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BCOA Announcement

BCOA Electronic Balloting Program 2020

BCOA will make every effort to educate all members on the Electronic Ballot process going forward. The goal is to get as many members to opt-in for electronic balloting as possible. This will streamline our voting process, save volunteers time and the club money. Let's start with the facts.

The AKC Position:

Electronic balloting for AKC Parent Clubs became effective September 1, 2013. It can be viewed at:

https://images.akc.org/pdf/clubs/club_policies/Electronic_Balloting.pdf

The BCOA Board position:

BALLOT 2014-22 APPROVED

SUBJECT: By-Laws Proposed E-

Ballot Language

Postmarked: March 27, 2014

Effective: April 5, 2014

In 2013, AKC offered parent Clubs the option to use e-balloting as a method for balloting their memberships. So that BCOA may take advantage of this opportunity in the future, a change in our By Laws will need to be made to include the e-Balloting process. Please send your vote on the By-Laws markup below.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix-Comment: ["Kudos to the by-laws committee for all their hard work in investigating and bringing e-voting to the slate. This is a positive step toward improving our members' ability to be heard."], Work.

Abstain. Siekert-Comment: [I appreciate the efforts of those folks who have worked hard on this particular subject. I do not feel I have enough knowledge/understanding of the ins and outs of this issue, or if the following (as an example) are adequately defined: if/when e-balloting will be required to be used, cost limits/restriction of e-balloting services, therefore I do not feel comfortable voting yay or nay on the subject at this time.]

The BCOA Membership Position:

5 membership ballots, regarding electronic balloting, were sent to the membership in 2015. The proposed amendments were mailed to each member accompanied by ballots on which a choice for or against the action to be taken was indicated. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return ballots within the time limit was required to effect any such amendments. The membership approved all 5 of these amendments.

More BCOA Announcements

BCOA Electronic Balloting Program 2020 (Continued)

AKC Approves BCOA Bylaws:

From: Susan Zucker on Thu, Jan 21, 2016

The bylaws amendments were reported to AKC's Board of Directors at their January 11-12, 2016 meeting, and are now in effect.

BCOA Bylaws: https://www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/BCOA_Bylaws.pdf

Opt-In Waiver for Electronic Balloting:

Per the BCOA Bylaw: The Secretary will require members who choose Electronic Balloting to sign written authorization agreeing to use of the Electronic Balloting method, which the Secretary shall keep on file. The authorization is revocable by the Member with a 30 day advance written notice or by the Secretary and must state that the Member agrees to release the club from any liability should the ballot be received late or not received by the member due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Members who fail to provide a written authorization will continue to receive all materials via USPS mailed Paper Ballot. If Electronic Balloting is offered, the Secretary will keep two lists of members: one sent to the Electronic Balloting firm and the other for USPS mailed Paper Ballot.

Waiver to Opt-in for Electronic Balloting:

The attached [Waiver to Opt-in for electronic balloting](#) (pdf) can be printed, completed/signed and US or e-mailed to the Secretary. \

Each Member needs to complete the waiver individually including 2 waivers for household membership. To fill and return electronically, when you open the .pdf, you should have a sidebar on the right side of the screen for the document. In that sidebar, about two-thirds the way down, there is a button for "Fill & Sign" and you click it and it enables you to fill in your member name/date and add a signature. To add a signature, you click the symbol that is on the upper tab bar that looks like a pen with writing beneath it. You need to have it "signed" using the signature button at the top of the page—it should give you an option for a digital signature or if you have one already created, you can use that.

If you are not interested in Electronic Balloting at this time please reply to the secretary, stating no electronic at this time.

Thanks for your attention to the Electronic Balloting Process.

Janet Ketz, 1912 Oakland Ave, Crest Hill, IL 60403

secretary@basenji.org

815-325-5908, leave a message

BCOA Secretary

Click to [COMPLETE THIS WAIVER](#)

News From the Secretary

Janet Ketz, secretary@basenji.org
1912 Oakland Ave, Crest Hill, IL 60403

ELECTION of BCOA OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS for 2021

The Ballot packet will be U.S. mailed from the office of the Secretary. Nominees resumes, voting and mailing instructions and ballot(s) will be included in the mailing. October 10, 2020. For any Ballot issues, contact Janet Ketz-Secretary, as soon as possible. Contact Information: secretary@basenji.org or call 815-325-5908 and leave a message.

Ballot Postmark by Nov 10 and received by the inspector no later than Nov 16, 2020. Results will be published in the **Bulletin Board Newsletter.**



Our AKC Delegate, Katie Campbell, invites you to contact her by email at taji@krcampbell.com with any questions you have about the AKC, issues you have encountered, or praises that you'd like to sing. She is happy to have you reach out to her and looks forward to facilitating solutions.



Quick Reference

Send address & email changes to:
Laura Mae Hesse, Treasurer@basenji.org

Sunshine Committee

To ask the BCOA to send a card regarding an ILLNESS, BIRTH, MARRIAGE or DEATH of a member or a member's immediate family, notify Linda Stillwell at 580-251-0930 or linda.stilwell71@gmail.com

Submitting expenses to BCOA Treasurer

Per BCOA Ballot 2004-48, published in January 2005 Bulletin Board:

"BCOA members incurring expenses covering BCOA budgeted items during the fiscal year shall submit invoices to the Treasurer on or before March 1st of the next year to be eligible for reimbursement. Expenditures incurred by members that are not covered by the Budget shall require Board approval. These bills shall be submitted to the Treasurer on or before February 1st of the next year. Committee Chairs shall be responsible for notifying committee members to submit receipts for expenses within this time frame."

The link to the reimbursement form is on the Members' page of www.Basenji.org

BCOA BULLETIN BOARD

BCOA Bulletin Board Subscription information

The *Bulletin Board Newsletter* is published in conjunction with membership in the Basenji Club of America, Inc. Dues are \$30 for single members; \$42 for household memberships. All applications for membership require the signatures of two BCOA members in good standing. Send membership inquiries to Janet Ketz, Secretary@basenji.org

Send submissions to:

Jlketz, Secretary@basenji.org
newsletter@basenji.org

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BCOA Board Ballots

Ballot 2020-29 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2021 Nat Spec Logo

Effective: September 14, 2020

In accordance with the BCOA Policy Manual; National Specialty. Artwork developed for National Specialties and activities will have written permission to use photographs and drawings provided by the owner of the dog or artist of any drawings. Required permission is on file with BCOA Secretary. The BCOA Board shall approve all artwork. All artwork shall become the property of the Basenji Club of America.

Please indicate your vote to approve the 2021 National Specialty Logo.

APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, Nagy, Marshall, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

BALLOT 2020-30 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New/Reinstated Members

Effective: September 14, 2020

Per the BCOA Bylaws, these membership applicants information was published in the August BCOA Bulletin Board Newsletter together with a call for comments to be received by the Secretary no later than 14 days from the publication's date of mailing, which shall be imprinted thereon. No comments were received. Please indicate your vote to approve reinstated member Laura Pond [WA] and new members Heather & Joel Galford [NC].

APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hesse, Hutchison, Ketz, Marshall, Nagy, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

BALLOT 2020-31 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Moving Judge Selection Process to Electronic

The Judge Selection Process is currently part of the Nat Spec Procedures.

https://www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/NS_Procedures_Rev_P.pdf

Any changes will require updates to the process to include electronic voting. Members with no e-mail and electronic (e-mail) members not interested in electronic ballots will be sent US mailed ballots. The Judge Selection Process currently uses some electronic (e-mail & BB) and some US mailed communication with the membership. The Final Weighted stage had previously been done by US mail. This is a time consuming and expensive process. Texas Laws, the BCOA Bylaws, any BCOA or AKC process will be considered when updating the Judge Selection Process. Please indicate your vote to update this entire process to electronic voting.

APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hutchison, Ketz – Comment: [I feel this Process should be moved out of the Nat Spec Procedures and become a stand-alone Policy. I will be asking the board to move this when making updates.], Marshall, Nagy, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

BALLOT 2020-32 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2021 Sweepstakes Judge – Kirk

Carole Kirk was selected by the membership in the Judge Selection Process to judge the 2021 Nat Spec Sweepstakes. She is aware of all AKC and BCOA rules/restrictions. She has accepted the assignment. BCOA offers her 2 nights of RV camping and she shall be entitled to BCOA national specialty activities (dinners, symposiums, etc.) at no charge. She asks for no other compensation. Please indicate your vote to accept these terms and sent her a contract.

APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hutchison, Ketz, Marshall, Nagy, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

National Specialty Dates

2021 – October 12—15

Lebanon, TN

Show Chair: Tondalea Wright

Judges: Regular classes - Mia Löwbeer

(AKC approval pending)

Sweepstakes – Carole Kirk

2022 – October DATES???? -

Mesquite Texas

2023—Accepting proposals from

Western Region: – AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

<https://basenji.org/ClubDocs/>

[NS Procedures Rev P.pdf](#)

BALLOT 2020-33 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Document Updates

Several BCOA Policy's and Procedures need updates. While waiting for assistance of a Doc Comm please indicate your vote to allow the current Document Committee contact person BCOA Secretary -Ketz, to work with V. Nagy and B. Reisinger to make updates to documents that need attention in a timely manner.

APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hutchison, Ketz, Marshall, Nagy, Reisinger, Sapios, Work

BALLOT 2020-34 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Deadline Date & Inspector of Election

Effective: September 30. 2020

Please indicate your vote to engage as Inspector of Election - Cheryl Cazier, Bookkeeping Services, Phoenix AZ 85018. She agrees to charge \$1.00 per ballot. Also need the Extension of ballot deadline dates: Oct 10 issue date., Ballot Postmark by Nov 10 and received by the inspector no later than Nov 16, 2020.

Tally sheet information: Ballots will be checked against the list of members in good standing as provided by the BCOA Secretary. Inspector will retain ballots for a period of one year. Tallying of ballots began at TIME, DATE at PLACE COUNTING WAS DONE and completed at approximately TIME.

- # Invalid ballots due to exceeding membership maximum (1 - single / 2 - Household) ballots per envelope ____
- # Invalid ballots due to NO single clearly marked option per ballot ____
- # Invalid ballots from non-members or members not in good standing ____
- # Invalid ballots with no pre-addressed return enveloping ____
- # Invalid ballots due to postmark after the Postmark deadline. ____
- # Invalid ballots due to receipt after the Tallier deadline ____

-# **BALLOTS RECEIVED (VALID AND INVALID)** ____

INVALID BALLOTS ____

VALID BALLOTS _ (TOTAL NUMBER RECEIVED minus TOTAL NUMBER OF INVALID BALLOTS)

APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hutchison, Hesse, Ketz, Marshall, Nagy, Reisinger, Sapios, Work



Motel 6 Offers a 10% Nationwide Discount to AKC Registrants

To receive the discount guests must reference the new AKC account number CPM64DOG.

100% of Motel 6 locations are Pet Friendly. Motel 6 Does NOT Charge a Pet Fee. Motel 6 Does NOT have weight limits on Pets. Motel 6 allows 2 pets per room.

RESERVATIONS can be made at 855-M6-4DOGS (855-664-3647), or with any Motel 6 property directly.

BCOA Judges Education Committee Report

As we all observe shelter-in-place requirements throughout the country, we were lucky to get an early slot in the new AKC Judges Education Webinar Series for all breeds and did a Basenji presentation on May 5, 2020. We reached a rapt audience of almost 400 judges and enthusiasts who were excited about this continuing education opportunity to learn more about our amazing breed.

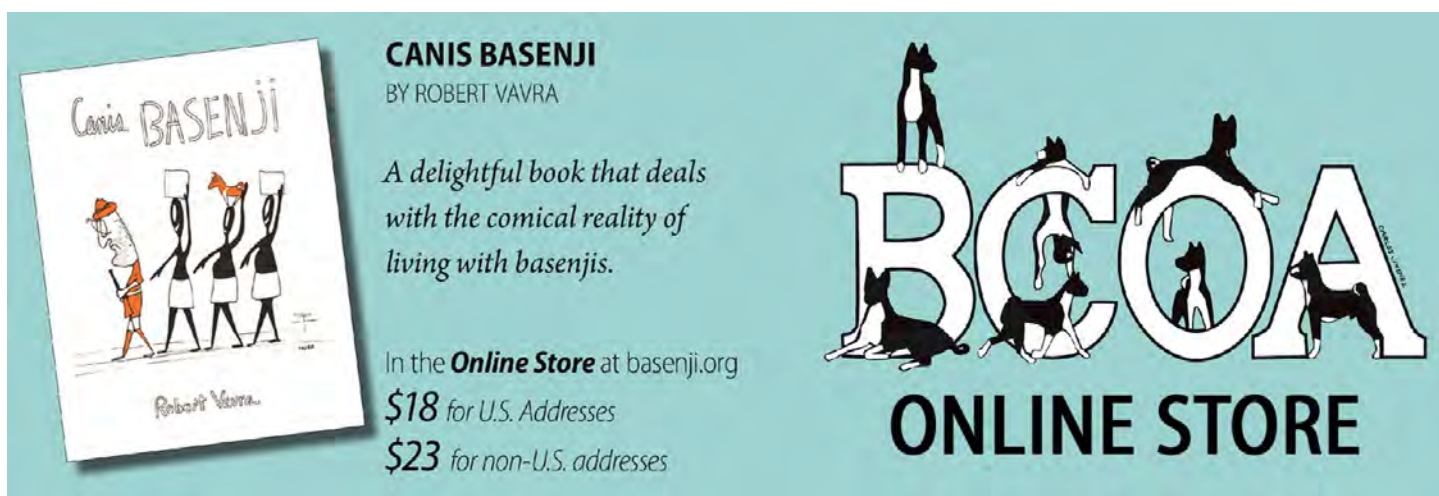
Our planned presentation for the Triangle Area Judges Education Group's 5-Day Sight Hound and Multi-Sense Hound Breeds Seminars and Hands-On Workshops in Raleigh, NC in September was unfortunately cancelled due to pandemic concerns but we hope to be invited back next year. We do still have a scheduled presentation in March, 2021 for the American Dog Show Judges Advanced Hound and Toy Institute at the Louisville cluster.

Our Committee (Sandra Bridges, Katie Campbell, Pam Geoffroy, Penny Inan and myself) is presently reviewing and **updating our existing Judges Education slideshow** and we are excited about our progress so far. If anyone has good quality photos which exemplify specific areas of Basenji breed type they would like to share, please send them to me at naharin2@gmail.com. Please include a short (25 words or less) critique describing the strengths exemplified by the photo.

Marianne Klinkowski, Chair

Send Photos to Marianne Klinkowski at naharin2@gmail.com

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The advertisement features a light blue background. On the left, there is a book cover for 'Canis Basenji' by Robert Vavra, showing a cartoon illustration of a Basenji dog and its owner. To the right of the book cover, the text reads: 'CANIS BASENJI BY ROBERT VAVRA', 'A delightful book that deals with the comical reality of living with basenjis.', and 'In the **Online Store** at basenji.org'. Below this, the prices are listed: '\$18 for U.S. Addresses' and '\$23 for non-U.S. addresses'. On the right side of the advertisement, the letters 'BCOA' are rendered in a large, stylized font, with several Basenji dogs interacting with the letters. Below 'BCOA', the words 'ONLINE STORE' are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

BCOA Health Committee Report

This past quarter, the information on Fanconi Syndrome was updated on the OFA website. The new version is concise, with a link to the treatment protocol, advice for breeders, a link to the latest statistics, and a link to order the DNA test.

As to the latest statistics, we are getting close to 10,000 Basenjis tested since the first test became available, good work, everyone!

Approximately 61% of all Basenjis tested since the beginning of testing have been Clear/Normal, 33% Carrier and 3-4% Affected.

Also worth mentioning is that we have 16 new Basenjis who have earned CHIC certification during the 3rd quarter of 2020. The Canine Health Information Certification (CHIC) number is given to dogs who have been tested for all 5 genetic diseases prevalent in the Basenji: Fanconi Syndrome, Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA), Thyroid, Eye anomalies, Hip Dysplasia.

OFA-CHIC Health Testing Requirements For Basenjis

Chris Maxka

Chair, BCOA Health Committee

AKC Gazette August 2020 Artist Issue



DOG PEOPLE

Damara Bolté

It's a commonplace around the show ring that breeding dogs is both a science and an art. It comes, then, as no surprise to learn that over the years many fanciers have painted and sculpted dogs when they weren't breeding and showing them. Among the most accomplished of the fancier-artists is Damara Bolté.

America's foremost name in Basenjis and an AKC Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Bolté's education prepared her well for the breeding-as-art-and-science dichotomy: She earned her animal-husbandry degree at Purdue University and spent 33 years at the National Institutes of Health, and she studied sculpture in Paris under the famous *animalier* Charles Delhommeau.



[Review of the Current State of Genetic Testing in Dogs.](#)



Have you ever been unsure about the best way to apply genetic test results in the care of your dog or the planning for your breeding program? You are not alone.

The dramatic increase in genetic testing available for dogs provides an exciting, but sometimes overwhelming, opportunity for dog owners, breeders, and veterinary professionals to improve the health of dogs at the individual and population levels. To provide a foundation in canine genetics that will help you interpret and understand the implications of genetic test results, the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), in collaboration with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), offers [a Review of the Current State of Genetic Testing in Dogs.](#)

This detailed document is written for your understanding – regardless of your scientific background. It contains helpful diagrams and video lectures to help you master the basic principles necessary to practically and thoughtfully apply genetic test results to the care of your dog(s) and breeding stock. The types of genetic tests currently in use, their application in breeding programs, and their limitations will be discussed, as well as potential negative effects of the misuse of test results in both pet and breeding dogs.

We hope you find this resource helpful in caring for current and future generations of dogs.

https://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/articles/CANINE_GENETIC_TESTING_07-28-2020_FINAL_with-links.pdf

Sincerely,

Andrea Fiumefreddo 

Andrea Fiumefreddo, MS
Director of Programs & Operations
AKC Canine Health Foundation



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/us-congress-problematic-breeder-mandates-bill-introduced-senate/>

October 2, 2020

Dear Club Legislative Liaisons, Officers and Delegates, please take action on this alert, and forward it to your club members asking them to take action too. Scroll down for information and resources on how to [take action](#).

Earlier this week, Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) introduced a bill that would make changes to the federal [Animal Welfare Act](#) to mandate arbitrary new requirements for certain professional and small hobby dog breeders. [S. 4757](#) - the "Puppy Protection Act of 2020" - is a companion measure (with the same language) to [HR 2442](#) introduced last year by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1).

In recent months, animal rights or "protection" groups have been pressuring members of Congress to sign onto the measure ahead of elections. More than 150 legislators have signed onto the bills as co-sponsors.

Arbitrary requirements include but are not limited to:

- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure.
- Mandated unfettered access from dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride". This creates a potentially dangerous environment for dogs.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain kennel types.
- Mandated pre-breeding screenings. No specific details are provided for what the screening would involve or who would make such decisions.

Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.

Further, it prohibits the breeding of a female dog:

- Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian
- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.

Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.

While some portions of the measures include reasonable *generalized* guidelines for canine care, **arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates**. Arbitrary, one-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that allow expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding.

How This Impacts You:

These measures would apply to anyone who is subject to USDA breeder/dealer licensing. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than 4 "breeding females" (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and sell or transfer even one of the offspring "sight unseen". "Breeding females" include *any combination of* cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc. ([Learn more](#)).

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<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/us-congress-problematic-breeder-mandates-bill-introduced-senate/>

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What you Can Do:

Most members of Congress want to do the right thing for dogs, but they are not experts in this area. It's likely they do not understand the nuances or unintended consequences of arbitrary legislation that may "sound good" to a non-expert. They also hear a lot from animal rights/ protection groups, and they also rely on hearing from constituents. Unless we help educate our lawmakers, we will be subject to bad laws.

Your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Please **contact your member of Congress and your U.S. Senators today**. Visit AKC's Legislative Action Center and type your address in the "Find Your Elected Officials" box to [find out who represents you and get their contact information](#).

Tell them:

H.R. 2442/S. 4757 mandate arbitrary one-size-fits-all requirements for temperatures, kennel engineering standards, and breeding bans that are not appropriate for all types or breeds of dogs and could harm some dogs.

Explain you are a constituent. Respectfully share your experience and concerns as a dog owner/breeder/ expert and based on the talking points above.

Ask them to not support advancing the bills out of committee.

For questions or more information, contact doglaw@akc.org, visit www.akcgr.org or contact 919-816-3720.

Thank you for your action to protect the future of our breeds and the integrity of responsible, expert breeders.

[Learn More - Take Action](#)

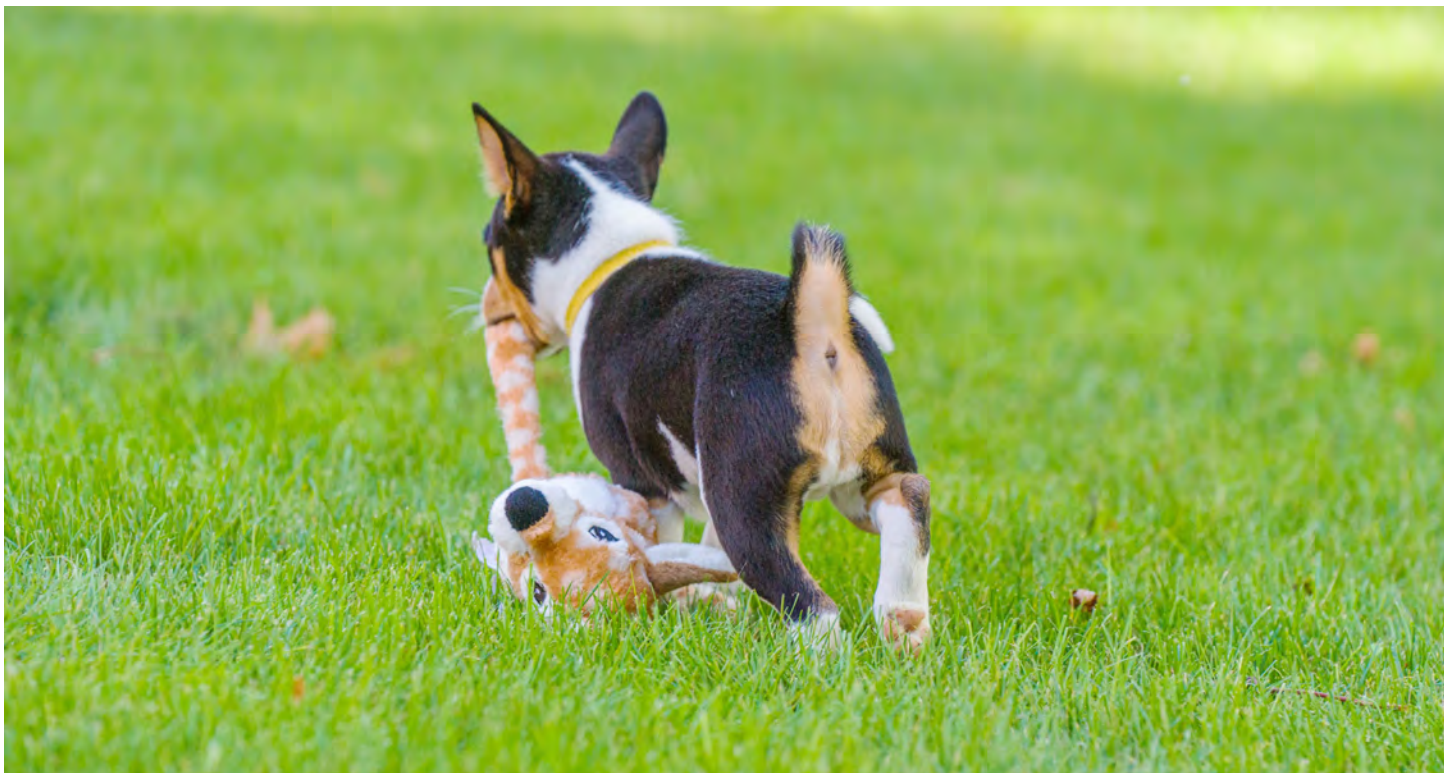
BCOA on FaceBook

Keep up with the latest information on Social Media at:

<https://www.facebook.com/basenji.org/>

Please contact our **Sunshine Committee Chair, Linda Stilwell**, by email, linda.stilwell71@gmail.com, with information on illness, accident or loss of members or their immediate family. This will help Linda send out the appropriate card. Thanks to Linda for cheering us when we are low.





The Basenji Health Endowment

The **Basenji Health Endowment** is an I.R.S. Section 501 (c)(3) Public Charity founded by the **Basenji Club of America** to promote, further and facilitate health research that will benefit and help to ensure the continued survival of the Basenji dog as a unique breed.

Direct tests for Basenji night blindness, a form of PRA and Fanconi syndrome have been successfully developed with help from the **BHE** and support from the Basenji fancy. Close to 10,000 Basenjies worldwide have been tested for Fanconi syndrome..

Ways to Donate

- ◆ **Amazonsmile.com** - Make every purchase through Amazon a donation to the Basenji Health Endowment.
- ◆ Mail your donation to:
 - ◆ **Laura Hesse, BHE Treasurer**
278 W. Washington St.
Poynette, WI 53955-9449
treasurer@basenji.org
- ◆ If your employer (e.g. Apple) uses the **Brevity** charitable giving program you can make donations thru Brevity. Contact your employer for more details.
- ◆ Include a donation when you renew your BCOA membership.