

Also the private donations in the memory of Sarah Cousins and Robert Grundman. The board discussed and further recommends to the membership they change the standards to include brindle as an additional acceptable color. President Cunningham announced that there was an error on the ballot for the 1990 west coast site/judge selection. There are three ineligible judges as they live in this region. The three are Sandy Bridges, Margaret Sommer, and Jim Webb. President Cunningham reported that Mary Jenkins, Chairman of the Judges' Education Committee has recommended the preparation of a tri-fold hand-out describing the standard in detail. The board adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted, Diane R. Davis, Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 1987

The Basenji Club of America annual meeting was called to order by President Judy Cunningham at Pecatonica, IL on September 17, 1987. The following members were present: Melody Russell, Diane Davis, Judy Cunningham, Susan Coe, Margaret Grundman, Arnieta Kurtz, Debbie Hauri, Arlene Peters, Ray Peters, Damara Bolte, June Weedy, Lynn Arrand, Gerry Pawson, Mary Pawson, Christine Danker, Carolane DeVoss, Gary DeVoss, Margaret Sommer, John O. Sommer, Sheila Anne Frost, Cindy Moran, Una Gigous, Linda Brown, Jean Martin, Bruce Wuornos, Sally Wuornos, Teresa B. Gavaletz, George W. Gavaletz, Anne L. Graves, B. J. Kaufman, Linda Ehlers, Jerry E. Ehlers, Evelyn Woolery, Judith Holiday, Mary Woodcock, Mary DeWhitt, Donna Smith, Myron S. Woodcock, Iris Craven, Pat Bright, Travy Leonard, DVM, Jeffrey Leonard, Connie Reid, Lucretia Hewes, Joan Harper, John Harper, Pat Cambura, Carlos Jimenez, Barbara Jimenez, Sandra Bridges, Jon Bradshaw, Jacqui Bradshaw, Vivkie Keller, Carol Stephenson, Elijah Stephenson, Susan Patterson, Doris Hinds, Frances Carlisle, Marti Reed, Beverly A. Bland, Alice Bair, Nancy Wilson, Andie Paysinger, Michael Vork, Carol A. Webb, Patricia Edgerton, Sue Joyner, R. W. Brown, Phyllis Elliott, Jo York Bradshaw, Joan Clague, Linda Benson, Dona Rosales, Helen Childress, Ralph Childress, Wilma Bauer, Teena Simmons, S. Anne Ductor, Marie L. Marsh, Mary Lou Kenworthy, Shirley Chambers, Sally Ann Smith, Paul Gigous, Loretta J. Kelley, Marnie Lang, David Varon, Lillian Iacofano, Karen Butler, Cheryl Myer-Edgerton, Marlene Corey, Martha A. Lee, Robin Ann Davis, Carol Plenkens, L. Jane Williams, Marilyn Thyes, Bob House, and Anne House. Junior members included Kari Wuornos, Mandy Keller and Amy Stephenson. Guests included Evelyn M. Hirt, Jim Benson, Mable O'Donnell, Jack G. Scamell, Leo N. Rosales, Gwen Stanich, Berdine Sweet, Cecelia Vozniak, Ruth Brown, Bob Joyner, Jim Edgerton, Stella Sapio, Nina Sok, Patricia Bird, Tracie Sraam, Tom Sraam, Les Butler, Herb Abraham, Pat Wand, Carol Titus, Roy Titus, Larry Brown, Coleen McCrary, Diana L. Allen, Dave Phelyn, Terese Fonster, Renee Integlia, Mary Reid, John Reid, Beverly Arrand, Helen Allard, Priscilla Weeks, Dorothy J. Auld and Deborah J. Mason. President Cunningham announced that there was an error on the ballot for the 1990 West Coast site/judges ballot. There are three ineligible judges as they live in this region. The three are Sandy Bridges, Margaret Sommer, and Jim Webb. President Cunningham announced the results of the 1988 election of the Board of Director. The unopposed officers included President Judy Cunningham; Vice President Barbara Jimenez; Secretary Diane Davis; Treasurer Margaret Grundman. The directors elected include Damara Bolte, Sandy Bridges, Barbara Camp, Susan Coe, Jon Curby, Melody Russell and L. Jane Williams. Treasurer Margaret Grundman announced that she had posted the previous quarters treasurers report on the wall and had the ledger available for anyone to consult. The present quarter is just ending and she will publish the third quarter treasurers report next month. The checking account has a balance of \$2,462.06 and the savings account has \$10,107.03. Secretary Diane Davis recommended to the membership the acceptance of the most recently published prospective members. They included Patrick and Lynn M. Sadlak from UT; Larry Brown, OH; Susie Cook, FL; James and Helen Huster, FL; Judy Hughes, TX; John Covington, NC; Walter D. and Bonnie Lynch, CA. The motion was seconded by Connie Reid. Motion carried. Committee reports: Sally Wuornos announced that the new chairman for the Central Ways and Means is Sandy Beaudoin and that Pat Cambura is chairman of the Western Ways and Means committee. Unfinished Business: President Cunningham said that she had received several letters questioning the reason for which the board voted to eliminate obedience certificates. She explained that the board felt these awards should be given on the local level. Top awards presented at the annual meeting are given in the names of individuals such as the Reveille and Wessman awards. At the board meeting held earlier in the day the members agreed to publish all title winners in the second issue of THE BULLETIN. Jane Williams moved that all Basenjis which have earned a title be published in the second issue of the BCOA Bulletin beginning in 1988. These titles must have been published by the organization, AKC, ASFA, etc. and will include all titles published from January 1 through December 31, on Basenjis owned or co-owned by BCOA members. Owners are to be responsible for sending these dogs names in after they are published. They are to include dogs full name, titles earned, date and volume of publication title was published. Motion was seconded by Joan Clague. Jane Williams volunteered to handle the collection of information and prepare for THE BULLETIN editor. The discussion which followed centered around the specific titles. Sally Wuornos amended the motion to read all recognized titles. Motion seconded. Amendment passed. Connie Reid moved that the BCOA purchase a subscription to the various journals for the official tallier. Seconded by Melody Russell. Discussion: Treasurer Margaret Grundman pointed out that for several years a subscription was budgeted for one tallier which never used the monies. This past year it was dropped from the budget. Motion defeated. Mary Lou Kenworthy moved that those desiring to have their title

winners names printed provide a xerox copy of publication of certificate as proof to the tallier. Seconded by Vickie Keller. Motion carried. Margaret Sommers moved that a committee be appointed to open a dialogue with the AKC, and a criterion developed, for the registration of native African Basenjis, and/or their descendants. Seconded by George Gavaletz. Motion carried. Bob House spoke on the new rule at AKC concerning the breed standards not being permitted to be changed for seven years. Jon Curby moved that the color brindle be placed in the standard. Seconded by Susan Coe. Discussion centered around brindle breeding true. Jon pointed out that Veronica Tudor-Williams saw brindles 30 years ago as did Jon and Mike Work this past year. Motion carried. President Cunningham recognized Bob House, AKC Delegate, for a report of the September 15, 1987 meeting. A written report will appear in the October issue of the GAZETTE. The delegates will be voting on the following changes at their December 8, 1987 meeting and Mr. House wanted guidance from the members as to how he should vote, a) the elimination of the Best of Winners award as AKC referred to these as cheap points, b) a requirement that a dog must receive at least one major after reaching 18 months of age before granted a championship title, c) place restrictions on cluster shows in five years including a maximum of 3 shows in one location and that if one club drops out of a cluster another club cannot be replaced. Mr. House also said that the point schedule is under review in a number of states and that the litter registration at AKC is up considerably over previous years. Mr. House recommended that all members write letters to Louis Auslander concerning these revisions. Melody Russell moved we instruct Mr. House to vote no to the entire package. Seconded by Elijah Stephenson. Motion carried. Much discussion continued at this point as more questions were answered by Mr. House. It became apparent the members wanted to express their views on each proposed change. Loretta Kelley moved we vote on each portion of the package. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Melody Russell moved and Sally Vuornos seconded we vote no on the elimination of Best of Winners. Motion carried. Marti Reed moved and Ray Peters seconded we vote against the requirement that dogs win one major after 18 months of age to fulfill the requirements of championship. Motion carried. As the discussion continued around the issue of clusters there were a number of people very protective of the clusters continuing as they live in areas of the west where it is common to travel 400 to 600 miles to show. It is much more feasible for these people to travel to cluster shows than to individual shows. Elijah Stephenson moved we vote by written ballot. Seconded by Iris Craven. Discussion followed and Mr. House pointed out that he would count the ballots but that he must receive them before December 1. An amendment was made by Sandy Bridges that the ballot be mailed to all members in the most expeditious manner. Amendment passed. Motion carried. Melody Russell moved that we adjourn. Seconded by Jane Williams. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane R. Davis, Secretary

NOTE FROM THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY CHAIRMAN: National Specialty Videos are available from: Have Video, Will Travel, Inc. at 711 South Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302. The price for each tape is \$55. Tapes Available: Tape 1 - Sweepstakes; Tape 2 - Dogs; Tape 3 - Bitches; Tape 4 - Best of Breed. Mastercharge & Visa are acceptable (please include expiration date). Also indicate format (VHS or Beta), and include \$5 for postage and handling. These are narrated, high-quality tapes and I'd sure like to have one for Christmas -

Una Gigous

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Please note that L. Jane Williams was present at the Board of Directors Meeting.)

**ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE ABOVE MINUTES
MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY
BY DECEMBER 25th!!!**

BALLOT NO. 7 - December 2, 1987 - PASSED

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF MEMBERSHIP, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

Your approval is requested to extend through 1988 membership in the BCOA of all new members who were approved on ballots in October, November or December of 1987.

APPROVED: Bolté, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Russell and Williams.

BALLOT NO. 8 - December 2, 1987 - PASSED

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR REGISTRATION OF NATIVE AFRICAN BASENJSIS, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

You are requested to approve the following committee whose purpose is to open a dialog with AKC and develop a criterion for the registration of native African Basenjisis and their descendants. The Chairman is to be Margaret Sommers, CA, and committee members are Damara Bolté, VA, Jon Curby, MO, Barbara Jimenez, SC.

APPROVED: Bolté, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, *Davis, Grundman, Russell and **Williams.

ABSTAIN: Jimenez

*Approved, but next time lets see more non board members on a committee.

**I would like to see regular reports when new information is received in order to keep membership fully informed.

BALLOT NO. 9 - December 2, 1987 - PASSED

SUBJECT: 1990 NATIONAL SPECIALTY CHAIRPERSON, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

You are requested to approve the appointment of Tana Foley as the 1990 Nstional Specialty Chairperson.

APPROVED: *Bolté, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Russell and Williams

*If you say so but who is she.

BALLOT NO. 10 - December 2, 1987 - PASSED

SUBJECT: 1990 NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGE, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

Forrest Dye has received the most votes to judge the 1990 National Specialty in Santa Rosa, CA. Mr. Dye has been contacted by the secretary and agrees to a fee of \$100.00 for the two days of judging, and expenses of round trip coach air fare, three (3) nights lodging, meals, car parking at judge's local airport and car rental for the days he is judging. You are requested to approve the hiring of Mr. Dye for the above mentioned expenses.

APPROVED: Bolté, Bridges, Camp, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Russell and Williams

From: Jon Curby *Jon*
To: Margret Sommer, Chairperson
B.C.O.A. committee to establish dialog with AKC regarding
registration of native african basenjis and their offspring

Subject: definition of goals and objectives

Reading the motion that established this committee leaves me a little unsure about our goal. I believe that we should immediately outline the limits and objectives of this committee while at the same time begin work on several of the more obvious tasks.

Before I outline what I feel should be our goals I would like to share some things learned through informal conversation with AKC officials, including the vice president for registrations, the secretary, and the president.

1. * The AKC has no mechanism or rules for dealing with our situation. The result we seek, reopening of the stud book, will require special attention of the AKC board.
2. * There should be a mandate from the general membership in addition to the support of the BCOA board for whatever action we seek.
3. * They know very little about the origins and development of our breed.
4. * Our proposal should be in the form of a formal presentation to the president of the AKC and whomever else he deems appropriate.

This presentation should be the end result of our efforts. The following are some of the major items I feel must be addressed.

5. * Prepare a ballot for the general membership, to be voted on with the new standard, that will read: The membership of the Basenji Club of America request that the American Kennel Club stud book for basenjis be reopened to include new native african bloodlines. Individual dogs to be included shall be subject to the approval of the B.C.O.A. board of directors.
6. * Develop a package of materials to serve as background information on the origins, development and problems of the breed for the AKC.
7. * Develop guidelines for evaluation of native dogs to be used the B.C.O.A. board.
8. * Specify the documentation to be required for native dogs to be considered for inclusion into the stud book.
9. * Assuming approval of the membership, put together a presentation that requests opening of the stud book and deliver it to the American-Kennel Club.

cc.
Damara Bolte
Barbara Jimenez

RE: COMMITTEE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF NATIVE AFRICAN BASENJSIS

- Purpose: 1. To open a dialog with the AKC for the registration of native African Basenjjs, and/or their descendants.
2. To develop a criterion for the registration of native African Basenjjs and/or their descendants (in the form of a proposal and guidelines under which the AKC could reopen the stud book.)

Motion by Jon Curby:

"I would like to move that we prepare a ballot to be voted on by the membership (a sample ballot with suggested wording is enclosed for your approval) as soon as possible." (See enclosure #1)

Approved: Barbara Jimenez (See enclosure #2)

No record of vote: Damara Bolte'

Disapproved: Margaret Sommer. I agree that the membership should be surveyed, but feel that it would be premature at this time to poll the membership before the criterion for registration has been drafted by this committee and recommended to the Board for approval. The primary purpose of this committee is to develop a criterion, that is, a standard by which correct judgment can be made, for the registration of native African Basenjjs, and/or their descendants, by which the Board would base their approval or disapproval of each case. When presented to the membership, this ballot should contain the stipulation that the Board's decision on each individual application should be according to some written standard of approval that has been submitted to, and accepted by, the membership. Additionally, any member or members, selected by the Board can serve to tally the ballot.



THE KENNEL CLUB

1-5 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1Y 8AB

Telephone: 01-493 6651

Ref: BWL/WW

Mrs M Sommer

2 December 1987

Dear Mrs Sommer

With reference to your letter received on 22 November, I herewith enclose a photocopy of a page from our Kennel Gazette for July 1987.

This deals with the situation in question and I trust that it is self explanatory. If you have any specific questions please feel free to contact the undersigned, quoting the above reference.

In general terms the General Committee, which is the governing Committee of the Kennel Club, have always reserved the right to register a dog if and when they thought it necessary. There are rules and regulations but the Committee always reserves the right to over ride these regulations in specific cases.

The situation with Basenjis is probably very similar to that of Desert Red Borzois and I know the American Kennel Club has recently been advised of our position with regard to such breeds.

Yours sincerely

B W LEONARD (MR)
RESEARCH DEPARTMENT



KENNEL CLUB

SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

At the Annual General Meeting of Members held on May 28, 1987, the following amendments to the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Kennel Club were approved:

ii. **COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS** paragraph 7 (d) to read: Working Trials, Obedience & Agility - this Sub-Committee shall be 10 in number and the members of it shall be elected as follows:

- by the General Committee from members of the Kennel Club.
- by representatives of the Kennel Club Working Trials Council from their number.
- by representatives of the Kennel Club Obedience and Agility Council from their number, one of whom represents the Agility Clubs on the Council.

(Amendments in bold)

iii. **COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS** paragraph 7 (i) (iv) to

read: "On behalf of the General Committee it will be proposed that the CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS OF THE KENNEL CLUB - Part III, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS Paragraph (iv) be amended to read as follows:

- (iv) No person shall belong to more than two Sub-Committees but this shall not affect ex-officio members."

(Amendment in bold)

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 19, 1987

At its meeting of May 19, 1987, the General Committee of the Kennel Club considered a case under Rule A17 (vii).

Mrs. C. Corcoran of 21 Fairbank Avenue, Newport, Gwent was convicted at the Petty Sessions Division of Newport on September 24, 1986 for stealing £1,576 from the Stone and District Canine Society and for falsifying the books of that Society. The Committee noted that Mrs. Corcoran failed to reply to the Secretary's letter of April 21, 1987 asking her to provide a written explanation. The Committee decided that Mrs. Corcoran be suspended from acting as an exhibitor of any canine society for life under Kennel Club Rule (ii) (a) (1).

SUSPENSION RESCINDED

At its meeting on May 19, 1987, the Committee rescinded the suspension under Rule 17 previously imposed on Mrs. S. J. Wyss, of 15 Wulvestord, Witham, Essex (formerly of 19 Braintree Road, Witham).

REGISTRATION OF IMPORTED DOGS

KENNEL Club Regulations for Classification and Registration (C) paragraph 3 states, inter alia, that:

"The General Committee may accept for registration subject to such terms and conditions as the General Committee may stipulate from time to time:

- in breed registers, dogs of pure breeds originating from countries where there are no clubs with which the Kennel Club has reciprocal agreements or which have no registration system, notwithstanding the fact that their parents may not be entered in a recognized Stud Book or known."

Any person proposing to register any dog in such category is advised that prior approval should be sought from the Kennel Club before purchase or importation. The fact of arrival of the dog in the United Kingdom is not justification for registration and adherence to the correct procedures is essential if disappointment and unnecessary expense is to be avoided.

It should be appreciated that this advice does not apply when the imported dog is in the corresponding register kept by a club with which the Kennel Club has a reciprocal agreement or is in a recognised Stud Book.

DOGS IN CARS AT SHOWS ON HOT DAYS—GUIDELINES TO SHOW EXECUTIVES

The Committee has given detailed consideration to the problems arising when dogs are left in cars at Shows on hot days.

As most venues are different in layout and most car parks are outside the actual show venue, it is virtually impossible to introduce a Kennel Club Show Regulation to deal with the problem effectively.

It is the Committee's view that the necessity to issue Guidelines to prevent cruelty to dogs by exhibitors at dog shows, can only reflect badly on those who profess to care for dogs.

The following Guidelines are recommended:—

- Show Executives may consider identifying exhibitors' cars by printing each exhibitor's ring number on pre-paid car park labels.
- A notice should be published in the schedule and in a prominent place in car parks, stating that remedial action will be taken in the event of dogs left in cars being found in a distressed condition.
- Arrangements should be made with RSPCA Officers or Police authorities to patrol car parks to inspect cars/vehicles for dogs left in cars.
- When dogs are found in a distressed condition, an announcement should be made on the Public Address system, giving details of the dog involved, its breed, make and registration number of vehicle and the name of the owner or kennel if known. A time limit should be given of say 5-10 minutes, before further action is taken.
 - If there is no response within the time limit a Veterinary Surgeon should be called. If, in the opinion of the Vet, the condition of the dog allows for a final call being made on the Public Address system, then this should be done.
 - If a dog is in a distressed condition and there had been no response, a Show Official should take appropriate action.

OPEN/LIMITED/SANCTION SHOWS—1989

THE 1989 Show Diary will be compiled in October 1987 and a form of application for Open, Limited and Sanction Shows is enclosed in every issue of the KENNEL GAZETTE sent to Secretaries of Registered Societies.

To assist Secretaries a 1989 Calendar is reproduced below.

Applications for dates should be submitted to the Kennel Club Show Department by September 11, 1987 in order that work on the 1989 Show Diary may commence.

Clubs will be notified whether applications for dates have been successful and forms despatched before Christmas 1987.

Secretaries should note that applications to change the date of Shows after initial application cannot be guaranteed as, with the complexity of allocation and the number of Shows currently being licensed this is not always possible.

Secretaries should note that if no application form is enclosed with their copy of the KENNEL GAZETTE, contact with the Show Department will ensure that a copy is forwarded without delay.

1989											
January				May				September			
Su	1	8	16	22	29	7	14	21	28	3	10
M	2	9	16	23	30	1	8	15	22	29	4
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	2	9	16	23	30	5
W	4	11	18	25		3	10	17	24	31	6
Th	5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25		7
F	6	13	20	27		5	12	19	26		8
S	7	14	21	28		6	13	20	27		9
February				June				October			
Su	5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25		1
M	6	13	20	27		5	12	19	26		2
Tu	7	14	21	28		6	13	20	27		3
W	1	8	15	22		7	14	21	28		4
Th	2	9	16	23		1	8	15	22		5
F	3	10	17	24		2	9	16	23		6
S	4	11	18	25		3	10	17	24		7
March				July				November			
Su	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		5
M	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		6
Tu	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		7
W	1	8	15	22		5	12	19	26		8
Th	2	9	16	23		6	13	20	27		9
Fri	3	10	17	24		7	14	21	28		10
S	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		11
April				August				December			
Su	2	9	16	23		6	13	20	27		3
M	3	10	17	24		7	14	21	28		4
Tu	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		5
W	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		6
Th	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		7
F	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		8
S	1	8	15	22		5	12	19	26		9

EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 26

CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS 1988

At its meeting on May 19, 1987 the Committee confirmed the allocation of Championship Status 1988 to the following Clubs:—

Home Counties American Cocker Spaniel Club
South Eastern Pyrenean Mountain Dog Club

OFFICIAL KENNEL CLUB OBSERVERS AT SHOWS

OFFICIAL Kennel Club Observers have been appointed by the Committee to attend the following Shows:—

Joint German Shepherd Dog Clubs' Championship Show—August 22/23, 1987
(Host Club: German Shepherd Dog Club of Northern Ireland)

Border Counties Hound Club Championship Show—October 18, 1987

INDEX

	Page
Secretary's Announcements	41
Other Announcements	42
Clubs and Committees	42
Fixes	42
BVA	44



Mrs. Margaret Sommer

December 18, 1987

Mr. B. W. Leonard
Research Department
The Kennel Club
1-5 Clarges Street
Piccadilly, London
W1Y8AB England

Dear Mr. Leonard,

Thank you for your response to my inquiry on the registration of native African Basenjis. Specifically, I would like to learn about the requirement of breeding three generations of a foreign bloodline imported from a country where there is no reciprocal kennel club, or registration system. I believe this was the case with a native Basenji bitch imported to England from Africa in 1959.

As chairman of the committee for the registration of native Basenjis for the Basenji Club of America, I would be interested to know if the breeding of three generations is a written requisite of the Kennel Club, or if the criterion for the registration of foreign imports of this sort is developed according to each individual applicant. Your experience in this area would be very helpful to us as we develop guidelines for foreign import registration in our breed.

You mentioned that the AKC had recently been advised of the Kennel Club's position with regard to the Desert Red Borzois and such breeds. Would you be so kind as to inform us also of the Kennel Club's position? Your response would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Sommer

Margaret Sommer (Mrs.)
Chairman

Ref.: BLW/WW



MARGARET SOMMER

December 18, 1987

Ms. Judy Cunningham

Dear Judy,

Subject: COMMITTEE FOR REGISTRATION OF NATIVE AFRICAN BASENJIS
(Please refer to Ballot No. 8)

- Purpose: 1. To open a dialog with the AKC for the registration of native African Basenjis and/or their descendants;
2. To develop a criterion for the registration of native African Basenjis and/or their descendants.

(Please refer to Ballot No. 21 - 1/30/86 Passed.
"Be it resolved, that the Basenji Club of America supports those efforts within the Basenji breeder community to obtain and register native African purebred Basenjis. In the event a purebred native is acquired, the Basenji Club of America will lend its official support in the form of a proposal and guidelines under which the American Kennel Club could reopen the stud book."

.....

As Jon Curby indicates in his letter, "the AKC has no mechanics or rules for dealing with our situation." (Please refer to the enclosed copy of AKC Special Registry Services.) If we are agreed as a committee that our purpose includes the reopening of the stud book, (please refer to Ballot No. 21) then this is one contingency that will need to be articulated amongst ourselves as we structure our dialog with the AKC.

I would like to especially thank Jon for his excellent letter. I have taken the liberty of numbering his many suggestions for easy reference to the following:

Roles & Functions:

1. Board of Directors
 - a. Prepare a ballot for the general membership, to be voted on with the new standard (See #5).
 - b. Formally request the registration of native African Basenjis, the opening of the stud book, etc. (See #9).
 - c. The registration of individual native import Basenjis subject to Board approval according to BCOA guidelines (See #5 & #7).
 - d. Present package of informational materials on the breed to the AKC (See #6).
2. General Membership
 - a. Mandate of approval prior to any action (See #2).
 - b. Question: By mail or next annual meeting?
3. Committee
 - a. Develop guidelines for the Board's evaluation of native dogs (See #9).
 - b. Specify required documentation for AKC registration of native dogs (See #9).
 - c. See committee's Statement of Purpose.

.....

I would appreciate your views and comments on the aforementioned statement of purpose for the committee and the BCOA roles and functions as well as the following:

Priority of Committee Functions

1. Develop criteria
 - a. Adapt UKC registry rules to ours?
 - b. "Screening" guidelines for Board of Directors?
2. Develop timeline

(According to AKC representative Bob House, the AKC intends to standardize all breed standards within the next two years. Any changes we hope to make will probably have to be achieved before then.)
3. Dialog of inquiry with the AKC
 - a. Appoint spokesman for committee?
 - b. AKC contact by committee direction only?
 - c. Most favorable strategy of approach - who & how?

(AKC Vice-president Nan Ayling expressed an interest to Alice Bair in learning of the result of the seminar on the African Basenjis at the National.)

4. How can the AKC be best persuaded to the BCOA point of view?

.....

Rather than get involved in a lot of telephone expense, I think we can correspond, initially at least, by mail so if you would number and letter your comments according to page numbers it would expedite our responses. Also, I would like to request that you provide yourselves with a file folder for this committee, and send copies of your correspondence to myself, President Cunningham and each committee member.

I will look forward to hearing from you after the first of the year.

May every blessing of this holy season be yours.

Sincerely,



Margaret Sommer
Chairman

Encl.

cc: Damara Bolte'
Judy Cunningham
Jon Curby
Barbara Jimenez

DAMARA BOLTE'

JUDY CUNNINGHAM

JON CURBY

BARBARA JIMENEZ

MARGARET SOMMER

Margaret Sommer

January 19, 1988

Dear Judy,

The enclosed committee report is submitted
for your consideration. Your attention
is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Margaret Sommer

Margaret Sommer, Chairman

Enclosures.

CC: Damara Bolte¹

Judy Cunningham

Jon Curby

Barbara Jimenez

February 10, 1988

Mrs. Margaret Sommer

Dear Margaret,

After giving some thought to the timing of the various projects we discussed recently I have altered the sequence of events as stated in my last communication. Your idea of defining some sort of criteria to be used by the board in approving native dogs for inclusion in the stud book prior to submitting a ballot to the general membership will serve several purposes. First, it will get a general commitment from the board with respect to the documentation to be required of each dog to be included in the stud book. Second, it will provide for the publication of that criteria along with comments of the board in one of the club publications. At the same time the ballot to be sent to the general membership can be sent to the board for approval and funding of the mailing cost.

As for the criteria to be used by the board I would like to submit the following for the consideration of the committee.

Required documentation for African bred basenjis and their descendants to be included in the American Kennel Club stud book.

a. export or shipping documents, or photographic evidence showing the dog in the country of origin.

b. At least three 8x10 color photographs showing both sides and the front.

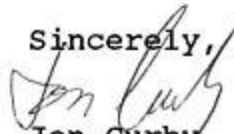
c. The sponsorship of at least one BCOA board member, excluding the owner, who has examined the dog in question.

d. Copies of the H.A. test results and eye examination reports from a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist.

Since Damara did not receive the last mailing I made, it would be unfair to act on that vote.

If these criteria outlined above and the enclosed revised ballot are acceptable I propose that we submit them to the board for a vote. If anyone has suggestions and/or changes lets consider them soon and get this part of our project underway.

Sincerely,



Jon Curby

enclosure

cc: D. Bolte'

J. Cunningham

B. Jimenez

Mrs. Margaret Sommer

June 10, 1988

Dear Judy and members of the committee,

I must apologize for having dropped the ball as Chairman of the Committee to Register Native African Basenjis, but I have been so involved in my son's political campaign for Congress that little else has been done around here. I feel badly about not having met my responsibility, and feel that it would be best to resign my position as chairman. My son has won the primary, and will be facing a very strong incumbent in the fall so I have decided to take a one-year hiatus from dogs in order to devote my efforts to his campaign.

I would like to suggest that the committee size be increased to five to seven members, and that the additional members be not of the board. Some members I would recommend are: Nancy Sullivan, Iris Craven, Mary de Whitt, Russell Hendren, Sheila Smith or Terry Gavalatz.

It is with regret that I resign this chairmanship since I have been so deeply involved in this project. My best wishes to all for the success of this committee's efforts.

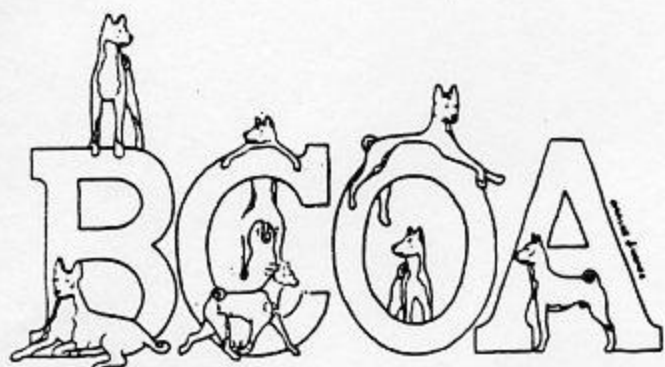
Sincerely,

Margaret Sommer

Margaret Sommer

cc:

Damara Bolte'; Jon Curby; Barbara Jimenez



BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Sandra L. Bridges

January 26, 1989

Ms. Elaine Young, Director
The American Kennel Club, Inc.
51 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Dear Ms. Young,

The Basenji has been known outside of Africa since the late 1930's, at which time both numbers and interest were very limited. The stud book was opened to the breed in 1944 and after the ten year period, interest was still quite limited. Only two native dogs came directly to this country; the other dozen that made up the entire founding gene pool came via England. As interest, breeding and numbers have gradually increased, so has the degree of inbreeding and the corresponding uncovering of recessive traits. Three of the latter have proven to be lethal. One is understood and controlled, while the other two are still unsolved.

The Basenjis that made up the original "Out of Africa" gene pool came primarily from the Southern Sudan and Northern Zaire (Belgian Congo). The remoteness of the region and the absence of possible other canine contaminants has allowed the breed to remain as it was, not just 40-50 years ago, but for tens of centuries. In this jet age, who knows how much longer this situation will remain. While there is still time, it seems advisable to avail ourselves of this endangered resource. If selected individuals were utilized in careful breeding programs, they could possibly make great contributions. The external merits could be assessed in the show ring, while any physiological benefits would be evident with time.

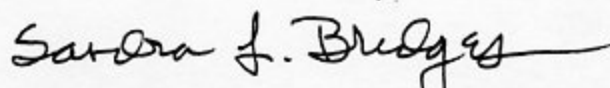
Since the closing of the stud book, native blood has twice been obtained through time consuming, expensive manipulations with foreign kennel clubs. When the goal is to benefit the breed and the project is undertaken with intelligence and integrity, deviousness should not be a necessity.

With the foregoing as background, I am writing to advise you of the Basenji Club of America's desire that the stud book for Basenjis be reopened to include, on a case-by-case basis as determined by B.C.O.A. representatives, certain African-bred Basenjis and their offspring. The mandate for this request is the unanimous support of the B.C.O.A. Board of Directors, together with a poll of the general membership indicating that an overwhelming 75% were in favor of the stud book being reopened.

While realizing that our request has few precedents in the A.K.C., such precedent does exist. We feel strongly that this action is important both to the survival of the breed and for it to continue to be representative of its native heritage. The B.C.O.A. has a committee prepared to present the origin, history and present-day challenges of the Basenji, and the details of our request to register more African foundation stock. A short written history describing the individual dogs that form the foundation of the breed, and the avenues by which they became a part of it will be made available to the A.K.C. Board and Staff. The committee could then be prepared to make a formal presentation to explain the details of our proposal and discuss the various options toward the implementation of a program that would be acceptable to both the A.K.C. and the B.C.O.A.

I await your response.

Sincerely,


(Mrs.) Sandra L. Bridges, President

cc: Louis Auslander
Elysabeth C. B. Higgins
Dr. Jacklyn E. Hungerland
Kenneth A. Marden
Mike Liosis
John S. Ward

The Natural Basenji

An Opportunity to Restore Genetic
Strength to the Breed.

August, 1989
The Basenji Club of America, Inc.
The Committee for Registration
of Native African Basenjis.

CONTENTS

- A. Letter from BCOA President Sandra Bridges to Elaine Young.
- B. History and perspectives on the Basenji in America and Europe.
- C. Results of voting by the BCOA general membership to reopen the studbook and modify the standard to allow the brindle color.
- D. Guidelines for evaluating native Basenjis that are to be included as foundation stock.

Cynthia A. Horan CPA
1911 Rollingwood Rd.
Baltimore, Maryland 21228
(303) 747-6311

August 6, 1989

Mr. James Crowley
Director of Dog Events
American Kennel Club
51 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Crowley:

In September of 1988 I counted the votes of members of the Basenji Club Of America for having the American Kennel Club open the Stud Dog Book to allow African Basenjis to be registered by the American Kennel Club and I also counted the votes for the new Basenji standard that included a revision that would allow Brindle to be an accepted color. The results of the voting follows:

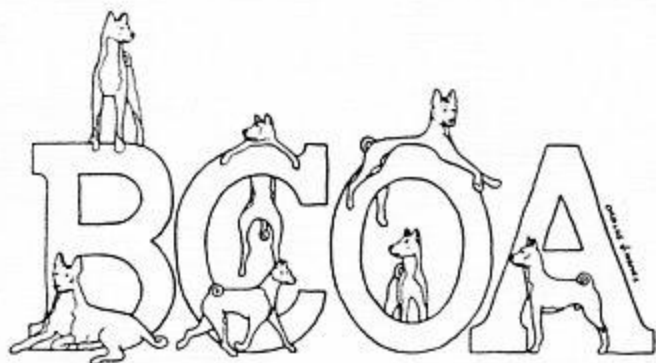
American Kennel Club Stud Book ballots received:	342
Choice Not Circled:	1
Disallowed because mailed late:	3
Actual votes counted:	338
Votes FOR opening the Stud Book:	249
Votes AGAINST opening the Stud Book:	89
Percentage of FOR votes:	73.7%
Percentage of AGAINST votes:	26.3%

Basenji Standard ballots returned which included the revision that would allow Brindle to be an accepted color:	351
Choice not circled:	1
Disallowed because mailed late:	3
Actual votes counted:	347
Voted FOR the standard including Brindle:	234
Voted AGAINST the standard including Brindle:	113
Percentage of FOR votes:	67.4%
Percentage of AGAINST votes:	32.6%

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia A. Horan CPA
Cynthia A. Horan CPA



BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Sandra L. Bridges

August 17, 1989

Mr. Kenneth A. Marden, President
The American Kennel Club
51 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 51001

Dear Mr. Marden:

This is to introduce to you B.C.O.A.'s three representatives in the matter of the reopening of our stud book to allow registration of native African basenjis.

Miss Damara Bolte' of *Reveille* fame has been involved with basenjis since 1955. She actually saw many of our earliest dogs and has witnessed the progression of the breed over more than thirty years. Renowned in the fancy with accomplishments too numerous to list, Damara has also written B.C.O.A.'s column in the A.K.C. *Gazette* for many years. She has served on B.C.O.A.'s Board of Directors for more than twenty years, and made the trip to Africa in 1988 to see basenjis in their native habitat. Damara is eminently qualified to discuss all "things basenji".

Mr. Michael Work literally grew up with basenjis. His first dog, bought for junior handling in 1967, was Ch. Makila Motane Moke. Finished by Mike, she was the foundation of Sirius Basenjis and holds the honor of all time Top Producing basenji bitch with twenty-three Champions to her credit. These include many Group and several Best In Show winners. Mike has continued his involvement through the years, handling the Top Basenji in the country for 1982 and 1983, Ch. Aleika-Absinthe Rahjah's J.R. He was also a member of the first trip to Africa in 1987 to find out if there were basenjis left in their native land. He is well qualified to present our position.

Mr. Jon Curby has, with his wife Vicki, been breeding and exhibiting basenjis since 1970. Together, Jon and Vicki have bred some thirty *Kibushi* Champions. They have studied basenji history in depth and attend all of our national specialties. Jon organized both the 1987 and 1988 expeditions to Africa, realizing the dream of many years when he first saw basenjis IN AFRICA! The photos Jon and Mike took of that first expedition, showing basenjis still being used by the natives as hunting dogs with the fabled bell around their necks, are thrilling to anyone interested in the basenji.

I am very pleased to present these three dedicated people to you as B.C.O.A.'s delegates to explain our membership's desire to see the stud book reopened.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Bridges
(Mrs.) Sandra L. Bridges, President



THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

JAMES P. CROWLEY
Director of Dog Events

(212)696-8242

August 25, 1989

Mr. Jon Curby
Basenji Club of America

Dear Mr. Curby:

This is a follow-up to our recent meeting concerning the possibility of admitting African imports into the Basenji stud book.

Our AKC staff committee has made note of the fact that nearly 74% of the membership of the Basenji Club of America who voted, were in favor of making provision for incorporating these African imports into the stud book.

As I indicated in our meeting, the final decision in this regard would rest with the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club. First of all, the Board would have to be sure that we were talking about pure-bred specimens. The position taken by the Basenji Club of America would certainly carry much weight in this regard. Secondly, there would have to be a demonstrated need or rationale for this request. The information contained in the presentation prepared under the title "The Natural Basenji", would seem to fill this requirement.

Finally, I am sure that the Board would wish to see sufficient safeguards to insure that the addition of these imports to the gene pool is not going to do more harm than good in the long run, by infusing more undesirable hereditary traits than they would be helping to eliminate. It is also important to remember that anything that is done in this case would be a precedent, and stringent enough guidelines would have to be established so that the reopening of a breed stud book would not become too easy or routine a matter.

When a unique situation such as this arises, an effort would be made to address it by referring to some precedent that has been established in the past. If our Board does determine that this is something that should be pursued, the staff committee could recommend one of two alternatives.

One option would be to have the Basenji Club of America organize a stud book which would consist of these imported Basenjis, in addition to the dogs that are part of litters resulting from the breeding of these imports. The Basenji Club of America could then be treated as a foreign kennel club which would establish pedigrees for these dogs.

Our policies do require that any imported dog have a three-generation pedigree. If this requirement were met, the fourth generation could either be registered as is done in the case of a dog that is imported from a country on AKC's primary list, or perhaps the Board might wish to stipulate that this fourth generation would be enrolled for breeding only. As you did point out in our meeting, this would entail a process of several years. There would also be a problem if somebody wanted to go back to breed to one of the original imports several years from now, as they would again have to wait until there were at least three generations before being able to register or enroll the fourth.

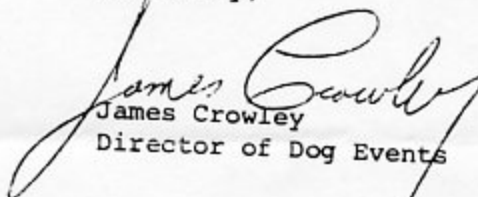
A second option might be to treat these imports almost as a new breed. In considering the admission of a new breed to the Miscellaneous Class and eventually to full registration, the American Kennel Club would work with a national breed club which would maintain a stud book over a number of generations. As outlined in your proposal, the Basenji Club of America could screen and make the final determination as to which dogs are going to be made a part of this stud book. These dogs could then be interbred, or bred with AKC registered Basenjis. The original imports and their progeny and get, would then be assigned registration numbers by the Basenji Club of America.

When the Basenji Club of America felt that there had been sufficient test breedings, with sufficient time elapsed to insure that the overall affect of infusing these bloodlines into the general Basenji population would be more beneficial than detrimental, a formal request could be made to have the American Kennel Club take over the Basenji Club of America's stud book. At that time, as is done in the case of any new breed, all of the dogs that were in this stud book and had been assigned numbers by the Basenji Club of America, would be issued AKC registration numbers and would be incorporated into the AKC Basenji Stud Book. This approach would have the advantage of enabling breeders to go back to breed to any surviving imports as well as to their first generation descendants.

Any of the above would, of course, be contingent upon AKC Board agreement. In order for our staff to make this presentation to the Board, we would like to have the official position of the Board of the Basenji Club of America with regards to what it would consider to be a reasonable number of breedings and amount of time in order to insure that this addition to the gene pool would, in fact, be beneficial.

As soon as we receive a proposal including details on how the breeding of these dogs and the evaluation of the resulting litters will be handled, I will refer it to the Club Relations Committee of our Board for consideration. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or if we may assist the club in any way to prepare this presentation, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


James Crowley
Director of Dog Events

JC/jmf

cc: Damara Bolte ✓
Michael Work

September 18, 1989

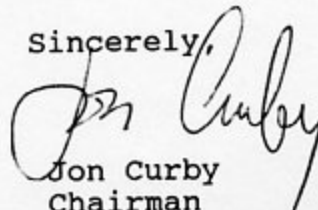
Mr. James Crowley
The American Kennel Club
51 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Crowley:

As reported, the BCOA is in favor of reopening the Studbook to allow select native African Basenjis approved by the BCOA board to be registered with the AKC. These dogs have been selected and will be approved by experts dedicated to preserving the Basenji breed. The purpose of making this new blood available is a critical effort to try to alleviate the health problems that threaten the perpetuation of the breed. The Fanconi (Kidney) syndrome and the malabsorption (IPSID) do not manifest themselves until adulthood when the dogs are approximately four to seven years of age. By that age their show careers are completed, they will have reproduced and or be someones beloved pet.

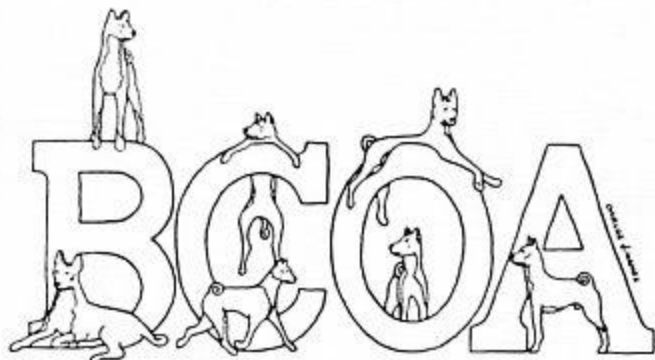
The handful of Basenjis that originally made up the total composition of the current gene pool came with no credentials. The individuals being proposed for inclusion, to be declared Basenjis by experts, came from the ancestral region and have survived the rigors of natural selection. If their contribution is detrimental genotypically or phenotypically then they will be self limiting or self eliminating. Generations of diluting the new gene pool would make its effectiveness inversely proportional. The production of generations of unregistered puppies would be a drain on the resources of the breeders in terms of time, money and the disposition of the puppies. In order to make full use of what appears to be the breeds only salvation the committee recommends that the selected native African Basenjis be accepted for registration.

Sincerely,



Jon Curby
Chairman
BCOA Committee to Register
Native African Basenjis

cc: Damara Bolte
Michael Work
Barbara Jimenez



BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Sandra L. Bridges

October 28, 1989

Mr. James P. Crowley
Director of Dog Events
The American Kennel Club
51 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

RE: B.C.O.A. General Membership Ballot to reopen the A.K.C. stud book for Basenjis.

On Ballot #39, August 4, 1988, the B.C.O.A. Board of Directors, voting in its entirety by telephone conference call, unanimously approved the submission of the ballot proposal by the Committee for the Registration of Native African Basenjis regarding the reopening of the A.K.C. stud book for Basenjis to the B.C.O.A. general membership for an official vote.

This ballot (copy attached) was mailed by the Secretary of the B.C.O.A. on August 15, 1988 to all of the then current members in good standing. Completed ballots were returned to C.P.A. Cindy Horan for official tabulation. I understand you have already received a report from her as to the results of this official vote of the general membership.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to write or call.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Sandra L. Bridges
President

cc: Jon Curby
Damara Bolte'
Michael Work
Barbara Jimenez



THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

JAMES P. CROWLEY
Director of Dog Events

(212)696-8242

November 7, 1989

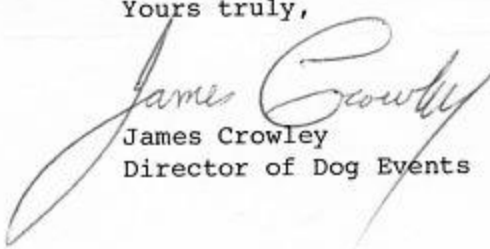
Mrs. Sandra L. Bridges, Pres.
Basenji Club of America

Dear Mrs. Bridges:

Thank you for your letter of October 28, 1989.

The ballot which accompanied your letter, will be made a part of the file that is currently being considered by the AKC Board with regards to opening the AKC Stud Book to new foundation stock.

Yours truly,


James Crowley
Director of Dog Events

JC/jmf



THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

JAMES E. DEARINGER
Secretary

(212) 696-8234

November 15, 1989

Mr. Jon Curby
Basenji Club of America

Dear Mr. Curby:

This concerns the request submitted on behalf of the Basenji Club of America for the registration of additional foundation stock for Basenjis in the American Kennel Club's stud book.

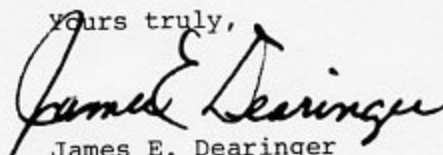
The Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club, at its recent meeting, acted favorably upon the above request. In order to implement this, we will need the specific information on the dogs that are to be included in this action.

The African imports, with no pedigrees, will be entered directly as foundation stock. If the progeny and get resulting from breedings between these African imports with registered Basenjis are also to be included, any pedigree information available would be needed for these dogs.

The Board wishes to emphasize that this is a one-time action, and no assurance can be given that any parallel action might be taken at some future date. Once the dogs in question have actually been issued AKC registration numbers, they would be eligible to compete in AKC events, and any litters sired or whelped by these would be eligible for registration with the American Kennel Club. However, while any brindle dogs may participate in obedience trials immediately after the issuance of registration numbers, they should be withheld from breed competition until final approval is obtained for the standard with a provision for the brindle color.

Mr. James Crowley, Director of Dog Events, has been assigned the task of coordinating the registration of this new foundation stock. Therefore, the information on the dogs to be included should be submitted directly to his attention.

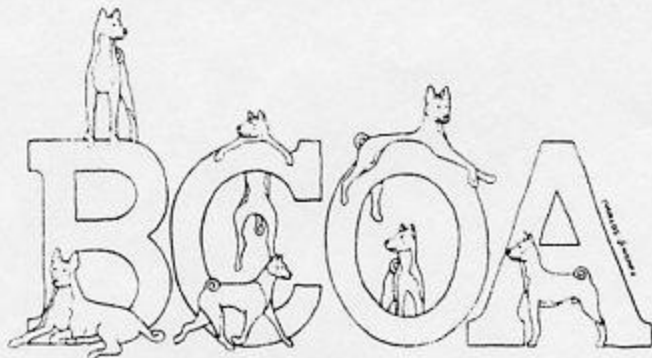
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James E. Dearing".

James E. Dearing
Secretary

JED/jmf

cc: Mrs. Sandra Bridges, President/BCA ✓
Mr. Robert House, Delegate/BCA



BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Office of the Secretary

7 June 1990

Mr. James Crowley
The American Kennel Club
51 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Crowley:

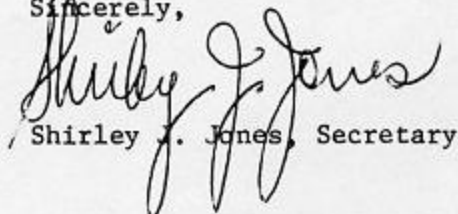
This letter is to notify you that the Board of Directors of the Basenji Club of America, Inc. has approved fourteen native African Basenjis for inclusion in the Stud Book effective 6 June 1990.

Avongara Bazingbi
Avongara Diagba
Avongara Elly
Avongara Gangura
Avongara Goldi
Avongara K'posi
Avongara M'blikli
Avongara Nabodio
Avongara N'gola
Avongara N'gondi
Avongara Renzi
Avongara Wele
Avongara Zamee
Esenjo

Other particulars of these dogs were sent you by Mr. Jon Curby, Chairman, BCOA Committee To Register Native African Basenjis, on 30 May 1990.

On behalf of the membership of the BCOA, I would like to express our great appreciation to you and to the AKC Board of Directors and officers for your help and support in this undertaking which should be of significant benefit to our breed.

Sincerely,


Shirley J. Jones, Secretary

Copies: ✓ Mrs. Sandra Bridges, President, BCOA
Mr. Jon Curby



THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

JAMES P. CROWLEY
Director of Dog Events

(212)696-8242

June 29, 1990

Ms. Shirley J. Jones, Secretary
Basenji Club of America

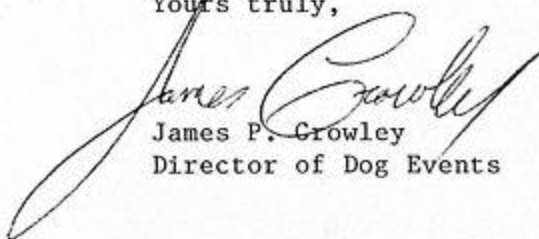
Dear Ms. Jones:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 7, 1990.

The fourteen dogs, listed in your letter, have now been registered with the American Kennel Club as foundation stock. We have also processed several litter applications, with one of these dogs being listed as the sire and/or dam. I have forwarded a form to be signed by the owner of each of the fourteen dogs, establishing the date on which they actually obtained the dog, and asking them to agree that if the certificate is issued, they will comply with all AKC rules and regulations. While numbers have been assigned to the dogs, the actual registration papers will be issued as soon as the individual owners return the forms to my attention.

As per our previous conversations with the representatives of the Basenji Club of America, this was a one time accommodation, and we would consider the AKC Stud Book for the breed to be again closed to any dogs that did not meet AKC established registration requirements.

Yours truly,



James P. Crowley
Director of Dog Events

JPC:jg