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Member Club Updates

Goings on, club events calendar, and more

Remembering Gary Johnson

A BCOA Life Member and a benefactor of our breed

WVBC January Specialty Results



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Welcome to this digital issue of the BCOA Bulletin. My hope is that the Bulletin will continue to give BCOA a place to record news of our club, its members, and our Basenjis.

We want to hear from you! For member clubs, we would really appreciate it if you would send us club news. That includes all kinds of club activities, whether social or competitive, plus your club's calendar of events.

We would love to get results and photos from specialties, supported entries, and performance events. We would also like to hear about social activities like meetups, hikes, and club parties. Photos should include the name of the photographer so we can give credit.

For BCOA committees, we would like to get news and updates so we can share what you are doing with the membership.

Members, if you have an idea for an article, or if you are interested in writing one, please reach out.

If you are interested in helping with the production of the magazine, let Lisa know.

For all content, please include photos wherever appropriate. We love to have lots of photos to illustrate our articles. Again, be sure to include the name of the photographer.

Content should be sent to Lisa Auerbach at
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Questions? Just ask.

Thank you,
Lisa Auerbach



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WILLAMETTE VALLEY BASENJI CLUB

CONCURRENT JANUARY SPECIALTY 2024

REPORTED BY JACKIE JONES

REGULAR CLASSES JUDGE: NEIL MCDEVITT

WINNERS DOG / BEST BRED-BY EXHIBITOR

KHANI'S N'FOCUS BECAUSE I SAID SO!

Breeder: K. Britton-Sanchez, E.
Bramble
Sire: GCh DC Zamaradi's Crash
Override
Dam: Ch. Khani's Flash Point
N'Focus
Owner: Vanessa Esteves, Kathryn
Britton-Sanchez

RESERVE WINNERS DOG

MAKINDU [REDACTED]

Breeder: Brenda Phillips
Sire: GCh DC Saorsa FoPaw's Warp
FactorWon SC TKA GRC
Dam: Makindu You Know I Got It TKN
GRC
Owner: Brenda Phillips

WINNERS BITCH / BEST OF WINNERS / BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

RELIC N ELDORADO MADE OF HONOR FOR TERRARUST

Breeder: Dianna Sanders, Lauren
Sanders
Sire: GCh Eldorado N Akuaba Spy In
Disguise At Relic
Dam: Wakan Happy Happy Joy Joy
Owner: Terray Boomir, Pamela
Geoffroy

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

ATARASI TRIPLE FORTUNE

DRAGON
Breeder: Jordan Reed
Sire: Ch Jadaka Meisterhaus Silver
Legacy
Dam: Ch Meisterhaus Missing Piece
at Atarasi
Owner: Jordan Reed

BEST OF BREED

GCHS DC ZAMARADI'S AERIAL REPEATER SC BCAT

Breeder: Sarah Smith-Falkner, Jeffrey
Falkner
Sire: GCh Atarasi Meisterhaus
Brassmonkey at Zamaradi SC TKN
Dam: GCh Arubmec's Gran Torino at
Zamaradi SC TKN RATN JOR F

SELECT DOG / NOHS

GCH DC DARK MOON'S SUPERNATURAL, JC SC TKN

Breeder: Veronica Nagy, John
Predale, Mike Work
Sire: Ch Reveille Push The Limit To
MV
Dam: Ch Dark Moon's Barking Bad,
JC
Owner: Sandy McArthur

SELECT BITCH

ZAMARADI'S TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

Breeder: Sarah Smith-Falkner, Jeffrey
Falkner
Sire: Ch Jumokey's Ladies Man JC
Dam: GChS Kalenonah's & Relic
Flower Power for Zamaradi SC
Owner: Sarah Smith-Falkner, Jeffery
Falkner

AWARD OF MERIT GCH LITESPEED N ZAMARADI'S I LOVE YOU 3000

Breeder: Julia M Alpert, Siena
Youngkin Alpert
Sire: Atarasi Meisterhaus
Brassmonkey AT Zamaradi
Dam: Litespeed's Guardians Of The
Galaxy
Owner: Stephanie Jones & Sarah
Smith Falkner

BEST PUPPY

ZAMARADI'S CAPTAIN MORGAN SAILS TO AMANI

Breeder: Sarah Smith-Falkner, Jeffrey
Falkner
Sire: Ch Signet Everlasting SC BCAT
Dam: GCh DC Zamaradi's I Want It
All SC
Owner: Cindi Gross, Sarah Smith-
Falkner

BEST VETERAN

CH TAILWINDS INTERSTELLA OVERDRIVE SC

Breeder: Julie Leicht
Sire: DC Taj's Classic Architecture
SC
Dam: GCh DC Tailwinds Diamonds
Are Forever SC
Owner: Amanda Thomas



Photo by Jackie Jones

WILLAMETTE VALLEY BASENJI CLUB

CONCURRENT JANUARY SPECIALTY 2024 (CONTINUED)

REPORTED BY JACKIE JONES

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

JUDGE: JANET
WARNER

BEST JUNIOR SHOWMAN

SOPHIE SCHAFFERT
GCH TAILWIND'S NOTHING
ELSE MATTERS
Sire: GChB Borassus 51's
Comeback Kid SC
Dam: TailWind's Flirting With Time
Breeder: Julie Leicht, Shelby Hill
Owner: Julie Leicht

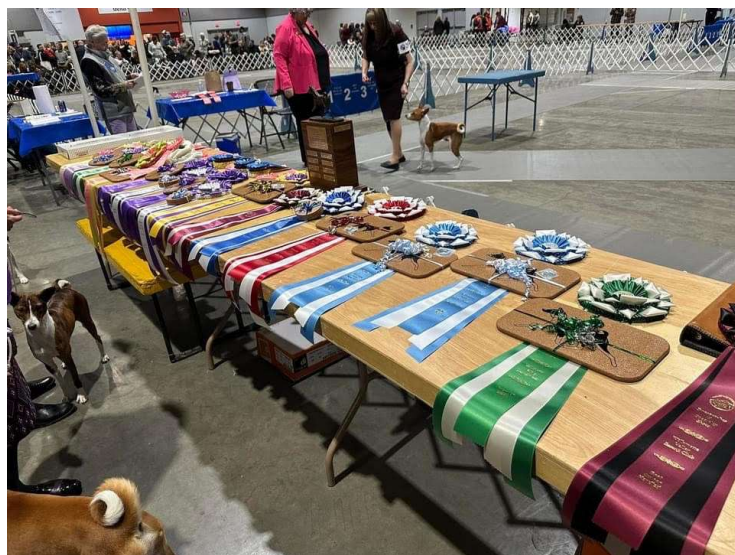
SWEEPSTAKES

JUDGE: JANET
WARNER

**BEST PUPPY IN
SWEEPSTAKES**
KHANI'S N'FOCUS BECAUSE
I SAID SO!

**RUNNER UP TO BEST
PUPPY IN
SWEEPSTAKES**
RELIC N ELDORADO MADE
OF HONOR FOR TERRARUST

**BEST JUNIOR VETERAN
IN SWEEPSTAKES**
GCHB TAJI ALSTER'S
TWELFTH MOON SWA SCE
SEE SIE RATI NW
Breeder: Mary Ellen Chaffin, Katie
Campbell.
Sire: Taji Othello The Moor.
Dam: MBIF GCH DC Taji's Alster
Ego From Hodari MC LCX FCh.
Owner: Mary Ellen Chaffin.



Ribbon photos by Jackie Jones



RELIC N ELDORADO MADE OF HONOR FOR TERRARUST
 WINNERS BITCH / BEST OF WINNERS / BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX / RUNNER UP TO
 BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES



GCH DC DARK MOON'S SUPERNATURAL, JC SC TKN
 SELECT DOG / NOHS
 Photo by



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 WINNERS DOG / BEST BRED-BY EXHIBITOR / BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES



GCHB TAJI ALSTER'S TWELFTH MOON SWA SCE SEE SIE RATI NW
 BEST JUNIOR VETERAN IN SWEEPSTAKES
 Photo by Arden Bryce



RIP VAN WRINKLE BASENJI CLUB

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RVW's 2024 Fundraiser is a set of handmade sterling basenji jewelry, gifted to us by founding member, Uschi Grewe.

As always, all proceeds will go to the BHE. Christine Feindt was the jeweler. She was a goldsmith, but had

no shop, and she did it at home.

How lucky we are to have these now! Details on how to bid for them will be on our club Facebook page in the spring, so stay tuned.



BASENJI CLUB OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Felice Lang

Basenji Club of Northern New Jersey (BCNNJ) was pleased with how we progressed in 2023. The club was able to hold our first AKC shows.

Our first two shows were back-to-back specialties in conjunction with the Hudson Valley Hound Association shows in July. Through the generosity of our members, we were able to offer a wonderful array of prizes for placements.

In the month of September, we held another specialty at the Westchester Kennel Club show in New Jersey.

With the arrival of 2024 BCNNJ will be having two designated specialties again with Hudson Valley Hound Association July 21, 2024, AM and PM. Also, a third

designated specialty at Westchester Kennel Club again September 8, 2024.

AKC approved our first Fast CAT trial on May 31, 2024, in Mount Laurel, NJ. In conjunction with Trail Blazers Agility Club June 1 & 2, 2024. Stay tuned for further updates.

If any BCOA members have puppy people starting out showing in our area (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Massachusetts) and need a little ringside encouragement or direction, please ask if any of our members are showing.

We are all always willing to help new owners have a positive show experience.



Juniors Update

Elizabeth Skaggs



Elizabeth at National

My name is Elizabeth Skaggs. I compete in the breed ring and Junior Showmanship with my Basenjis; recently the dog I've been showing is Archie. I've been showing Basenjis in juniors since 2018, when I got my first Basenji.

I'm excited to see where my journey with Basenjis and Junior Showmanship takes me in the future. I am looking forward to continuing to grow and improve as a handler, and hopefully, Archie and I will continue to have success in the show ring. Showing dogs has become a huge part of my life, and I am grateful for all of the opportunities and friendships it has given me.

If I had only one mentor to thank, it would be my grandmother, Susan Schroeder. My grandmother has not only been a mentor and teacher to me, but she has been my biggest supporter and cheerleader. She has shown me the ropes of the dog showing world and has always been by my side, encouraging me every step of the way. Her knowledge and experience in the Basenji world have been invaluable to me, and I am grateful for all the opportunities she has provided me with.

With her guidance, I have been able to achieve success in Junior Showmanship and

breed showing. Her encouragement and support have been instrumental in helping me become the #1 Basenji Junior Handler in 2020 and maintaining that accomplishment for the past 3 years. I am truly grateful for all the time and effort she has invested in me, and for believing in my potential.

I am also thankful for the countless opportunities she has given me to show her dogs. Each dog has been a unique learning experience for me, and I am grateful for the trust she has placed in me to showcase her beloved Basenjis. And when I had the chance to qualify for Westminster with Archie, she was right there by my side, sharing in my triumph and supporting me every step of the way.

I am truly privileged to have her as my grandmother, not just in the dog showing world but in life as a whole. Her love, wisdom, and guidance have shaped me into the person and handler that I am today. I am immensely grateful for everything she has done for me and continues to do for me.

Thank you, Grandma, for being my mentor, my teacher, and my biggest supporter.

GARY JOHNSON OBITUARY

BCOA Update, including information from the AKC Press Release. Additional photo of Dr Johnson and the 2011 Fanconi seminar by George Woodard

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Dr. Gary Steven Johnson, DVM, PhD passing. His contributions to improving the health of our breed are far extending.

Dr. Gary Steven Johnson, DVM, PhD, 80, of Ashland, Missouri, peacefully passed away on January 25, 2024, in Columbia, MO.

Gary was born on March 15, 1943 to Lois (Dalhgren) and Donald Johnson in Red Wing, MN. A lifelong love of fishing began early, with family summer fishing vacations to the lakes of northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ontario. From an early age he was interested in nature and the science behind it.

As a high school junior, his chemistry teacher saw potential and arranged for him to take a televised University of Minnesota course in organic chemistry. This laid the foundation that would later result in a doctorate in biochemistry.

He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs and Mizzou Tigers football fan and made a point to never miss a game.

While in college, he met and married Marie Nygaard, who shared his love of fishing, education, and Irish Terriers. Gary was a loving and supportive father of his two daughters. As they were growing up, he could often be found cheering loudly at their sporting events.

While untrained in music, he took great pride in the virtuosity of his daughter's piano talents.

He received his Bachelor's degree at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN, his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree from the University of Minnesota, and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from Kansas State University.

He then completed Post Doctoral research at Johns Hopkins before joining the faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine in 1980. Dr. Johnson was world renowned for his

research in canine genetics.

As director of the Canine Molecular Genetics Laboratory at the University of Missouri, he pioneered the use of cutting-edge techniques in molecular genetics to identify mutations responsible for numerous hereditary diseases in dogs.

Based on these discoveries, he developed tests that are used in diagnostic testing and to screen dogs for disease mutations prior to breeding. The screening tests are enabling dog breeders to eliminate devastating diseases that have caused great suffering in dogs.

One of his discoveries led to development of a successful treatment for a rare neurological disorder in children. Many of his other discoveries have provided insights into the mechanisms underlying diseases that will guide the development of effective therapeutic interventions for both dogs and people.

Dr. Johnson was recognized recently for his lifetime contributions to the health of dogs with the 2023 Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Research Award from the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation (<https://www.akcchf.org/news-events/news/akc-canine-health-foundation-80.html>) and in 2014 with a Dean's Impact Award from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Johnson's legacy is not limited to benefits to canine and human health, but also includes the impact he had on his students and colleagues. He trained many undergraduate, graduate, and veterinary students and staff who he provided with the knowledge, skills, and inspiration to carry on his work for many years to come.

Dr. Johnson was recognized as a brilliant, dedicated, and inspirational scientist by his colleagues and students who will miss his insightful comments and input.



In recognition of the importance of the work Dr. Johnson has done, in November of 2022 the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) made a \$1.5 million gift to the University of Missouri to help fund a new director of the Canine Genetic Diseases Laboratory in the MU College of Veterinary Medicine.

This gift established the Dr. E. A. (Al) Corley OFA Endowed Program in Canine Molecular Genetics (<https://cvm.missouri.edu/1-5-million-gift-supports-canine-geneticslab-at-mu/>) that will help fulfill Dr. Johnson's wish that the lab's impactful work will continue.

He was preceded in death by his parents Donald and Lois Johnson, as well as his wife of over 30 years, Marie Nygaard Johnson.

He is survived by a brother, David Johnson; sister Terri Rusch;

daughter Kari Johnson and her husband Roney Edler Barroso Da Silva and his children; daughter Marit Johnson, and grandson Soren Sims.

To help carry on his legacy, donations in honor of Dr. Johnson may be made to the Dr. Gary Johnson Memorial Fund for Canine Genetic Diseases Research. Please send checks to: Office of Gift Processing, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211 or make an online donation at www.giving.missouri.edu. Specify donations are to go to the Dr. Gary Johnson Memorial Fund for Canine Genetic Diseases Research.

As he wished, Gary and Marie's ashes will be scattered at one of their favorite lakes at a later date.



MABC Updates: Holiday Party

Erinn Kern

The MABC of MD annual holiday party is an event that many members look forward to each December.

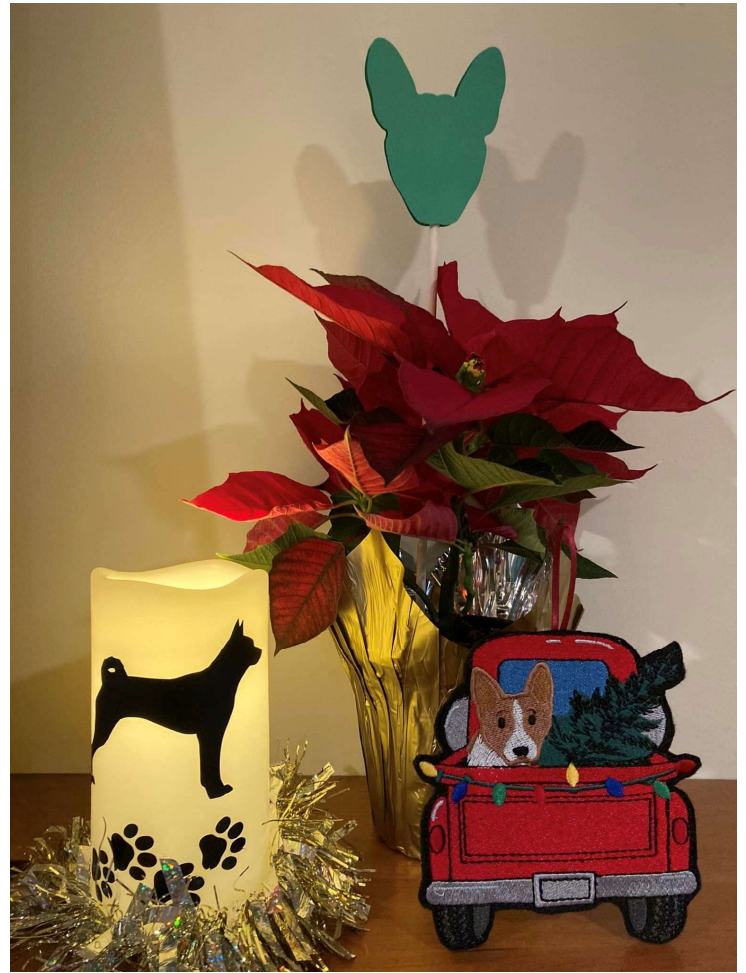
The party has grown from a potluck and pizza run to a catered event with gift exchange, photo opportunity, centerpiece give-a-way and gift auction.

Members travel from near and far to

enjoy fun and fellowship with their beloved basenjis.

Non-members are also welcome, and this past year we had several non-members join us for a great day!

The party is held the first Sunday in December in Westminster MD.



MABC Updates: Club Calendar

Erinn Kern

April 20	Spring Hike-annual. Lambertville, NJ. Jane Johnson jjohn4x@aol.com
May 4 May 5	Scent Work Trials (2). Clearbrook, VA. Scent Work Trials (2). Clearbrook, VA. Chair Liza Lundell senjidogetml@yahoo.com
May 31 June 1	Rally Trial Winchester, VA. Judge Renee Hoover. Obedience Trial Winchester, VA Michael Mooney Chair Scotti Slonaker scotti2467@yahoo.com
June 29 June 30	Scent Work Trials (2) Mullica Hill, NJ Scent Work Trials (2) Mullica Hill, NJ Chair Natalie Mortelmans Natalie.mortelmans@hotmail.com
Sept. 7 Sept. 7	Fast Cats (2) Bridgewater, NJ Chair Karen Terry kebaroo@yahoo.com Specialty – Bridgewater, NJ. Judge Denise Flaim Chair LeeBeth Cranmer cranmerlb@gmail.com
Sept. 13 Sept. 14	Fast Cats (2) , Finksburg, MD. Chair Kate Moore codybasenji@gmail.com Fetch Dog trials, Fast Cat Fun runs, ATT testing, CGC testing. Finksburg, MD. Jane Johnson jjohn4x@aol.com
Sept. 28	Fall Hike-annual Valley Forge, PA Erinn Kern Bekern@rcn.com
Nov. 16 Nov. 17	Fast Cat Trials (2) Mt. Laurel, NJ Fast Cat Trials (2) Mt. Laurel, NJ Chair Natalie Mortelmans & Jen Rivera Natalie.mortelmans@hotmail.com jriviera8@binghamton.edu
Dec. 1	Holiday Party Westminster, MD Erinn Kern Bekern@rcn.com

MABC Updates: AKC Fast CAT 2023 Rankings

LeeBeth Cranmer

Fast CAT is an increasingly growing sport for basenjis and a great way to get out to have fun with our breed that loves to chase anything that moves!

In 2023, 112 basenjis ran at least 3 runs to qualify for ranking by the AKC. The average of a dog's fastest 3 runs determine a dog's speed for ranking.

One of the great things about belonging to a BCOA-affiliated club is that you meet other basenji enthusiasts who are willing to try new sports with you. This is especially important for Fast CAT where it takes

two people to run a dog.

In addition to putting on several trials a year, MABC of MD members like to run their dogs, chat, and have informal potlucks at other clubs' events throughout the year.

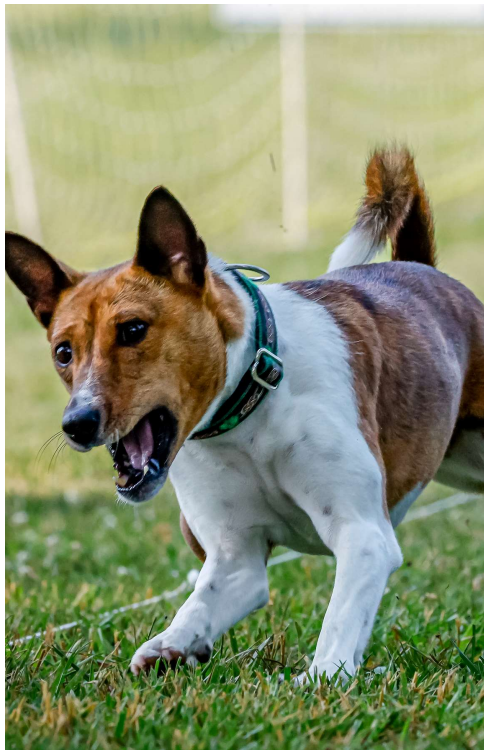
In fact, they like it so much that 7 of the Top 10 AKC basenjis in 2023 belong to MABC of MD members! Three of the Top 10 are littermate sisters bred by Katie Besemer.

Congratulations to all and to everyone whose dogs ran last year. It was great fun!

AKC Fast CAT 2023 Rankings

1 DC Remeseb's Royal Blue Tanzanite RI FDC SC CA FCAT30 RATO CGCA CGCU TKI ATT FITG	B 27.57
2 CH Remeseb's Imperial Morganite FDC JC CAX2 FCAT9 RATO ATT FITG (Opal)	B 26.95
3 UKC Ch Bellator's Voila RI FCAT CGCA CGCU TKA (Koroviev)	D 26.82
4 GCHS SunDiata Tezeta's T'ej BCAT	D 26.78
5 Ch Sundiata Tezeta's Bon Vivant BCAT	D 26.77
6 Epic Select Mohr's Carma Que Already Absolute SC CA FCAT5 TKI FITG	B 26.71
7 GCH CH Bon Mot Kiroja Where The Sidewalk Ends SC FCAT	D 26.69
8 Epic Select Silence Is Golden At Waycon FCAT2 CGC (Heyokha)	D 26.67
8 CH Remeseb's Noble Rubellite FDC JC CAX2 FCAT8 RATO ATT FITG (Emmy)	B 26.67
9 GCH CH Raven Rock N Karnak's Maximum Impact CAA FCAT13 SWN	D 26.60
10 CH Bushwacker Unexpected Blackout CA FCAT4 TKN (Sly)	D 26.43

MABC Members FAST CAT Basenjis



Emmy #8 (Tie) Photo by Mark Baer



Opal #2 Photo by Phil Dunn



Koroviev #3 Photo by Ariel Mae McCray



Heyokha #8 (Tie) Photo by Mark Baer



Sly #10 Photo by Mark Baer