

From Little Things Big Things Grow

THE ORIGINS OF OUR STUD DOG AND BROOD BITCH HONOR ROLLS

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Sharing information about basenjis in the United States in the 1960s took place in two publications: The *BCOA Bulletin* (Club formed 1942) and *The Basenji* (established July 1964). Each publication had various columns which were often gossip about events and people, but each also had serious articles about the breed. Diane Laue did the arduous work of combing through the published AKC show results to add up points for all the winners and make a Top Ten Tally each month in *The Basenji*. These are all great records to go back to.

The “Artic Capers” column started in September 1965. The introduction written by co-writer Lois Cooper states: “Greetings from the farthest north Basenji owner in North America! Since there are only two Basenjis in Fairbanks, and just a few more in Anchorage, perhaps between the combined efforts of Sam McKee and myself, we can bring you occasional news of Alaskan Basenjis.” In fact, the columns covered a range of subjects beyond local events and offered interesting information and views. Perhaps it was the isolation that taught them the importance of communication and sharing.

Sam McKee was interested in statistics and records. He began talking about great stud dogs in his first column in January 1966 and then top producing brood bitches in March 1966. He also looked at obedience competitors’ pedigrees. He moved on to top producing combinations in April 1966. He called the first actual list of top stud dogs a “register of merit” which was published in August 1966 with a corrected list printed in October 1966.

Sam explains the snafu leading to the corrected list: “The Gremlins are After Me!”

“And they should be. The only excuse I can offer is that I had many problems when I mailed the article on the production records of studs. I just didn’t watch the paper I was copying and didn’t proofread before I mailed. Had planned an article on local happenings for this time, but first I must clean up the mess I made.”

“After a thorough study of the situation, and after many hours of pouring over the records to make sure that I’m right this time, I

decided that the only statistically valid cut-off point for an honor roll is five. Through the July 1966 issue of the ‘AKC Gazette’ I have listed 740 champions, sired by 278 studs. Forty of these studs have produced at least five champions each for a total of 349. The remaining studs break down this way: 21 studs with 4 champions each, 18 with 3 each; 54 with 2 each; and 145 with 1 each.”

While Sam had talked about top producing brood bitches in previous columns, he didn’t come up with an actual list until late 1966 and it was published in January 1967. He noted:

“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 cut-off 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.”

These lists caught people’s interest and an official Honor Roll was set up for annual publication in *The Basenji* with the set of rules for inclusion determined by Sam McKee.

The information was obtained from the old *AKC Gazette*’s result publications. As each basenji finished a title, its name, birthdate, and parents were published in the printed issue. The size of each month’s issue became larger and larger with all breeds included. The record keeping was done on index cards with each stud dog or brood bitch that had produced a single champion having an individual card. As one can imagine the boxes of cards grew and grew!

The Basenji continued publishing the popular Honor Rolls yearly for many years as the number included grew and grew with the breed. The number of pages to include all the entrants was growing and the text size kept getting smaller. The rules for inclusion have remained the same with brood bitches requiring four champion offspring and the stud dogs requiring five champion offspring.

Shirley Chambers, Reva Lawson, and Jan Bruner all were record keepers over time following Sam’s years at the job. During Jan’s

tenure, AKC began providing computer generated reports so the index cards were abandoned. In 2011, Julie Jones took over and double checked all the old figures from information available online at the AKC website. Julie has set up Excel spreadsheets to maintain the records.

To prove that from little things big things grow: the numbers on the Honor Rolls now are 451 stud dog and 637 brood bitch honorees! The lists are published each year in the *BCOA Yearbook* and then an updated list goes online at the website through the Basenji University.

The Basenji University was founded in 2010 and one question for the BU was how to determine which important dogs should be represented in the Basenji Timeline. Some old dogs of clear interest are there as well as a link to all the AKC All-Breed Best in Show basenji winners with a photograph. But just winning is not the only important consideration determining what dogs should be represented. In order to offer a broad section of the breed’s significant basenjis, the online Honor Rolls are illustrated. A click away is a PDF of the honoree with a photo plus date of birth and parents.

A search was undertaken using old magazines as well as personal collections to find photos of long-gone dogs. Unfortunately, none of us lives forever and even our most ardent fanciers sometimes loose those old photos through moves, etc. Of the 451 stud dogs,

28 have photos missing and the 637 brood bitches are missing 81 photos. The numbers of photos missing does not include those who are still getting photos to the Basenji University for the 2017 Honor Roll inductees.

Why bring this up? If you have a basenji honoree, be sure to send in your photo for inclusion no matter what year it was inducted. The Committee writes to everyone they can contact, but don’t hesitate to write to us at BasenjiU@Basenji.org if you don’t get a request. Don’t procrastinate as those years slip by too easily. Your Honor Roll basenji should be part of the breed’s historic record.

What about those dogs from by-gone years who are missing? It is not too late to add their photos if someone can find of a photo! A few of the missing ones are foreign-bred so perhaps some overseas breeders can help with these. Give it some thought. Contact friends and acquaintances who may have a photo? It would be a wonderful thing to get closer to 100% photo representation!

Online Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Honor Rolls

- <https://www.basenji.org/BasenjiU/Owner/103History/Honor/SD2017.html>
- <https://www.basenji.org/BasenjiU/Owner/103History/Honor/BB2017.html>

The Numbers Game

BY SAM MCKEE

“ARCTIC CAPERS” *THE BASENJI* JANUARY 1967



Sam McKee was a retired navy man living in Alaska where he worked as a CPA and enjoyed the basenji breed when he began writing columns for the newly formed magazine *The Basenji*.

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 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 Basenjis 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.

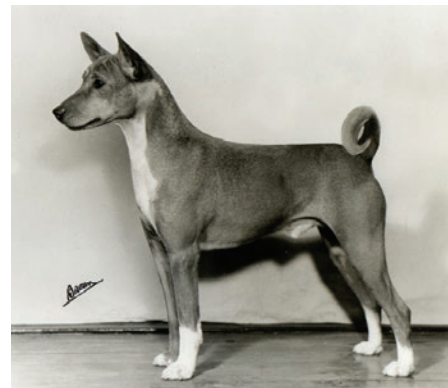
The Original Honor Rolls - Stud Dogs 1966



CH Cambria's Ti-Mungai



CH Flageolet of the Congo



CH Brahme of Syngefield

- 26 CH Cambria's Ti-Mungai
- 24 CH Flageolet of the Congo
- 19 CH Brahme of Syngefield
- 14 CH Lepper's Mr. Spats
- 13 CH Reveille Recruit
- 12 Riviana Jasper Lad
- 11 CH Bettina's Oryx
- 11 CH Glenairley Golden Fresco
- 11 CH Phemister's Kedar
- 10 CH Bettina's Oribi
- 10 CH Fulahill of the Congo
- 9 CH Comet of the Congo
- 9 Fula Reveille of the Congo
- 8 Bettina's Ligonha
- 8 CH Kingolo
- 8 CH Miacor's Zippor CD
- 8 CH Miacor's Zuchil
- 8 CH Rhosenji's Beau
- 7 CH Andersley Atlantic
- 7 CH Cavalier of the Congo
- 7 CH Copernicus of the Congo
- 7 CH Glenairley Black Tellis
- 7 Kingolo's Kontender
- 7 CH Merlea Sun Dancer
- 7 CH Tinas Coma Mumbo Jumbo
- 6 CH Chico of the Congo
- 6 Drumadon Ducat
- 6 Joss of Glenairley
- 6 Piccolo of the Congo
- 6 Robert of Littlebreach
- 6 CH Tennji's Ebony Warrior
- 5 CH Andy of Glen Ho
- 5 CH Circus Boy of the Bambuti CD
- 5 Fleet of the Congo
- 5 CH Fulafaun of the Congo
- 5 Gino of Rancho Rest
- 5 CH Glenairley Golden Topaz
- 5 CH Hamio of Hills Half Acre
- 5 Kwillo of the Congo
- 5 CH Lutes Zim Zim

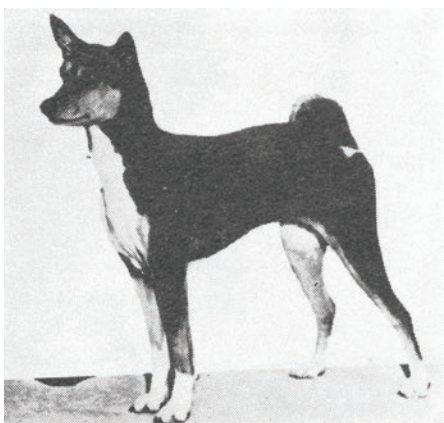


CH Lepper's Mr. Spats



CH Reveille Recruit

The Original Honor Rolls - Brood Bitches 1967



CH Glenairley Black Munia



CH My Love of the Congo



CH Riviana Jollity of the Congo

- 15 CH Glenairley Black Munia
- 13 CH My Love of the Congo
- 13 CH Riviana Jollity of the Congo
- 11 CH Bettina's Bronze Wing
- 10 Ka and Ba Meryt-Ra CD
- 7 CH Cambria's Tabooo
- 7 CH Glenairley M'Lisse
- 7 CH Poppet of the Congo
- 6 CH Andersley Americana
- 6 CH Asali of the Zande
- 6 CH Marlise Jacinthe
- 6 Riviana Dumb Blond
- 6 Zinder of Carmel
- 5 CH Cambria's Aomon Isia
- 5 CH Chanet of Hills Half Acre
- 5 CH Ericonji's Rubigold
- 5 Fulafancy of the Congo
- 5 Glenairley Black Trinket
- 5 CH Luddymarie's Black Angel
- 5 Orange Fizz of the Congo
- 5 Phemister's Prestige
- 5 Phemister's Sunglow
- 5 Widgeon of the Congo
- 4 CH Bee-Jac's Fantasy
- 4 Bettina's Demani
- 4 CH Blackpepper of the Congo
- 4 CH Cambria's Queen Xiote
- 4 Carnival of the Congo
- 4 Ericonji's Congo Belle
- 4 CH Fulafashi of the Congo
- 4 CH Glenairley Song Bird
- 4 Kasenyo
- 4 Lutes Ansara of Prestige
- 4 CH Prunella
- 4 CH Redwing of Rancho Rest
- 4 CH Tinas Coma Caper
- 4 CH Tinas Coma Venus
- 4 CH Tresld's Dik Dik
- 4 CH Victory of Syngefield
- 4 CH Zinnia of the Congo



CH Bettina's Bronze Wing



Ka and Ba Meryt-Ra CD

The Missing Honor Roll Photos

Most breeders and owners have been great about sending photos of their Honor Roll basenjis. However, even some of the most supportive have not been able to come up with photos of all their Honorees. Maybe someone out there can help find old photos! You might be able to find photos of some of the older dogs in the cases where the owners and breeders are no longer available to send in photos. There may be photos of some of the imported dogs in foreign archives. Do you know one of these retired fanciers who may have a photo that is needed. Contact them to encourage their participation. Can we fill in some of these blanks?

The basenji's name is followed by the number of AKC champion offspring and then the date of birth to give you an idea of the honoree's era.

28 STUD DOGS with missing photos

CH Bakari Burgundy Blitz JC	7	DOB 1996
Black Clarion of The Congo	5	DOB 1957
CH Berimo Chance of a Lifetime	8	DOB 1995
CH Delee's Dasher of Ber-Vic	5	DOB 1961
CH Desoleil's Atributes Causa Nowata SC	6	DOB 2007
Drumadoon Ducat	6	DOB 1955
CH Fopaws Designated Driver JC	5	DOB 2000
CH Fopaw's Royal Flush	5	DOB 2006
Fulafire of The Congo	5	DOB 1961
Gino of Rancho Rest	8	DOB 1960
CH Glenairley Golden Topaz	5	DOB 1956
CH Hacker's Hair Raisin' Indiana	5	DOB 1993
CH Jasiri's Parker Steven-Son	6	DOB 1994
CH Jasiri-Sukari The Lost Word	6	DOB 1997
CH Miacor's Zippor CD	8	DOB 1955
CH Hai Aari Golden Dancer	5	DOB 1971
CH Palmdesert Lion On The Loose	5	DOB 1997
Piccolo of The Congo	6	DOB 1953
CH Red Fire of The Congo	5	DOB 1954
Riviana Jasper Lad	12	DOB 1952
Robert of Littlebreach	6	DOB 1959
CH Ronel's General Purpose Jerlin	11	DOB 1993

CH Schaumburgs That's Amoire	7	DOB 2000
DC Select-Gana Incantation MC	6	DOB 1994
CH Shadowbye's Mister Black Nose	5	DOB 1971
CH Sirius Khamsin Ringside Rumor	5	DOB 1991
CH Tamarango's Chase The Legacy	6	DOB 1983
Tawelfan Kobold	6	DOB 1970

81 BROOD BITCHES with missing photos

CH A Congo Sun Imp Connie Ouimac CD	5	DOB 1962
CH Beja Golden Ciara	4	DOB 1984
CH Beja Rooty Toot Toot	4	DOB 1988
Bettina's Demani	4	DOB 1955
CH Blackpepper of The Congo	4	DOB 1953
Blucrest Eb'Ny Delite	4	DOB 1994
Blucrest Eb'Ny Esprit	7	DOB 1979
CH Bubalak Furaha Tatu	4	DOB 2003
Burdett's Bit of Beauty	5	DOB 1967
CH Calaz Embasi Kinshasa	4	DOB 1991
CH Calaz Ever Redi	4	DOB 1988
CH Cambria's Lili Marlene	4	DOB 1981
Camp's De Beja Trenah	5	DOB 1977
CH Canamonda's Jamila	5	DOB 1981
Emerant's Elvira	4	DOB 1995
Ericonji's Congo Belle	4	DOB 1960
Ericonji's Copper Coin	4	DOB 1962
Ericonji's Dancing Doe	4	DOB 1959
CH Explicit Hocus Pocus	5	DOB 1998
CH Foxkin's Gay Sun Imp Genie	7	DOB 1964
Glenairley Black Trinket	5	DOB 1953
Glenairley Meadowlark	4	DOB 1954
CH Glenairley M'Lisse	7	DOB 1956
Glenairley Missalthrush	4	DOB 1954
CH Glenairley Song Bird	4	DOB 1955
Hacker's Belle of The Ball	4	DOB 1996
CH Hacker's Highlife of Rwanda	5	DOB 1996
CH Hacker's Lily of The Valley	4	DOB 1993
Hadassa Windsong of The Nile	7	DOB 1993
Hai Aari Devil May Care	5	DOB 1977
Hatua's November's Child	4	DOB 1976
Jazzeta's Classic Twix	4	DOB 1998
CH Jack's Nefertiti of Omar	5	DOB 1974
CH Joy-Us Lady-Of-The-Night JC	4	DOB 2008
Karma of Cambria	4	DOB 1972
CH Karnaks White Foot Contessa	4	DOB 2006
Kasai Enchanted Shellseeker	6	DOB 1989

Kasenyio	4	DOB 1945
Khajah's Gay Butterfly	4	DOB 1975
Khajah's Gay Reflection	5	DOB 1977
CH Kazor's Only Me	12	DOB 2000
CH Kontobi's Koronette	5	DOB 1884
CH Laurel B'Ki Savvy Savannah JC	7	DOB 2004
Laurel Saint Misbehaving	4	DOB 1982
CH Legend Aree Lotus of The Nile	5	DOB 1983
Lihu's Susu Yumdrum	7	DOB 1970
CH Lots Of Laughter Alapocas	4	DOB 2005
Lutes Noraleah	4	DOB 1958
CH Marlise's Jacinthe	6	DOB 1955
CH Mata Hauri Hearthside Sheba	4	DOB 1980
CH Moores Nakiska of Singa	5	DOB 1987
CH Music City Calypso	6	DOB 1984
Nowata's Hot Causa Desoleil	4	DOB 2002
CH Nuttinbut's Celestial	4	DOB 2007
CH Omar's Nefertari	4	DOB 1974
CH Palm Desert's Leading Lady	6	DOB 1996
CH Pepparson's Uzuri Bulldobas	4	DOB 2003
Phemister's Debutante	4	DOB 1947
Phemister's Prestige	5	DOB 1954
Phemister's Sunglow	5	DOB 1957
CH Phemister's Sweet Clover	4	DOB 1962
Princess Shaumbe of Omar	4	DOB 1970
CH Prunella	4	DOB 1958
Quad-K's Cool As Ice	6	DOB 1992
Ruslin Kiburi Kito	4	DOB 1976
CH Sasshon's Copper Lustre	4	DOB 1977
Sienji's Mtoto Kama	4	DOB 1979
Sinful's Meant To be E-Z	5	DOB 1993
CH Smokey's Lovin Feeling	5	DOB 1993
Sonbar's Celestial Astarte	4	DOB 1974
CH Taksim Signet Warratah	5	DOB 2004
CH Tazamisha Maximum Risk	4	DOB 1997
CH Tazamisha Sweet Delight	4	DOB 1998
CH Tazamisha Unexpectd Treasure JC	4	DOB 1999
CH Threse Fuzzy Navel	4	DOB 1989
Tinas Coma Mufti	5	DOB 1962
CH Victory of Syngefield	4	DOB 1954
Viento's Kickapoo	4	DOB 1982
Zinder of Carmel	6	DOB 1949
CH Zinnia of The Congo CD	4	DOB 1943
DC Zuri's Gracii SC	4	DOB 2000