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BCOA Announcement

Basenji Heath Survey PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

In collaboration with the **OFA**, the **BCOA Health Committee** has designed a comprehensive survey of Basenji health. This survey is widely comprehensive, and includes every disease known in Basenjis, as well as quite a few unknowns.

The survey is time limited: it will end June 1, after which the data will be analyzed and presented to the Basenji public. All information is confidential and will be used only in the aggregate.

[Click here to go to the Survey:](#)

<https://www.ofa.org/about/educational-resources/health-surveys>

Thank you!

Chris Maxka
Chair, BCOA Health Committee

BCOA 2021 Membership

2021 Renewals are complete. We have 360 memberships, down about 30 from last year. There are 23 Foreign, 75 Household, 9 Lifetime and 243 Singles.

BCOA ByLaws SECTION 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership may be terminated:

- (b) **BY LAPSING.** A membership will be considered lapsed if such member's dues remain unpaid on February 1 of each year. An automatic grace period until March 1 applies to all members, but if dues remain unpaid as of March 1, the membership will be terminated. Members who allow their memberships to lapse and to be terminated pursuant to this paragraph must reapply for membership pursuant to Article I, Section 3, of these By-Laws. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of the meeting.

See the Reinstatement Application on the last page .

Things to Do:

Basenji Heath Survey (see previous page)

Judge Selection Stage 3 will be mailed in April

Have you submitted your waiver for Electronic Balloting?

The [Waiver to Opt-in for electronic balloting](#) (pdf) can be printed, completed/signed and US or e-mailed to the Secretary, see page 3

Volunteer on a Host Committee for BCOA Nationals

Check out the new [FaceBook Page](#) for BCOA 2021

Documenting those 8 week Puppy Evaluations. (also known as puppy parties)

Photo by Marcia Woodard



News From the Secretary

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

Opt-In Waiver for Electronic Balloting:

Per the AKC direction and 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.

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

Just a Reminder

The **Bulletin/Yearbook Magazine** will not be published in 2021. BCOA currently has no Editor or staff to put together the Bulletin Magazine. Anyone with interest and skills to work on our magazine should contact any Officer or Board member.

The **Bulletin Board Newsletter** will go out monthly electronically to most members. (some members do not have adequate electronic capabilities and will receive by US mail.) Committees and Affiliate Clubs are encouraged to send a column for BB publication at any time during the year to newsletter@basenji.org

The **2021 ROSTER** will be US mailed to all members in April

Committee Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a **Videographer Committee** Chair. Please contact a Board Member if you can help.

BCOA on FaceBook

Keep up with the latest information on Social Media at:

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



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 2021-04 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective February 15, 2021

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following people have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, was published in the January 2021 Bulletin Board News-letter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on electing them to membership in BCOA.

Chris, Carla and Jr Lillian Berger, [MN] and Laura Gilchrist MD.

APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hartigan, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Work

BALLOT 2021-05 APPROVED

SUBJECT: National Specialty Webpage

Effective February 28, 2021

To streamline and offer the best option for National Specialty host groups to be able to supply members and the public with up-to-date information on each future National Specialty on the BCOA website, basenji.org. BCOA will add a sub domain for the National Specialty. This will be added to our current A2 Hosting account at a cost of \$15 per year. Website Administrator, Jeff Falkner, WA, will make all changes needed. Please indicate your vote to authorize a BCOA National Specialty webpage.

APPROVED: APPROVED: Curby, Hamilton, Hartigan, Hesse, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment: *[Many thanks to Carmella Troisi-Hoerr, previous BCOA member and web designer for setting up and maintaining this Nat Spec domain for BCOA. We appreciate all of her work and thank her for allowing us to take over BCOA Nat Spec for our club's future use.], Nagy, Sapios, Work*

Upcoming Events (BCOA Approved)

Date:	Club:	Specialty Type	Location
3/26/2021	DFWBC	Independent	Fort Worth, TX
5/15/2021	MABCMD		Carlisle, PA
6/13/2021	MABCMD	Independent	Norwalk, CT
7/23/2021	WVBC	Independent	Gresham, OR
10/06/2021	BCOA	Regional	Colonial Park, NJ
11/5/2021	BCONC	designated with Yosemite Kennel Club	Vallejo, CA
11/6/2021	BCONC	designated with the Contra Costa County	Vallejo, CA

National Specialty Dates

Any questions or volunteers for any of the upcoming National Specialty Events should contact **National Specialty Advisory Committee (NSAC)**, Jon Curby at jcurby@offa.org

All judges are pending AKC approval.

2021 – October 12–15 Lebanon, TN

Show Chair: Tondalea Wright

Judges: Conformation classes - Michael Canalizo

Sweepstakes – Carole Kirk

2022 Purina Farms October 9-15

BCOA will share facility with another club.

Currently managed by BCOA board.

Looking for members willing to take on any or all of the planning and management of this event.

2023

Accepting proposals from any affiliate club or 8 members in good standing from any region of the USA. Final deadline for Proposals will be February 15, 2021. After that deadline the BCOA board will make arrangements for the event.

2024 East Region

A deposit has been made for Purina Farms with dates planned for October 7-14, 2024.

2025

The west region will have first option to host the 2025 National Specialty. Per Procedure, this host bid is not due yet but if your affiliate club or 8 BCOA members in good standing are interested, please let the NSAC know ASAP.

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

Region, Year of Event and Bid Year

West 2025	Bid 2022
Central 2026	Bid 2023
East 2027	Bid 2024
West 2028	Bid 2025
Central 2029	Bid 2026
East 2030	Bid 2027

New Member Applications

In accordance with the Bylaws any member in good standing may send comments on applicants for membership to the BCOA Secretary within a period of fourteen days following the date of the newsletter publication. Comments will be sent to these person(s) for reply, and all comments and replies will then be sent to the Board.

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832-5882-585 Cassandra.benge@gmail.com
Dianna Sanders, Mary Williams

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9 Cornal Court, Beattock
Moffat, Scotland DG109PE
07711119280, charley.donaldson@outlook.com
Occupation: Police
Kennel Name: Woodella
Other Clubs: Whippets
Puppies-yes
Jon Curby, Vickie Curby

Connie Fry
210 Miller St
South Beloit, IL 61080
779-537-2525 mysenji1@gmail.com
Occupation: Retired
Kennel Name: Waycon
Puppies & Stud
Rita Webb, Charletta Jones

Judge Selection

Stage 2 has been completed and the Final Stage 3 voting will be mailed out to all members in April.

Here are the Stage 3 Nominees up for final votes. Please note, there was a tie for the number of votes for 5th place Conformation choices, therefore the procedure is to include both on the final round (hence the six nominees).

2023 CONFORMATION:

Dana Cline
Kay Eldred
Jeffrey Gillespie
Edward Hall
Mia Lowbeer
John Wade

2022 SWEEPSTAKES:

Brenda Cassell
Laurie Gregory
Carlos Jimenez
Louise Marsden
Stella Sapios



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A delightful book that deals with the comical reality of living with basenjis.

In the **Online Store** at basenji.org

\$18 for U.S. Addresses

\$23 for non-U.S. addresses



ONLINE STORE

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.



Member News

Judith and Doc (Mark) Holiday have passed away in the past year: Doc, who had been a member through 2019, in summer 2020; Judith in November 2020. Their last basenji had died a little over a year ago (11/2019). Many of Judith's "House of Argyle" basenji items are being donated to the BCOA.

Basenji Club of America

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Beverly Bland, AZ
Damara Bolté, VA
Jon Curby, MO
Dr Steve Gonto, GA
Dr Gary Johnson, MO
Sally Wallis, England
Robert Vavra, Spain
Carol Webb, CA
Michael Work, VT



The Basenji University (BU) is a practical education concept. The goal is to provide home-study programs in Basenji breed education. The University is designed as an on-going school of learning in which courses on owning, breeding, competing with and judging Basenjis are available year round.

The Basenji University is dedicated to preserving the past and educating future breeders, owners, exhibitors and judges of the Basenji.



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.

BCOA National Specialty 2021 Committees

Show Chair	Tonda Wright	twright4343@gmail.com
Treasurer	Laura Mae Hess	
Fast Cat/Lure Coursing	Jeff and Tracy Leonard	dctrtracy@aol.com
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Obedience/Rally	Terry Fielder (with Curly Coats)	terry@ottaray.com,
Fun Night	Sharon Unrau/Becky Blansett	bbb224@aol.com,
Catalog Advertising	** pending	
Catalog Sales	Pre sale and have some on site	
Merchandising	Suzanne LaCroix	lacroix@animalink.com
Judges Education	Marianne Klinkowski **pending	naharin@comcast.net
Banquet	Kim Byrd	
Breeder Seminars	Tracy Leonard	dctrtracy@aol.com
Parade of Champions	** pending	
Photographer	** pending	
Grounds/Clean Up	Annette Crisco	
African Exhibit	Kathy Sanchez	
Top 20	Brenda Cassell/Jordan Lee	
Auction	Sharron Schmidgall	stonwykebasenji@aol.com
Banquet	Kim Byrd	
Daily Hospitality	Terry Fielder	
Flowers	Becky Blansett	
Juniors	Tracy Z	
Trophies	Michelle Hogan	
Stewards	Wright Steward Assoc.	
Reserved Grooming	(Tri Star KC)	
RV Parking	(Tri Star KC)	



October 12—15, 2021
Lebanon, Tennessee

FaceBook Page
Now LIVE for the latest updates!

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BCOA Disclaimer: Contact information for any organization, activity or event outside of the BCOA is provided strictly as a public service for our members. All organizations, activities and events are separate entities that are unrelated to the Basenji Club of America and BCOA is not responsible for the actions of any group or their agents. BCOA does not regulate, supervise, inspect, or provide any input into the respective operations, policies, procedures, and/or adoption requirements of any outside groups. BCOA members need to investigate all outside groups and events and make their own decisions on the merits of the events and event presenters.



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

March 2, 2021

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/pennsylvania-clarification-hb-594-dog-shows-shut-orders/>

Last week, House Bill 594 was introduced in Pennsylvania relative to COVID-19 limitations and restrictions as they may apply to a number of recreational activities, including dog shows and events. AKC wishes to clarify its position on this legislation.

Early on during the COVID-19 Pandemic, AKC worked to develop [guidelines](#) to assist those clubs who wish to hold events, and are able to do so safely, where allowed by state rules and local governments. AKC guidelines for the holding of dog shows require additional specific actions relative to safe canine exhibition and social distancing, as well as following all CDC, state and local guidance in effect at the time of the event.

AKC's position and its commitment to the health and safety of event exhibitors during the pandemic has not changed.

As introduced, Pennsylvania House Bill 594 does not reduce health and safety protocols for events, but rather states that *arbitrary restrictions should not be established specifically to prevent dog shows and similar animal events*. If events are being permitted, regulations should be uniformly applied across different types of events.

AKC thanks Representative Millard for his desire to see dog shows conducted safely in his district when appropriate, and requires who organize and participate in events to follow all protocols to ensure the safety of all involved.

For more information on AKC's position and guidelines regarding COVID-19, visit <https://www.akc.org/press-center/covid-19-updates-from-the-american-kennel-club/>

For more information on AKC Government Relations policies and comments, visit www.akcgr.org/covid19

BASENJIS IN THE TIME OF COVID By Marcia Woodard

Published in the AKC Gazette February 2021

Recently I spoke with a friend who is an award-winning poet. She said COVID-19 life has inspired her to write a poem about her dog: "But all I could think of to say is 'I love my dog' over and over."

I can relate. Working from home alone and being in lockdown during the past year has deepened my relationship with my Basenjis. We now have the characteristics of a long-married couple and are dialed in to the hint of a glance, the suggestion of a body movement, or the slight alteration of voice tone. My dogs know my next action before I do.

Read the rest of the story in the **AKC Gazette February 2021 issue here:**



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 an 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 Basenjis world-wide 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.



Membership Reinstatement Application

Membership fees:

Single membership: \$30.00
Household membership: \$42.00
Single Foreign membership: \$30.00
Household Foreign membership: \$42.00
Juniors in conjunction with adult: \$3.00
Juniors alone (under 18): \$12.00

MAIL COMPLETED FORM

TO: Secretary, BCOA
1912 Oakland Ave.
Crest Hill, IL 60403

815-325-5908

DATE _____

I/We _____ (print names) wish to join the BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
I/We submit herewith dues in the amount of \$30.00 for a single membership; \$42.00 for a household membership; \$30.00 for a single foreign membership, \$42.00 for a household foreign membership, \$3.00 for a junior membership in conjunction with an adult member of the family or \$12.00 for a junior membership not in conjunction with another adult member of the family

Print names and ages of junior members in conjunction with an adult member

Household membership is defined as two persons residing at the same address, each holding individual voting privileges. Persons under 18 may become junior members without voting privileges.

I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. and have read its Code of Recommended Practices. I hereby attest that I am currently in good standing with the AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. and will abide by its Constitutions, By-Laws, and all Rules and Regulations.

Signature of First Applicant

Signature of Second Applicant

Address as it should appear on the BCOA Roster and mailing lists:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Email _____

Occupation/Profession _____

Kennel Name, if any _____

Other Club Affiliations (all-breed, training, other breeds) _____

Offices or positions held _____

Specific interests _____

Do you have or plan to have Puppies for sale? Y/N Adults? Y/N Stud service? Y/N

No Sponsors required for Reinstatement of Membership per BCOA Bylaws:

Article I, SECTION 5. REINSTATEMENT. Members whose membership has lapsed within the preceding six (6) months prior to August 1, may be reinstated with the same requirements as specified in Article 1, Section 3, as appropriate, except that the sponsor requirement is waived.

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