

Diane C. Coleman Memorial Hound Group Award

The Diane C. Coleman Memorial Hound Group Award is offered as a perpetual memorial by friends whose lives she touched through her involvement with Basenjis. We feel that the competitive nature of the award and its perpetuity would please her.

The unique design in cast bronze by Damara Bolte features a six-and-a-half-inch circle containing a pierced relief portrait of Diane's "Rosie"—Ch. Absin's Bubblin Brown Sugar Lihu. Rosie was Best of Breed at the first Basenji Club of America National Specialty (1979) in Texas. Prior to that year, the BCOA had regional supported specialties. The reverse side bears the legend around the circle: "Diane C. Coleman Memorial Hound Group Award." The circular relief is free to rotate on its axis which rests on the convex top of the seven-and-a-half-inch high solid walnut hexagonal base. The original wooden base was from a walnut tree on Temple Hall Farm which belonged to Basenji fancier Mrs James Symington and was created by a local artist, Jennie Lee Knight.

The Coleman Award like the Re-Up Sire of the Year Award and the Johnny Award for Best of Breed at the National Specialty are unofficial because the AKC does not allow perpetual awards offered by member clubs for a number of reasons; one is they are difficult to administer, difficult to keep track of and expensive to have in the right place at the right time.

The award is to be presented each year to the Basenji that defeated the greatest number of dogs in A.K.C. conformation competition (Groups and Bests in Show) for the preceding calendar year. It is presented during The Basenji Club of America National Specialty. The recipient may keep the award until the next year's National Specialty. At the time of the award a miniature replica will be presented for permanent possession. An engraved brass plate will be affixed to the base each year with the year by the recipient with the dog's name and the owner's name.



Past recipients:

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| 1983 | Ch. Aleika-Absitnhe Rajah's J.R. | 1998 | Ch. Zindika's Johnny Come Greaty, JC2 |
| 1984 | Ch. Rameses Golden Phoenix, F.Ch. | 1999 | Ch. Zindika's Johnny Come Greaty, JC |
| 1985 | Ch. Music City Serengeti Jazzman | 2000 | Ch. Ingegab Limited Edition |
| 1986 | Ch. Music City Serengeti Jazzman | 2001 | Ch. C-Quest's Point Blank |
| 1987 | Ch. Music City Serengeti Jazzman | 2002 | Ch. C-Quest's Point Blank |
| 1988 | Ch. Music City Serengeti Jazzman | 2003 | DC Jasiri-Sukari the Illustrated Man, SC |
| 1989 | Ch. Windsbraut by Jorj of Anubis | 2004 | Ch. Arubmec's Sweet Spot, JC |
| 1990 | Ch. Vikentor's Country Rose | 2005 | DC Jasiri-Sukari John Tri-volta, SC |
| 1991 | Ch. Sonbar's Celestial Wizard | 2006 | Ch. Asia's Ready Set Go |
| 1992 | Ch. Sonbar's Celestial Wizard | 2007 | DC Klassic's Ms Mata Hauri, SC |
| 1993 | Ch. Sonbar's Celestial Wizard | 2008 | DC Klassic's Ms Mata Hauri, SC |
| 1994 | Ch. Calaz Executive of Em Basi | 2009 | CH AB-Rafiki the Icon Of Cool |
| 1995 | Ch. Calaz Executive of Em Basi | 2010 | GCH Signet Wakili Dooney |
| 1996 | Ch. Calaz Executive of Em Basi | 2011 | GCH Signet Meisterhaus Gossip Girl |
| 1997 | Ch. Zindika's Johnny Come Greaty, JC | 2012 | GCH CH Jasiri-Sukari Win Tin Tin, SC |

2013 GCH CH Jasiri-Sukari Win Tin Tin, SC

2014 GCH CH Jasiri-Sukari Win Tin Tin, SC

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