

# *The Numbers Game*

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This is how the game is played. First, you make a 3" x 5" card for each American champion and obedience titled Basenji, showing the name of the dog and also the name of his sire and dam.

Second, you sort the cards into alphabetical order by the name of the studs. Then you make another 3" x 5" card for each stud, listing on the back side the names of his pups which have finished their championships.

Third, you sort the first set of cards into alphabetical order by the names of the dams. Make still another still another set of 3" x 5" cards, one for each dam, and list on the back side of these the names of her pups which have finished.

Fourth, you sort the first set of cards into alphabetical order by the names of the dogs that have finished, separating the champions from the obedience-titled dogs. At this point you have four sets of cards.

All you have to do now is keep your list up to date. When you get mail, you recheck your records. Of course, I owe a large debt to the work done by the late George Gilkey in compiling the list of champions published in the BCOA Bulletin several years ago. And to Norm Wallace who got me interested in the numbers game and furnished

me with stud books going back to the first AKC registered Basenjies and also did a lot of the research into pedigrees.

Others, too numerous to mention, have assisted with the work at one time or other. I would like to add that Bettie's patience has been sorely tried as I while the hours away playing with cards, etc.

If you would like to challenge the correctness of the list (and I certainly make no claim to infallibility), drop me a line about any dog you think I have credited with too few (or too many) champions. If there is a mistake, I'll be most happy to make the corrections as needed. (Please remember that I have not counted anything except American champions.) The list as published here is complete through the November 1966 issue of the AKC Gazette.

For what it is worth, here is the honor roll of brood bitches. You will note that I have included dams which have produced at least four American champions. I chose this cutoff point in order to have approximately as many bitches listed as there were stud dogs on the list published in October 1966. For your information, the rest of the dams break down this way: 47 with 3 each; 84 with 2 each and 229 with 1 each.