I’m concerned, I vote only on those I plan to attend, and that’s something to be left to each person’s conscience.

The only jarring note at this specialty was the judging of the regular classes. I take nothing away from the fine dogs that won when I say that you just don’t enter tricolors under Judge Perry Roberts, and expect to be placed. He doesn’t care for the tricolors. Furthermore, you don’t show him the dog’s teeth, and you WALK your dog away and back. If you don’t agree with that style of judging, enter your dog under someone else.

We’ve all heard a lot about judges who are supposed to favor the professional handler over the amateur. Your solution to this is to learn how to handle your dog. When you see Rama Spear, Minnie Hill or Evelyn Woolery in the ring, for example, you see “amateurs” who are an even match for any professional.

Really went to Dallas if I could make myself real
out on a few things, such as what I’ll be doing about breeding,
(last time puppies coming back on a couple of breeding agree-
ments, and I got to name the stuff. After what I saw, I’m con-
vinced that CH. PERIGRINE OF ROSSANTY will rise much
higher on my honor roll, as will CH. SHANGU OF HILLS HALF
ACRE.

Still, it isn’t smart to neglect some of the old dogs of
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Heart O' Northland Basenji Club
by Karen Pocov, Route 1, Box 159A, Newport, Minnesota

Congratulations to Gary and Sally Robbins on their new champion - CH. HO HUMP'S TIFFANY. "THY" was owner-handled to her title and on her way went Best of Breed at the Fargo Dog Show under Judge Alva Rosenberg.

November 2 is the date of our annual meeting. At this time the results of the election of new officers will be announced, and awards will be given for special achievement that was earned by owners and dogs.

Bradley Jenson was telling his teacher about their unusual dog. He had heard of Basenji but had never seen one, so she asked if he could bring one to school. So SOLT WIND'S MOOSALL (Shanina) was introduced to the seventh grade. The youngsters were as thrilled with "Shanina" as he was with them - he was in his glory with 60 children petting and hugging him.

Kermit and Gerry Jenson saw another one of those "unlightened" dog breeders who think they will make big money selling dogs here. This is the story of their plan.

Kermit and Gerry were curious about an ad in the paper for "Basenji-Territor puppies - $10.00. They checked on this and saw some rather cute puppies, but without any real resemblance to the Basenji. The dam was black and white, with four white feet, white chest and a white tip on the tail (sound familiar?), only the tail was straight and carried high. She had been purchased as a pet from a well-known pet shop here in the Twin Cities. They had no idea what kind of dog they had until they attended the Sportmen's show where they went to look at the puppies; and their son who actually owns the dog, called his mother's attention to the fact that the Basenji puppies on display looked exactly like "just like his dog. They talked to the owner of the puppies and picked up all the information they could about the breed and the dog, and incidentally, got the same sales pitch on their assumed 'part Basenji.'

They figure their bitch is half Basenji; next time she comes in season they will breed her to a perebreed Basenji and get three fourths Basenji and those they feel they can sell for $75.00. They say that the female which they will also breed to a perebreed Basenji - thus they will get full Basenji (or one and one fourth, the way they seem to be figuring), which they think they can sell for $125.00. Basenji breeders in this area would never consider using their stud on a "Basenji" female all the people are really determined, it is possible that somewhere, someone would give these services.

Another case was of a fellow with a registered Basenji male and breeding it to a "brindled" Basenji female with droopy ears and "lacking" her registration, but they had only paid $40 for her and they can't get papers.

The people that visited this show said the bitch bore a close resemblance to a Boston Terrier and they were interested in following a certification of the veterinarian that the lameness is temporary. It is not advantageous to the exhibitor to have the dog continue in competition for long periods of time and certainly most disadvantageous to an exhibitor whose dog's lameness is actually a temporary condition to suffer disqualification simply because of the veterinarian's opinion that he could not determine whether the condition was temporary.

Know Your Fellow Junior by Donald and Wendy Trotter
174 Central Street, Norwell, Massachusetts 02061

This month we have a feature article from a fellow Junior Handler, Mr. Kevin Clift, 466 Downing Lane, Santa Maria, California 93454. We thank Kevin for contributing to the Junior Department. Remember Junior, this is your chance to shine, please feel free to write too!!!

Kevin has shown dogs about a year ago at the Santa Maria Kennel Club show right here in my own home town. Since then, I have been to dog shows all over the southern end of the state and to Salinas and Santa Cruz in the northern end.

Kevin says about the dogs shown in California since he has never shown in any other state. Almost all dog shows here are held out of doors because California's favorable weather. Most dog shows held in our state are unusual, and held in places like parks and city recreation areas.

"The majority of bench shows, such as San Diego, are indoors shows, The Santa Barbara Kennel Club show is really different. It is kind of half and half. It is a bench show, but the benches are not in a building. They are in a very large gymnasium. The only dogs that are out of doors. During the lunch hour, the people can watch dog races of all kinds, even Dachshund races. This show is held at the Poly Grounds where there is a big grandstand. The Santa Barbara show is the largest one-day bench show in the nation. This year there were more than 5,000 entries.

We have some scattered reports about Juniors throughout the country - Mr. John Loutka reports from his area: "At the Michigan City show, there were three Basenjis in Novice, one placed fourth. In Open with an entry of 14, 4 Basenjis, Skip Johnson placed third. This was the smallest open class that Mr. Loutka has seen all year. Novice B had 2 entries. Skip went further that day placing Reserve Winner in the regular classes."

The bench shows are coming up in time for you to participate. The Idaho State Fair in Boise, the Chicago, and the Wisconsin State Fair in Woodstock are just a few. Keep those reports coming in - at present there is very little change in the honor roll. Help us catch up on our records. Drop us all your Open wins for 1969.

"State" (concluded)

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THE BASENJI

westminster kennel club

The Westminster Kennel Club has announced a change in entry Deadlines for the Annual Show to be held February 10th and 11th, in Madison Square Garden, New York, and will again be limited to 2,500 dogs.

In order for a dog to be eligible, it must be a champion or must have at least one major win. A major is achieved by winning three or more of the grouped points at a single show.

Forty-six judges from 16 states, Australia and Canada will officiate at the 33rd consecutive annual dog show of the Westminster Kennel Club.

Heading the panel of judges will be Louis J. Murr of Spring Valley, New York, who will select Best in Show from the six group-finalists. Cyrus K. Rickel, Fort Worth, Texas, will judge the Hound Group; Kenneth K. Givens, Syracuse, New York, will judge Basenjis.

A new rule has been made by Westminster Club officials which stipulates that in order for a dog to be shown in Junior Showmanship competition, it no longer needs to be owned by the Junior Handler or by the immediate family. The dog needs only to be entered in Westminster in order to be shown by a Junior Handler.

An A.K.C. rule, to take effect January 1, 1969, is that judges should be required to exempt from the ring any dogs and all dogs that are lame, regardless of what the cause of the lameness may be and without consulting a show veterinarian, but that each exhibitor would take the dog off of competition for that day only. Thus, no dog would have to miss any show in which it was entered, whether the next day or the next week, or whenever it happened to be perfectly sound.

It was noted that few judges are willing to give a high award to a dog that is lame but which is allowed to continue in competition following a certification of the veterinarian that the lameness is temporary. It is not advantageous to the exhibitor to have the dog continue in competition for long periods of time and certainly most disadvantageous to an exhibitor whose dog’s lameness is actually a temporary condition to suffer disqualification simply because of the veterinarian’s opinion that he could not determine whether the condition was temporary.

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Son of ENG. CH. ANDERSLEY ATLANTIC and sire of the purest buck and white Can. Ch. THE VELDT’S ACE OF SPADES, has won four consecutive shows with two Best of Breeds (1 over specials) and two Best of Winners for a total of 9 points, 1 major. He has been entered in the Rhodesian.

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FIRST IN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Pictured is YVETTE SMITH winning first in Junior Showmanship at the Evergreen Kennel Club "A" Match. She is handling KOKOS ROYAL NUTSKE, owned: Marvin and Elaine Shannon with Thomas C. Moeller judging.

MAILBOX (continued)

States where there is a wealth of stud dogs to use! Please do not think I am complacent though! It is not meant as boasting, after all these years of breeding, I really do know that she knows less and less, the more one experiences!

I have a large Miniature Poodle female, she has had three litters previously of 5, 5, and 7. Now after one and a half years, I thought I would take a last litter and keep another bitch from her. I have one here of her last litters who has done very well in the ring. However, four days ago, she had eleven dog pups. That must be a record somehow. The first one was dead, but ten are fine and as she only has eight feeding places at the milk bar, well, I'm busy! . . . I look forward to each member of The Basenji.

From Bruce and Lucille Filer, 3826 South 7th Avenue Tucson, Arizona 85714

SHIKARI KENNELS PRESENTS


"LANI" (on left) is shown going Best of Breed at the Silver Bay KC show/under Judge K. M. McDonald.


"ZURI" went Best of Breed, under Judge Denis Clime at the Club Canadienne de Baja California show to complete two-thirds of his Mexican championship.

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VETERINARY JOURNAL

by William J. Bone, DVM, 1400 Beach Drive N.E.
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PET FEEDING HABITS

In a recently conducted survey concerning the feeding habits of pets, it was determined that "pet owners tend to evaluate the gustatory and nutritional qualities of a pet food in human terms rather than in animal terms."

It was also determined that the manner, frequency, and consistency of a pet's feeding pattern are, strongly indicative of the pet's "degree of emotional closeness" to the owner. This attraction appears to be greater in dogs than in cats. Dog owners regard dogs as being more affectionate, more intelligent, more responsive and more helpful. On the other hand, the owners of cats see their pets as being easier to care for than dogs and quicker. Despite the difference in personal feeling involved, it is necessary for the producers of pet food of market feeds that will satisfy both the owner and the pet.

Pet owners are certain that human senses are a good index of the palatability of pet foods. It is for this reason that they avoid any food that may be unpalatable, either in looks or taste, claiming that their pets couldn't possibly like to eat it.

Some pet owners "love" their pets so much that they "must cook" for them; they feed commercially prepared food only in an emergency or on trips. This is especially true of dog owners who, more frequently than cat owners, have their own food preferences rather than those of their pet. Cat owners tend to be more permissive, that is, they generally allow their cat to eat, when and how often it is to be fed, during the day or night. Demands by the doctor to change the pet's diet may meet considerable resistance, even if the animal's life or health is at stake. The owner-pet relationship may indeed be such that an animal may die, under the doctor's advice but the owner may not do so, and may, in fact, by its very proposal, alienate the client altogether.

Furthermore, there is usually an element of jealousy on the part of the owner who brings a sick pet for treatment. Restlessness that the animal is ill and is receiving all the attention can be a part of the ambivalence which is expressed in any close relationship. The matters of cost and inconvenience also must be considered. No matter how much an owner loves his pet, there is still some degree of resistance to having to forego his personal needs or desires in order to give the animal proper medical attention. If, unexpectedly, it appears that the pet requires a special diet of a particular feeding schedule, it is quite natural for an owner to be tyrannized, in a sense, both by his pet and by his veterinarian. It is necessary to weigh carefully the needs of both owner and pet in arriving at a mutually beneficial feeding schedule. Several common diseases can be best controlled by modifying the pet's diet in a way prepared commercially and are available through most veterinarians. Often the owner can identify with and be more consistent with a regular feeding schedule than he is able to only open a can and give the pet a prescribed portion at a prescribed time.

Regardless of how your pet is fed, it is a recognized fact that today's pet owner is eating better than ever and are getting better balanced ratios than the average person, if on commercial food.

(Veterinary Journal is written by a staff of practicing veterinarians. Questions of general interest to pet owners are answered in this column at regular intervals: if you have one, send it to "Veterinary Journal," in care of this magazine. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.)

HIGHEST SCOURING HOUND

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(Ch. Stew of Norley x Khajag's Gay Tempestus, C.D.)

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"SHEETY" is shown here with the trophies she won for Second Highest Scouring Dog in Novice B, and Highest Scouring Hound in Trial with the score of 197 1/2 at the Chesapeake KC show, 8/6/68.
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SPEARWOOD DANCING RED DEER (9 months)

CH. SPEARWOOD BEDAZZLE OF BARKA

SPEARWOOD ROYAL BLUE (9 months)

ARCTIC CAPERS (continued)

continuing the breed. They won't be around too much longer, and a number of them have some fine points that shouldn't be lost. Take CH. GLENFAIRLY GOLDEN TROY and CH. TENNIS' EBBONY WARRIOR for examples. They may be a little gray around the muzzle, but they still get fine puppies.

One of the nicest things about a specialty is the "half session." Barbara Shearer and "Pete" Smith had one going in their room while the wee hours. I remember another one there were so many people I didn't even know whose room it was on Saturday afternoon. Much talk, comparing notes, parading dogs down the hall and outdoors, trying to keep names straight, checking on new puppies, discussing breeding plans, inquiring about mutual acquaintances.

Moral of my story, if you want to have fun, meet a lot of nice people, see a host of good dogs, go to a specialty. To you Texans, all I can say, Well Done!

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birthday, Raymond had three dogs. TEDDY was his first, a Border Collie and died five years ago. WICKIE, a little female Beagle was killed by a rattlesnake. Raymond's last dog was another female Beagle named MOLLY. She was stolen while Raymond was in his early service training.

Now he wanted a Basenji. Raymond had one hundred days to go before coming home — but he didn't make it.

We hope wherever Raymond is today, he is running through green grass with a little Basenji at his side, and we pray that we will all be worthy of his memory.

From Ernest Goodman, 8 Hardy Grove Folly Lane, Swinton, Manchester, England

It was very pleasant indeed to read about JILL in "Midwest Fowkic" in the October issue. She was a great favourite of mine, and I still miss her, although I know she has an excellent home with Miss Susan Hoyme and is much loved. I must however, correct one error, that reference to JILL. Although I have no wish to detract from the excellent record of CH. FULAFRIEND OF THE CONGO, a dog I knew well in England, I feel I must point out that the first Basenji dog in fact, the first Basenji ever to gain the English, American and Canadian titles was CH. HADRIAN OF BASENLAKE, exported in May 1965 by my late wife who bred him, to Mr. and Mrs. Logan of Ontario, HADRIAN who was featured on the cover of the August 1966 issue of "The Basenji," was also, like JILL, by ENG. and CAN. CH. EROS MAJOR OF BASENLAKE and gained his American title in July 1965, undefeated in the classes, two years straight, in Canada.

I particularly wish to correct this omission in the September 1966 issue of "The Basenji." (continued on page 18)

HOLLY LIN'S CAPTAIN HOOK

"Barn" at the Sir Francis Drake KC show, held 9/15/68 with his handler Phyllis Greer and Judge Derek Rayne. "Barn" won the open class, and again won Best of Breed over specials for 2 points. He now has 10 points, including majors.

"Chad" at the Umpqua KC show, held 9/3/68, with his handler Phyllis Greer and Judge Lee E. Murray. "Chad" won the open class and Best of Winners for a 3 point major. Owner and breeders of these two current contenders are Linda and Jack G. Hollebeck, 3166 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, California.

WAGGING TALES FROM NEW YORK

by Hazel Ulm, R. D., #2, Oxnata, New York 10320

A discussion got under way at a luncheon given by a fellow breeder after a recent show. The question of size came up. Giving my personal opinion, I stated that I would not like to see the problem solved by the use of a disqualification added to our standard, but would like to see under or over size treated as a serious fault.

It has been on my mind since then, coupled with the recent letter written by Joan Clague in the September "Mailbox." Joan questioned the advisability of trying to show an "in - size" Basenji, only to have it put down to the larger specimen. And what, she asked, can we really do about it?

Surely our hands cannot be so tied that we must be lead around by the judges alone?

Before we put the blame on the judges' shoulders, let's examine ourselves as breeders first! We have to take the biggest part of the blame due to the skimpy standard we offer the judges as our bible for the breed. We state, in regards to size that hitches be 16 inches, and dogs 17 inches tall approximately.

This only tells the judge that this is the size we would prefer our dogs to be. That is not to say, however, that if he sees a larger specimen in the ring that he is not free to put it up if he feels it to be the better quality.

When was the last time that you saw a Basenji that you truly felt was under the standard? No, any question that comes up is always about dogs that are over the standard, not under. It seems our breed is becoming taller every year. This is not an unusual problem, since just about every breed faces the same problem.
Where have all the Small Ears gone?

by Veronica Tudder-Williams, 41 Beach Road
Emsworth, Hampshire, England

I have just received a letter from the Standard Committee of the BCOA which says: “As you know the present Standard under which our breed is judged was approved in 1954. While fashions in dogs do not change as rapidly as skirt lengths, there are evolutionary changes which take place over the years which sometimes must be recognized as desirable or rejected by being shown as a fault.”

I very much agree with this, and it brings to mind another aspect of the situation which is that certain points were known and admired in the original imports of the 1900s, but which, over the years, have gradually disappeared so that present day newcomers to the breed almost look upon them as peculiarities. I refer to small ears, not merely to the size, but to the structure too—hindear, and the way they carry them. The original dogs all had small, rather rounded ears, and the skull from the top of the head to the stop was quite a bit longer than from the stop to the tip of the nose. This gave both charm and type to the head, and I think most people would admit that a Basenji with small ears and a short muzzle is far more aristocratic than a dog with large ears, particularly if they are not well carried, and a long muzzle.

But, here’s the news. About three years ago, I sent a five-month-old puppy to New Zealand, and his new owner wrote that she was delighted with everything about him except his short muzzle! She added she had never seen a short muzzle like his and all the current Basenjis in New Zealand had long muzzles. I think I had come about by shortage of stock, which reached in in-breeding to a long muzzled line. I explained that the short nose was correct and that the English Standard, 1961, stated, “The distance from the top of the head to the stop is slightly more than from the stop to the tip of the nose,” the afterwards wrote that she much preferred the short muzzle and as the dog became the top stud dog of New Zealand and Australia, she has done much to bring back the desired short muzzle.

It is the same with ears. As the photo shows the older stock of nearly 30 years ago, all had small, rounded ears. It used to be described as “looking like a short-eared fox”. Today, I much prefer the ears to be viewed from the back.”

This, alas, cannot be said of the present day stock. In fact, in some, if one’s doxie’s ears would be a more appropriate description. It has reached the stage when some breeders do a dog with the original small ears and were amazed, feeling that the ears had been trimmed! In fact, they looked upon it as a fault instead of a faint ray of hope that small ears could be brought back.

It is interesting to see that in the group of five dogs in the above photo from left to right, KIMPI, KWANGO, KOORO, KASUI and KAVICHONDO OF THE CONGO, that KAVICHONDO OF THE CONGO has the largest ears. She was sired by Mrs. Murp’s Import, BUNGWA OF BLEAN, Mrs. Burn never cared for BUNGWA, feeling his ears too large too give him a “village dog” appearance and shortly after this she removed him from stud. I feel this was the beginning of large ears creeping into the breed, but even so, we needed the new blood and real good points were contributed by BUNGWA.

Mrs. Corden knew the original stock, and when she saw FULA she said, “Oh, she has the little round face and small ears, she is like a long-legged AMATANGAZI, which game her her mother makes her ears look bigger,” so on the left, I am including an amateur snap to show these.

I think the situation over the length of muzzle is safe. Most people prefer the short muzzle and there are enough around to ensure they are preserved. But I fear the small ears are a different matter. They are the exception rather than the rule, and I begin to wonder whether any breed will continue to exist in spite of the change of type and structure. I feel it needs a change to the standards to bring back the small ears and big and it could be called an evolutionary change referred to in the first paragraph. This is rather a tragedy, as the small, high set, crisp ear of the Basenji was so typical and contrasted so strongly with the “pi-dogs” and the village dogs which I have seen in Africa from Port Soudan in the east, to Lome in the west, and from there to the ears, usually low set and very poorly carried. All we can do is bear in mind that the small ears and short nose are what make it a breed possible in breeding programs. The English Standard, 1961, lists among faults, “Ears too low set and too large.”

I mention these two points merely as a way of describing the progress of Basenjis. In almost every other way, I think they have improved enormously in recent years, particularly in better length of body, curvier tails and taller tails, and temperament too seems to be greatly improved.

**Announcement**

The arrival of SHARIY LYNNE ABELSON, five pounds, eleven ounces, Saturday, September 26, 1968. Born face and a half hours after mother returned home (showing Charlie to Best of Breed and Bl. Golly to Winners Bitch, at the Suffolk County Kennel Club, Nov 5, Greenfield Park), Littleton, Colorado 80120.

Congratulations, Dr. and Mrs. Martin Abelson!

**MAILBOX** (continued)

since HABDIAN’s success was one of the proudest achievements of my late wife. Not unnaturally it is the fact that the first Basenji of both breeds to gain the prestigious BASENJAI KENNEL and were sire by a home-bred champion, is a source of great satisfaction to me, as I am not in a position to do shows, and the other Basenji is a still younger boy, and known as the best Basenji in the world.

HEART OF THE WORLD Basenji Club (continued) of this kind happen in all breeds are rare. Many, people, not being acquainted with the breed, will believe anything anyone tells them about a Basenji breed. I have a know of a few instances when a club member, at the risk of being told to take a flying leap, tried to enlighten the would-be breeder on the real Basenji breed and good stock if they really were determined and also assured him of help from some of the Basenji breed. Sometimes it works, and sometimes it doesn’t, but it’s worth the effort.

The Magnolia Basenji Club

by Betty Hogland, 13356 108th Avenue North
Largo, Florida 33764

The Magnolia Basenji Club will be host to the BCOA Sponsored Specialty In Jacksonville, Florida, on January 26, 1969, The trophies are beautiful and in abundance, and I bear the displays will be outstanding. The Don Castles, Jean Luesse, and are working hard on this show, and it is up to us to support it. Donations to the trophy fund will be greatly appreciated.

Betty Castle has also reserved a wing at the Jamaica Motel, P.O. Box 8067, Jacksonville, Florida 32211. Double rooms will be about $12 and a $10 deposit with registration is necessary by January 5. Please mention BIC when making your reservation so we can all be together in the same wing. If it should be necessary to cancel your reservation, 7 days’ notice will be required for refund.

The annual dinner meeting will be held at the Thunderbird Motel (a short distance away and on the same side of the expressway). Reservations for the dinner are $4.75, including tip and tax, and should be sent to Betty Castle, 1501 Fort Caroline Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225, before January 23.

There will be door prizes and gifts for all. The Ganes movie, “Training your own Pet Dog, Advanced,” will be shown by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mills. Following the movie, we will hold our annual meeting. As this will be an important meeting, in addition to the fun that has been planned, it is hoped as many members as possible will make every effort to attend.

We’re looking forward to seeing you! Let’s make this the biggest Specialty ever!

**CURLY TALES FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS**

by Earl and Diane Lane, 3905 East Lake Drive
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We just got back from the Idaho-Utah circuit and those shows combined with the Southern Specialty took us on a drive of 4000 miles in one week. We know who was the happiest to get back home, the dogs or us! I realized while at the shows that this is the month for the Top Ten listing, so did a project to add up time with only two days to do three “Gaza’ete” worth of information.

The picture taken and Jo Yord took a terrific job in organizing the Southern Specialty. Everyone ran very smoothly and the entries were very good, the pre-show dinner, delicious, room accommodations outstanding, and the trophies they had selected were beautiful.

This is the last report for the Top Ten Best of Breed and Group Winners through the July shows. These standings now include all shows published through the September 1968 edition of the Gazette.

**TOP TEN BEST OF BREED WINNERS**

**January -- July 1969**

Dog and breeder

1) CH. SHANGU OF HILLS HALF ACRE, M. & F. Hill
2) 4) CH. BAYAO’S BINGO KOLLA OF BER VIG
5) CH. BETSY ROSS KOLLA OF BER VIG
6) CH. SHANGU OF HILLS HALF ACRE, M. & F. Hill
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**WAGGING TAILS FROM NEW YORK**

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A size disqualification is not the answer! Unless you have gone through this in another breed, you can never know how the heartbreak that is involved, nor the terrible loss to the breed of otherwise excellent specimens that could be as little as 1/4th of an inch over, and so disqualified, before long, size becomes criteria for a show dog and conformation is out.

To consider improper size a serious fault “may” help to clear up the increase. In answer to the question put to me regarding where the line should be drawn, my answer would be an inch or two either side. That would give bitches from 15 to 17 inches and dogs from 15 to 18 inches.

I’d like to hear how others feel about this question of size, and any suggestions and ideas they may have on this subject.
Persistent Pneumonic Membrane in Basenji Dogs


SUMMARY

A congenital defect of the eye, consisting of persistent pneumonic membrane, has been identified in a small number of Basenji dogs. Both eyes of all affected dogs exhibited a similar appearance. The condition results from an abnormality in the differentiation of the cornea. The high incidence of the condition suggested hereditary influence.

In recent years, there have been numerous reports of developmental abnormalities of the eye in purebred dogs, some of which can adversely affect vision. Breeders of Basenjis have known for more than a decade that there is a high incidence of eye and other abnormalities in the breed. Interested persons have furnished us with notes describing the results of breeding, which produced dwarfs, digestive abnormalities, normal colour, defective or carpal joints, defects of dentition, defects of the urogenital system, and scrotal hernia, and open fontanelles. This information suggests strongly that there may be a hereditary or environmental factor involved, and physiological disorders in Basenjis. Unfortunately, no reports have been made in Basenjis of other breeds. In addition, one of us has previously described ocular defects in Basenjis.20 In all of these cases, there were congenital lesions of the eye region, representing or represeniting lesions of the embryonic pulmonic membrane.

Persistence of the pulmonic membrane occurs as a common anomaly of development of mesenchymal features of this small vessel, described in cattle, horses, cats, and dogs. It is a disorder, including findings derived from slit lamp examinations of pneumonic membrane in 6 dogs, and it may be detected by the slit lamp.

Embryonic Pneumonic Membrane: Its Formation and Regression

During fetal development, the anterior cholestasis is a developmental membrane consisting of delicate blood vessels and nonkeratinized mesenchymal tissue consisting of delicate connective tissue with loose, thin, and small connective tissue cells.

Vascular tunics that envelop the lens. The pulmonic membrane is supplied by the embryonic circulation, and the vascular tunic surrounding the lens receives its nourishment from the hyaloid vessels. In the normal course of events, this temporary vascular membrane regresses and is usually atrophied by the time pups are 10 to 12 days old. Regressed vessels may remain as a small vessel, however, the rate varies considerably from dog to dog and in eyes of the same dog.

The central vascular arcades of the pneumonic membrane disappear first, whereas the peripheral arcades which have their origin at the annulus, lesser curvature of the iris, midway between the iris root and pupillary border, disappear last. In the 6th week of postnatal life, it is unusual to find single or multiple, persistent or unpigmented remnants of the pulmonic membrane. In the darkroom and with the aid of focal light and magnification, vascular loops of the pulmonic membrane are visible in the light reflected from the fundus, fine, delicate vessels which do not cross the pupillary membrane. The vessels are generally atrophic and lie in a friendless vesselless vascular arcades, which are subdivided into a number of smaller vascular arcades, which are subdivided into an abundant network of capillaries. The narrower vessels of the membrane are the most prominent feature of the vesselless vascular arcades, which are subdivided into an abundant network of capillaries. The narrower vessels of the membrane are the most prominent feature of the vesselless vascular arcades, which are subdivided into an abundant network of capillaries. The narrower vessels of the membrane are the most prominent feature of the vesselless vascular arcades, which are subdivided into an abundant network of capillaries.
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Eyes with this lesion, the minor vascular circle of the iris and the iris suture were massive, being 3 to 6 times as thick as normal. When viewed in profile by oblique illumination and magnification, portions of the iris vessels could be seen projecting into the anterior chamber, with space formation between the vessel and the iris surface. Whereas the vascular circle of the iris was covered by dark-brown pigment typical of the iris surface, in some eyes there were unpigmented branches of the vessel that arose from the principal ciliary circle to terminate in a point that was free in the anterior chamber.

Localized Cornet Opacity.—Eyes with this lesion, there were discreet white dots 0.5 to 1.0 mm in diameter (Fig. 1), or sharply outlined linear or branching opacities 0.5 to 4.0 mm long, situated in the corneal stroma (Fig. 2). These areas could be localized to the region of Descemet's membrane when viewed in the slit lamp and filled most of the anterior chamber. Descemet's membrane was broad, irregular, and optically denser than normal. Some of the lesions had a sheet-like appearance and projected into the anterior chamber.

Diffuse Small or Large Opacities of the Deep Corneal Layers.—Eyes with these opacities had multiple, multiple, or single, white lesions with distinct borders affecting the central or paracentral portion of the cornea. In diffuse light, the central opacities were surrounded by an irregular transparent zone which was rimmed by a circular opacity, giving the general impression of a target (Fig. 3). In the slit lamp beam, the opacity could be seen affecting the region of Descemet's membrane, which was irregular, broad, and optically denser than normal. The periphery of the corneal stroma appeared normal. The corneal stroma adjacent to the lesions in Descemet's membrane appeared more granular than normal. Pigmented bands of the corneal pupil membrane could be seen stretching from the inner aspect of the cornea at the site of the corneal opacities to the iris face, where they attached at the region of the minor vascular circle.

Persistent Pupillary Membrane.—Eyes with this lesion had small or large, single or multiple, usually pigmented, bands of the embryonic pupillary membrane attached at one or both ends to the minor vascular circle of the iris (Fig. 4). In no case were the bands attached to the pupillary border. In some eyes, only a single, delicate strand of the membrane crossed the pupillary area, whereas in

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The Basenji

NOVEMBER 1968

"ZEN" STARTING TO LEARN (continued)

"ZEN" had her freedom in the woods from a very early age, as I thought she needed room to gallop, and she was at the same time well-pleased with the way she could run. She had a light line as a lead and a clip on the tail, so that it was easy to control her. We then usually covered the next fifty yards or so, and she never seemed to feel restricted, or start to learn that annoying habit of dodging.

She certainly kept me alert, anticipating our meeting other people and dogs, or getting too near houses and traffic. If free, her voice was one of those that could attract attention, and this was especially true when we were out in the woods. She would stop and listen, then move on a few steps, and then continue in the same direction, always keeping her eyes on the surroundings.

The Basenji had a natural freedom that I had never seen before. She was never afraid of anything, and always seemed to enjoy herself. She was a wonderful dog, and I was very glad to have her as my companion. She was a true Basenji, and I will always remember her with fondness.

References


"CHAD"

A Basenji story for children, (imported from England) £3.25, from The Basenji (postage paid) 933 42nd Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

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Ears taste better;
And I say,
"Who taught me all I know
About picking?
I'll tell you who:
My mother, that's who.
I remember when
I was a baby,
My Aunt Kit standing by the bed
And crying,
"KHETA, NOT her whole head
In your mouth!
"KHETA!
Mind her eyes!"

Show Reports From Canada
9/16/66, Canadian Nat. Exhibition,
Toronto, Ont., Judge S. Winkmore
(D 6 B, 7 B)
WD, GAMBLER’S CENTENAL BLACK
PRINCE, J. Gamble (2 pts)
RD, CONGO CAVES RAFIKI BAUNDA,
D. & M. Nelson
WB-BW, KATAGAM’S GYPSY GIRL,
M. Corbett (3 pts)
RB, GAMBLER’S CENTENAL BLACK
ROSE, J. Gamble
BB-G1 I, CH. GAMBLER’S GREAT
GAME, Mr. & Mrs. H. Harkness
BOS, CH. KATAGAM’S APRIL LOVE,
L. Rose
9/2/66, Canadian Nat. Exhibition,
Toronto, Judge Mrs. L. Lumburner
(D 6 B, 6 B)
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WB-BW, KONGO CAVES RAFIKI
LEEL, D. & M. Nelson (4 pts)
RD, KATAGAM’S GYPSY GIRL, M.
Corbett
BB, CH. KALMUS BENEDICK, R.
Patterson & F.逄
9/16/66, Saskatoon & OC, Saskatoon,
Judge E. Bell (D 3 B)
WB-BW, G. G., NADIA’S SOLEIM
SERALO, J. Berryman (2 pts)
RD, BERRAIR REGAL ROSE, Mr.
& Mrs. T. Boomer (2 pts)
RD, MERRILL GOLD CHARM, Mr.
& Mrs. W. Kraussick
9/16/66, Oakville & Dist. KC, Oakville,
Judge R. Moneley (D 9 B, 2 B)
WD, GAMBLER’S CENTENAL BLACK
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"Did you say, Lynn’s cow?"
"A real ‘bristy’ cow?"

This calls for closer inspection!"

— — Mrs. H. O. Baldwin

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Listen you pups,
To me your old man,
And knock off those points
As fast as you can.
For when you come home,
Retired from the ring,
Those gate will be waiting
To give you a fling.
And all the attention
You’re sure to receive,
Until you have seen it,
You wouldn’t believe.

— — Carolyn Forse

Judge R. Belde (D 3 B, 5 B, 4 B)
WD-BB, SERUFUS OF LITTLE TWG
Mr. & Mrs. W. Hasson (5 pts)
RD, KATAGAM’S PRINCE OF PIRATES,
D. Penney
WB-BW-BB, BOKELE OF THE ITURI,
D. & M. Luke (6 pts)
RB, HANNAISIEV’S MERRY MOLLY,
D. & M. Jones
9/20/66, Spearborough, KC, Don Mills,
Ont., Judge V. Johnson (D 6 B, 8 B, 7 B)
WD, KEGAR’S INDIAN RED, Mrs.
F. Jones
RB, SR REUSIS OF LITTLE TWG,
Mr. & Mrs. W. Hasson
WB-BW-BB, BOKELE OF THE ITURI,
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BB, CH. GAMBLER’S GREAT GAMBLE,
Mr. & Mrs. R. Harkness

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CHRISHILL'S SHANNON STAR

(Ch. Baritiy Banter of Aaralaynx X Phemister's Tana of the Nile)
"SHANNON" shown taking BOB at the Sand and Sea KC show, 8/11/69, under Judge Mrs. Ruth Tougren. Although shown sparingly in '68, "Shannon" has 10 points. She is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Eberhard E. Scheuing, handled by Ellen Scheuing, 100-13 Ascian Avenue, Forest Hills, New York 11375.

Best of breed

SHIKARI KENNELS

CH. NREKE'S MAKINDU

(Ch. Cambria's Nyakali x Ch. Congolese Black Tamarin)
"Kindu" won BB at the Five Valley KC show, under Judge W. Pym. Kindu is now at home with Phil and Lorna Souther, 2468 West Swain Road, Stockton, California.