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June 2024

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BCOA Announcement

Judge Change for 2024 Conformation

BCOA Membership,

We are writing to provide transparency regarding the judge selection and contractual process for our 2024 national.

On Memorial Day weekend, our contracted 2024 National Specialty judge Pat Trotter, judged a 4 dog entry of Basenjis in Wyoming. Per her judging contract, national judges are not allowed to judge Basenjis within 6 months of their assignment. Ms. Trotter contacted the board directly following her assignment acknowledging the breach and inquiring whether we planned to replace her. The board immediately began discussing and researching whether similar scenarios set a precedent for how we move forward. Although there was a similar case 4 years ago, the circumstances were different as that judge reached out for board permission before their assignment, and replacing judges was more difficult directly following COVID. After reviewing all available information, the board has voted to replace Pat Trotter as our 2024 National judge. The results of that vote will be available for review in the next Bulletin Board. The board will now contact Ann Harrison, the next judge selected by membership. As soon as our judge is confirmed, we will inform membership.

We'd also like to address another point regarding Ms. Trotter's contract. In February 2024, when discussing her contract terms, Ms. Trotter requested a per-day judging fee higher than what is outlined in our BCOA National Specialty Guidelines. The suggested per-day fee in the guidelines had not been updated in quite some time, so the board voted on whether to accept her requested fee. The vote passed, with the results available for review in the next Bulletin Board.

Furthermore, we'd like to address another question that has been raised by membership regarding the judge selection process. Dana Cline appeared to have originally won the 2024 member ballot to judge the National, and was notified by the VP. Shortly thereafter, a ballot was received from overseas. The ballot was postmarked before the deadline, so the board determined it must be counted. That ballot changed the membership's 1st choice judge to Edna Martin. As you may have seen from previous communications, Edna Martin was contracted to judge, but ultimately canceled for health reasons. Dana Cline, the 2nd choice by membership, declined our request to judge after Ms. Martin canceled, leading us to contract Ms. Trotter.

We want to thank our membership for providing feedback to the board. We want to hear from you, and encourage you to reach out to any board member with your questions and concerns (contact info found at beginning of roster). We will hold ourselves accountable to increase written updates. We will strive for increased transparency as we navigate decisions that affect our wonderful breed and community

Sincerely,
BCOA Board

Please Note

2024 all Regular Conformation Classes will be judged by **Ann Harrison**. See [BCOA 2024 National Specialty website](#) for all details for the week of events.

See FORMS attached at the end of this Bulletin Board:

Stage 1 Judges selection
Deadline for voting is August 5, 2024

Opt-in for Electronic Balloting

Electronic Balloting

Have YOU SUBMITTED YOUR FORM YET?

We only have replies from 150 of our 300 members. The club needs to get each member to either agree **YES** or say NO to eballot.

An email from members would be acceptable. Please help us get this done!

Our administrator, Carrie Jones, has a company for us to consider but we must have final numbers of Electronic and paper voters before we can get an accurate quote for the service.

The board does plan to make the decision in 2024. One of our first ballots would be judge selection. More information as it becomes available.

Members may email their completed form to secretary@basenji.org or US mail: to Janet Ketz, 1912 Oakland Ave, Crest Hill, IL 60403.

Updating your information with BCOA.

Note that all members can update their own information on the BCOA website. Sign in as a member and then go to Members > Member Links > Member Profile. You can also still contact the club at secretary.org.

National Specialty 2027

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We have a National Specialty oversight committee and many past host groups that can share information with any affiliate club or 8 BCOA members in good standing.

All proposals will be considered. Proposal form is available from Secretary@basenji.org or online at <https://www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/NationalSpecialtyAppendixD.pdf>

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 Stella Sapios. stellasapios@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 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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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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Nat – Researcher (Phd)

Jim – Engineer

Kennel Name: Genesis Sighthounds

Other Clubs: Copper State Basenji Club

Specific Interests: LC, Fast Cat, Tricks

Puppy and Stud

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Sighthound Assoc.

Positions: SCA Legislative Liaison

Natalie Scherwin, Jeff Falkner

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Specific Interests: Conformation and Performance Events

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Kelli Harmon, Suzanne La Croix

Ramon P. Gallimore

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Retired USMC (30 yrs)

Other Clubs: Brevard KC

Jaa Scheffler, Thomas D. Wright

Judge Selection

Stage 1 voting is starting with the publication of this June BB Newsletter. **Stage 1** is collection of names for **2026 Conformation** judge. Lebanon, TN and **2025 Sweepstakes** judge. Tucson, AZ.

Stage 1 is Nomination Collection. Each member can submit up to 5 names for both judging assignments.

Your names can be US mailed or Emailed to Pat Marshall.

All info is on the Stage 1 form, included in this BB.

Any questions can go to Pat Marshall or Janet Ketz

Ramp

Per AKC requirements, the BCOA board will send a ballot to all voting members to include the use of the ramp for AKC basenji judging in addition to the table. Use of table or ramp is at the judge's discretion. The ramp will be available during the National Specialty. Thought or comments will be welcome at the Annual Membership Meeting in October. The ramp vote to all voting members will be sent out after the 2024 National Specialty. Questions or comments can go to any BCOA Officer or board member.

Breeder Education Committee

With the retirement of Susan Coe, BCOA thanks her for many years on the committee, we are searching for a volunteer to chair the committee.

Committee Chairs are approved by the BCOA Board. Chairs may select members as needed and create projects for National Specialty Show, on-line programs or other events related to Breeder Education.

If you want more information contact President Pat Marshall.

Slate of Officers and Board for 2025

The 2025 slate from the Nominating Committee will be published in the July BB.

From the BCOA Bylaws:

The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates and their resumes to be received by the Secretary not later than July 8. The list, including the full name and state of residence of each candidate, shall be published in the BCOA *Bulletin Board* Newsletter on or before July 15, so that additional nominations may be made by members if they so desire.

(b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and postmarked to his or her regular address prior to August 15. The Secretary must receive petitions not later than August 21, even if it is not a mail delivery day. The petitions must be signed by five members in good standing and accompanied by both the written acceptance of each additional nominee signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate and a resume of not more than 250 words of each additional nominee. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

Native Stock Applicant

A new Native Stock dog, Avongara Adanne, has been submitted to BCOA. The BCOA Board of Directors has voted to approve the dog for ballot by the voting BCOA Membership.

Information on the dog is available on the BCOA [website HERE](#) and published at the end of this Newsletter.

Average Evaluation score: 3.33 Good

OFA Link for Andanne health test results: <https://ofa.org/advanced-search/?appnum=2488048>

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List.htm>

More information on the membership ballot will be published in the July BB.

Welcome to America Little Girl!



The **Zande Pedigree** site
has just hit **120,001** entries!!

<https://pedigrees.zandebasenjis.com/>

A note from BCOA VP Julie Hartigan:

Kudos to all the breeders that submit the information from their litters to Sally. By the way, this is easier than ever before! The AKC Breeder toolkit will auto-generate what Sally needs! When you are logged into the AKC website and are in the AKC Breeder's Toolkit, open up a specific litter (click on the "+" sign beside the litter number) and on the right hand side you will see an option to download the litter record. If you have completed the registration of the puppies, all the information for the litter is in the pdf that will be generated when you click on "Download Litter Record". Just send Sally Wallis (sallypwallis@gmail.com) the pdf that is automatically generated and you are done!



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.

National Specialty: October 7–13, 2024

Unless otherwise specified, all events take place at **Purina Farms**.

Date/Time	Event
Monday, Oct. 7	AKC FAST Agility Trial Sniffsport Challenge
Tuesday, Oct. 8	African Stock Exhibition Judge: Ethel Blair (Australia) Puppy Sweepstakes Veteran Sweepstakes Obedience / Rally Annual Club Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Conformation: Non-Regular — multi-entry (Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace) Judge: Terri Lyddon Junior Showmanship Judge: Terri Lyddon Pee Wees Education and Enrichment (seminars) Top 20
Thursday, Oct. 10	Conformation: Dogs Conformation: Bitches Banquet Auction Awards
Friday, Oct. 11	Conformation: Best of Breed
Saturday, Oct. 12	Racing (tentative) Lure Coursing (1690 Griffiths Rd, Sorento, Illinois)
Sunday, Oct. 13	Lure Coursing



For More INFO visit the WEBSITE

Basenji Club of America

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Jon Curby, MO
Susan Coe, Australia
Dr Steve Gonto, GA
Sally Wallis, England
Robert Vavra, Spain
Michael Work, TX

2024 October 7-12, Purina Farm, Gray Summit, MO

Chairs Sharron Schmigdall and Barbara Reisinger

Judges: Conformation **Ann Harrison**,
Sweeps **Erin Roberts**

For More INFO visit the WEBSITE

2025 Tucson AZ

**November 10-14,
Kino Sports Complex**

National Specialty will be hosted by the Copper State Basenji Club

Judges: Conformation **Jeff Gillespie**

Sweeps Pending **Stage 1 voting starting NOW**

2026 Lebanon, TN

October 5-11

Wilson County Expo Center

Judges: **Stage 1 voting starting NOW**

2027 East Region

Bids are now being taken for the 2027 National Specialty. Any area of the country can submit a proposal. Any affiliate clubs or 8 members in good standing are encouraged to ask any questions regarding submitting a proposal. All proposals will be considered. We have a National Specialty oversight committee and many past host groups that can share information with any affiliate club or 8 BCOA members in good standing.

Proposal form is available from

Secretary@basenji.org or online at

<https://www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/NationalSpecialtyAppendixD.pdf>

Region, Year of Event and Bid Year

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



Basenji National Specialty SniffSport Challenge

3 Difficulty Divisions

Food Hounds – For dogs not on odor yet

Aroma Apprentice – Birch-only, Difficulty similar to NW1/2

Super Sniffers – B/A/C odors, Difficulty similar to NW3

4 Searches – Enter just as many as you like, or all 4 to compete for High in Trial

Full details coming soon!



Monday October 7, 2024 :: Purina Farms

Your event committee is designing this first-of-its-kind Specialty Challenge to encourage, showcase, and celebrate Basenjis in Nosework!

Complete Rules coming soon - a hybrid of NASCW, AKC, C-WAGS, and USCSS

Exhibitors familiar with any of these venues will be comfortable with the searches planned

Start your SniffSport training now and join us at BCOA 2024!

**Basenji National Specialty
SniffSport Challenge
Monday October 7**

BCOA National Specialty Agility

AKC Special Event Trial!

- ❖ Basenjis Only!
- ❖ Two rounds of AKC FAST
- ❖ Training Seminar (TBD)
- ❖ Monday October 7, 2024
- ❖ Purina Farms, Missouri

Entry Details Coming Soon
pending full AKC approval



News From the Secretary

Janet Ketz, secretary@basenji.org

Eastern time, 815-325-5908

BCOA Board Ballots:

BCOA BALLOT 2024-08 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2024 Nat Spec Conformation Judge

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure

Effective: February 14, 2024

Please indicate your vote to accept the terms sent by Patricia Trotter to judge our 2024 Nat Spec Conformation - Regular classes only. Including her \$500 per day price.

APPROVE: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Ketz – Comment: [Please see letter below from BCOA Board for more details], Nagy, Sapios, Work.

DISAPPROVE: Jones, Scherwin

BCOA BALLOT 2024-09 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Potential Change to AKC Lure Coursing Regulations

Circulated at the request of our AKC Delegate and President Marshall

Effective: March 14, 2024

AKC has requested all sighthound parent clubs to send their interest regarding eligibility of unilateral cryptorchids to compete in AKC Lure Coursing. Currently these dogs are not allowed to compete.

BCOA received a message from Karen Bowers Lee, AKC Delegate for the American Whippet Club, sent to all sighthound parent clubs, at the request of Doug Ljungren, AKC Vice President of Sports and Events for our thoughts on this issue. Both for and against arguments regarding eligibility of unilateral cryptorchids were included.

The question is, should AKC lure coursing allow a male with only one testicle descended to complete? A discussion with our AKC Delegate, Katie Campbell, led to this ballot. She will contact Ms. Bowers Lee with *our interest for eligibility of unilateral cryptorchids to compete in AKC Lure Coursing*. Please indicate your vote.

Approved: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz- [Comment: Our AKC Delegate, Katie Campbell, will be forwarding our approval to AKC.], Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work.



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.

BCOA BALLOT 2024-10**SUBJECT: 2024 National Specialty Logo**

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws and National Specialty Procedures/Policy

Effective: March 31, 2024

Please indicate your vote for the 2024 National Specialty Logo. The release information is on file with the BCOA Secretary.

Approved: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin,

Disapprove: Work

BCOA BALLOT 2024-11 APPROVED**SUBJECT: Nominating Committee**

Effective: March 31, 2024

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws

Please indicate your vote for the Nominating Committee for the 2025 board year.

Liz McCargo, NJ (Chair); Laurie Gregory, WA; Eugene Biller, FL; Kim Byrd, VA and

Bridgette Lesar, NV.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2024-12 APPROVED**SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS**

Effective: May 1, 2024

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws

Please indicate your vote on the following new member applicants. Their names were published in the BCOA Bulletin Board Newsletter and no comments were received.

Bob & Erinn Kern, PA and Rose Marie Sylvester & Corey Bixby, NY

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2024-13 APPROVED**SUBJECT: 2024 Top 20 Competition**

In accordance with the BCOA Policy Manual

Effective: May 8, 2024

Please indicate your vote. Based on the BCOA board ballot 2024-04, the BCOA Host group will manage the 2024 Top 20. After review of the proposal the board has the condition that the judges used for this event include 1 AKC judge, 1 handler judge, and 1 breeder judge.

APPROVE: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin, Work

BCOA BALLOT 2024-14 APPROVED**SUBJECT: Native Stock Applicant 2024**

Circulated in accordance with the Native Stock Procedure

Effective: June 12, 2024

BCOA recently received a new Native Stock Application. The Dog – Avongara Adanne and all the required paperwork and fee have been submitted. Please indicate your vote to accept this dog into the Native Stock Process. Once approved by the BCOA Board Native Stock Applicant - Avongara Adanne will be voted on by the BCOA membership.

APPROVE: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin, Work.

BCOA BALLOT 2024-15 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Native Stock Tallier 2024

Circulated in accordance with the Native Stock Procedure

Effective: June 12, 2024

Based on a recently submitted Native Stock Application, we will need to select a tallier for the membership Ballot. Please indicate your vote for Jane Johnson to do the Native Stock Membership ballot tally.

APPROVE: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin, Work.

BCOA BALLOT 2024-16 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Native Stock Procedure Housekeeping Update

Circulated in accordance with the Native Stock Procedure

Effective: June 12, 2024

Native Stock Procedure Change

Please indicate your vote to make a housekeeping update to the Procedure by the Native Stock Committee (Pam Geoffrey) and then the updated procedure to be placed on the website and the old one removed.

This is housekeeping regarding our club publications. We currently have an electronic only Bulletin Magazine and an electronic Bulletin Board Newsletter that is also US mailed to members with no email. We have continuously published a Bulletin Board Newsletter, but the Bulletin Magazine has had periods with no publication.

Our Bylaws have already been updated to reflect both club publications stating:
the Club *BULLETIN* and *Bulletin Board Newsletter*

With the above information in mind, the Native Stock Committee would change the statement, in Step 8, to **“will be published in the Club Bulletin and/or Bulletin Board Newsletter”**

Step 8 – Membership Ballot

~~• The Native Stock Committee, via an official BCOA Ballot, will present all applicants who receive a majority vote of Pass by eligible Board members to the membership at large to be voted on.
• To allow BCOA membership to make informed decisions, photographs of each applicant being voted on along with the Evaluator's scores **will be published in the BCOA Bulletin** before the voting date. The BCOA web site <http://www.basenji.org> will have the same information as well as the evaluators' comments, application and any additional photos and video information before the date for voting. [2014-02M]~~

Here is the justification to make this change:

Step 10 – Studbook Opening

• Any changes, other than **those generally considered housekeeping**, to the approval process for including new native dogs into the AKC registry shall be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the BCOA membership. [2012 AGM motion. Approved July 13, 2012]

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2024-17 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2025 NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROPOSAL

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure

Effective: June 12, 2024

A National Specialty Proposal for 2025 was received from the Copper State Basenji Club. Dates would be November 10-14, 2025. Site is the Kino Sports Complex, Tucson, Az.

Please indicate your vote to accept this proposal.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2024-18 APPROVED **SUBJECT: 2026 National Specialty Proposal**

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure

Effective: June 14, 2024

A 2026 National Specialty Proposal was received from 8 BCOA members. Jaa Scheffler, Michelle Hogan, Becky Blansett, Tracey Leonard, Thomas D. Wright, Kim Bryd, Tondalea' Wright and Jeff Leonard.

The dates are October 5-11, 2026. The event will be held in Lebanon, TN at the Wilson County Expo Center, same location as 2021 Nat Spec. A new building has been opened that will be shared by only 2 breeds during our event. This will allow for more room for all our events a larger ring size with less animals and people using the building than in 2021.

Please indicate your vote to accept this proposal.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Sapios, Scherwin and Work

BCOA BALLOT 2024-19 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Removal of National Specialty Judge for Breach of Contract.

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure

Effective May 30, 2024

(Ballot out of order, secretary error)

Our 2024 National Specialty conformation judge inadvertently judged basenjis after having signed our contract stating she would not judge basenjis for 6 months before our event. When she did judge basenjis, she contracted President Marshall letting her know of the assignment and the breach of contract.

The BCOA National Specialty Procedure states:

The selected judge shall not judge Basenjis in the USA and/or Canada for the six (6) months prior to the BCOA national specialty. Failure to comply with this requirement shall disqualify that person from serving as a judge at the BCOA national specialty.

Please indicate your vote to consider Mrs. Trotter's judging of basenjis within the 6-month no judging requirement a breach of our contract.

APPROVED: Jones, Ketz, Nagy, Hesse, Hartigan, Sapios, Hogan, Scherwin

DISAPPROVED: Curby, Work

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BCOA Financials - National Specialty

Profit & Loss

All Transactions

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Activities Income

Auction	2,405.00
Auction (On-Line)	
Shipping	158.70
Auction (On-Line) - Other	5,110.10
Total Auction (On-Line)	5,268.80
Banquet	2,926.00
Lunches	633.00
Lure Course(Fund Raising Trial)	12,788.00
Stud Dog Gallery	125.00

Total Activities Income 24,145.80

Dog Show Income

Catalog Ads	730.00
Catalog Sales	
Regular Classes	795.00
Total Catalog Sales	795.00

Entries

African Stock Exhibition	360.00
Agility	300.00
AKC JC Test	30.00
LGRA	288.00
Lure Coursing (AKC)	725.00
Obedience	280.00
Rally	300.00
Regular Classes	5,582.00
Sweepstakes	2,184.00

Total Entries 10,049.00

RV Parking & Lodging 9,307.89

Trophy Donations 2,881.76

Total Dog Show Income 23,763.65

Miscellaneous Income

Contributions 2,300.00

Total Miscellaneous Income 2,300.00

Total Income 50,209.45

Gross Profit 50,209.45

Expense

Activities Expenses

Auction (On-Line) 171.85

Shipping

Total Auction (On-Line) 171.85

Banquet Expense 3,441.26

Lunches Expense 682.93

Lure Course(Fund Raising Trial) 6,940.26

PayPal Fees 606.19

Activities Expenses - Other 300.00

Total Activities Expenses 12,142.49

Dog Show Expense

Agility 144.00

Grounds 1,548.57

Judging Fees

Judging Expense - Meals 356.77

Judging Expense - Travel 5,030.90

Judging Fees - Other 326.00

Total Judging Fees 5,713.67

Lure Coursing Expense

Lure Coursing Expense - AKC 122.50

Lure Coursing Expense - Other 300.00

Total Lure Coursing Expense 422.50

Prize Money - Sweepstakes 1,302.00

Recording Fees--AKC 650.50

Ribbons 1,558.21

RV Parking & Lodging Fees 6,802.36

Site Rental--Show Grounds 717.40

Site Rental--Show Rings 2,550.00

Superintendent Fees 2,258.12

Trophies 4,835.56

Trophies--African Stock Exhibit 171.90

Total Dog Show Expense 28,674.79

Miscellaneous Expenses

Postage 27.61

Total Miscellaneous Expenses 27.61

Total Expense

Net Ordinary Income 9,364.56

Net Income 9,364.56

We are so very grateful for amazing members and volunteers that work hard to support our club and our National(s). Please support them, too, by following the BCOA Fundraising Auction group, having fun bidding on some special Basenji items. Currently fundraising for the 2023 National.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bcoafundraising>



**BCOA National
Specialty Fundraiser**





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A special thank you to those of you who have been attending city and county meetings, writing letters to your representatives and sharing notices of hearings. All of these actions are so important in our fight against more animal legislation. An example is recently in Pennsylvania, hundreds of individuals showed up to a recent Borough Council meeting where an ordinance presenting that would limit the number of dogs owned per property to 3. After hearing the testimonials of various dog owners and professionals the Council withdrew the proposed ordinance. Without local action, this would have been voted in. Please watch your local city and county meeting agendas and hearing notices and attend or write. We all need to fight to maintain our rights to own/breed/show our dogs.

As always, if you would like more information on how you can be active, email me at senji_sandy@icloud.com and I am happy to assist.

Respectfully yours,

Sandy McArthur
BCOA Legislative Liaison to AKC

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 itzyubasenjis@gmail.com

Questions? Just ask. Thank you so much,

Lisa Auerbach



Bulletin

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***The Link to Download
the Second 2024 Edition
will be sent to you
shortly.***

Letter to the Membership

Cheers for Volunteers! (Hold the beef!)

There appears to be an underground campaign to discourage people from attending the 2024 BCOA National Specialty in order to “show the National Committee” the general displeasure some have with the conformation judge selection process and to presumably influence future change.

If you don't want to go to the [BCOA National Specialty at Purina Farms Oct 7-13](#) this year, that's fine. There are plenty of reasons not to. But if you're opting to not go, and encouraging others to not go, because you want to “make a point” to the show committee, then I encourage you to confirm you have accurate information, and then evaluate if your actions will drive the change you want to see. There are more direct ways to address problems; review your [club bylaws](#) for some ideas.

The 2024 Show Committee are all volunteers, from all over the country, who are piecing together a celebration of All Things Basenji, including some new things intended to make it even better!

Nosework Competition
Pee-Wee Showmanship
The return of AKC Agility
A reimagined Top 20

Plus, all the usual annual events. Even though there was no group who bid to host the 2024 national, it's still happening. This truly is growing out of a patchwork of **ordinary basenji folks, none of whom deserve ill wishes** from those who have issues with one or more board members' alleged behavior and / or the process for judge selection.

The “Relevancy” of a National Specialty – there's a Bigger Picture

On a somewhat related note, some might ask Why go at all, any year? It's certainly more cost effective to finish titles at home. The week-long event only has 1-2 chances for Points towards championships, or 1-2 Legs towards titles. That's a lot of money and time to spend for little payoff – and that's always been the case. So why has a National ever been “special”? Is it only for the bragging rights of the breed winner?

“You don't go to win, you go to see and be seen. To shop for stud dogs or to show to the gallery what you've been doing with your breeding program.” -- that's what we've said to new people.

You can immerse yourself in a week-long celebration of the breed you love and the friends you've made decades ago, and foster new relationships with those you've only met “online.” And sad as it is to say, you never know when it will be your or your friends' last trip to a National.

The opportunity to have deep discussions with peers is unique – whether it be health issues, trends in conformation, ideas of how to make things better for next year – the in-person discussions will always have a different take than a zoom meeting.

Nowhere else but a National Specialty can you compare your program to the best of what your friends and peers have. And that's the point of the Canine Chronicle piece that many saw on social media. As you can read in the article, the author points out that if we stay in our regional bubbles, we risk “dumbing down” our breeders; that if we equate our own dissatisfaction with our placements at a single national event with “corruption” in the parent club, we ourselves are the ultimate losers. A National Specialty has relevance, regardless of who the top winners are in any given year, but mostly of course for those who actually attend.

Respectfully submitted for consideration,

Brenda Phillips
Renton, WA

22 May 2024



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.

The AKC Rally® Virtual Program has been made a permanent sport feature with AKC.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry/>



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

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\$18 for U.S. Addresses

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Basenji Club of America
Voting Member Notice

Judges Selection—STAGE 1—Nomination Collection

All names submitted will be compiled and presented to membership for Stage 2.
Candidates do not need to be submitted more than once to make the Stage 2 list.

Deadline for Stage I voting is August 5, 2024

You may nominate up to **FIVE** Judges in each category.

Please VERIFY that your candidate is eligible to judge Basenjis if nominating a CONFORMATION Judge candidate. Additionally, non-approved individuals may be approved by AKC to judge specialties on a case-by-case basis pending review of their knowledge and success breeding / exhibiting Basenjis for 15 years or more. You may nominate such a candidate in Stage 1.

Finally, it is recommended (but not required) that you ensure your Sweepstakes nominee would be interested and available for the assignment.

BCOA 2026 National Specialty CONFORMATION CLASSES

NOT ELIGIBLE: Ann Harrison (2024), Mia Lowbeer (2023), Katie Campbell (2022) Michael Canalizo (2021), No Event (2020), Dr. Stan Carter (2019), Lisa Warren (2018), Laura Pond (2017), William Shelton (2016).

BCOA 2025 National Specialty SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES

NOT ELIGIBLE: Erin Roberts (2024), Sally Wuornos (2023), Stella Sapios (2022), Carol Kirk (2021), No Event (2020), Laurie Stargell (2019) Pat Cembura (2018), Cecily Rappe (2017) and Pat Marshall (2016).

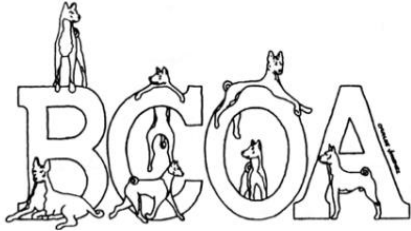
Nominating BCOA Member Name and Address:

**You may email your selections to Pat Marshall, berimobasenjis@gmail.com
or**

U.S. mail this form to: Pat Marshall, 1030 CR 284, Jasper, TX 75951.

Member's Name (Printed)

Member's E-mail Address (Printed)



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Waiver to Opt – In for electronic balloting,

I hereby agree to electronic balloting, as specified in the Basenji Club of America by-laws, in which the club's Secretary may utilize for club ballots. AKC approval for Electronic Balloting was granted on September 1, 2013, and is published at https://images.akc.org/pdf/clubs/club_policies/Electronic_Balloting.pdf, AKC publication includes details, and a FAQ

I agree to release the club from any liability should the ballot be received late or not received due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Members not providing written authorization will continue to receive all materials via USPS.

Member's Name (Signature)

Date

A Signed electronic copy of this document is accepted as original.

Ballots by USPS are subject to the same conditions of potential received late or not received due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Members are advised to contact the club's Secretary should they believe they have not received an issued ballot, whether by Electronic Balloting or USPS before the required due date. Notice of balloting of the membership is published in the official BCOA newsletter, and is often discussed in social media.

Send completed waiver by email or USPS to Janet Ketz, BCOA Secretary, 1912 Oakland Ave., Crest Hill, IL 60403, secretary@basenji.org Document must be on file with the BCOA Secretary for your Opt-In for electronic balloting.



Application for Submitting Native Stock

Dog's name Avongara Adanne (Niara)

Owner(s) Annie St.Clair

Date imported 08/22/23 Proof of Origin must be provided with application.

Importer(s) Ethel Blair, Jon Curby, Lisa Auerbach, Laurie Stargell & Annie St.Clair

Actual area imported from (area found in Africa) 4.013, 26.679 - Epi Village, Congo

Dam (if known) Unnamed Avongara Bitch Color Chestnut Red & White

Age at this time 01/09/2023 Weight 23 lbs

Height (ground to top of shoulder) 16.25 in Length (sternum to rear extension of hip) 17.5 in

Provide Photographs: The required 3 photographs must be in color and show full body (from ears to feet): 1) front on, 2) left side and 3) right side. Size: 8" X 10". These are the photos as required by AKC and they will be used when the dogs are to be registered.

Optional photos: up to 4 additional photos and an optional short video of the dog. The video will only appear on the BCOA website.

Note: A short description of dog is to be attached to this application or be on the reverse of this page.

Health Testing: Dog must be permanently identified by tattoo or microchip.

Give tattoo _____ or chip number 900215000171686

Health Testing Results Completed (HA and Fanconi required – more tests will help in decisions):

OFA Elbows - Prelim Normal

CERF Normal OFA hips Prelim Good OFA patella Normal PRA DNA Clear/Normal

Fanconi direct DNA test Clear/Normal HA test Clear/Normal Thyroid test Normal

Has dog produced puppies Yes ☐ No ☒ Mated with N/A

Number of puppies born N/A If more litters repeat this section on reverse or additional page to include all offspring.

Enclose pictures of mate and all offspring. Photos must be at least one clear side view of entire dog.

Contact information for person making this application:

Name Annie St.Clair

Address 14822 Rocky Blue Acres Ln SE Yelm WA 98597

Email info@stormbornbasenji.com Telephone: 206-369-5302

AKC Basenji Judge Evaluator Kathy Britton

AKC Basenji Breeder Judge Evaluator Katie Campbell

Basenji Breeder Evaluator Brian Gregory

Fee of \$50 made payable to BCOA. Mail application, required 3 photos and fee to: Pam Geoffroy, 197 Mt. Hope St, North Attleboro, MA 02760. Fee is not refundable. This form is due by March 1.

If your dog fails to get a rating of Fair or above you will have one chance to reapply and pay an additional fee of \$50.

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AVONGARA ADANNE
registered name

BASENJI
breed

23374S
film/test/lab #

900215000171686
tattoo/microchip/DNA profile

2488048
application number

01/30/2024
date of report

RESULTS:

DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY (DM): N/N, TWO NORMAL COPIES OF THE GENE ASSOCIATED WITH DM SUSCEPTIBILITY

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sex

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date of birth

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NORMAL

owner

ANNIE ST.CLAIR
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AVONGARA ADANNE
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BASENJI
breed

23X8B3
film/test/lab #

900215000171686
tattoo/microchip/DNA profile

2488048
application number

02/07/2024
date of report

RESULTS:

Based upon the exam dated 11/02/2023, this dog has been found to be free of significant observable inherited eye disease and has been issued an Eye Certification Registry Number which is valid for one year from the time of the exam. The following breeder option codes were noted: E2:Posterior Suture Tip Opacities

Breeder Options are clinical observations that may be inherited but do not represent current potential compromise of ocular comfort, vision or other ocular functions.

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NORMAL W/BREEDER OPTIONS NOTED

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film/test/lab #

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tattoo/microchip/DNA profile

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application number

10/11/2023
date of report

RESULTS:

CLEAR/NORMAL FOR FANCONI SYNDROME

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CLEAR/NORMAL

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application number

03/01/2024
date of report

RESULTS:

The results of the examination submitted to OFA indicate that no evidence of patellar luxation was recognized.

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registration no.

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sex

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date of birth

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age at evaluation in months



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NORMAL - SPECIALIST

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Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
Preliminary Hip Dysplasia Evaluation Report



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BASENJI
breed

film/test/lab #

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Owner

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Veterinarian

ANIMAL CARE CLINIC
4117 BRIDGEPORT WAY WEST
UNIVERSITY PLACE WA 98466

Preliminary Hip Dysplasia Evaluation Report

☐ **EXCELLENT HIP JOINT CONFORMATION**
 superior hip joint conformation as compared with
 other individuals of the same breed and age

☒ **GOOD HIP JOINT CONFORMATION**
 well formed hip joint conformation as compared
 with other individuals of the same breed and age

☐ **FAIR HIP JOINT CONFORMATION**
 minor irregularities of the hip joint conformation as
 compared with other individuals of the same
 breed and age

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

☐ subluxation
☐ remodeling of femoral head/neck
☐ osteoarthritis/degenerative joint disease
☐ shallow acetabula
☐ acetabular rim/edge change


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☐ **BORDERLINE HIP JOINT CONFORMATION**
 marginal hip joint conformation of indeterminate
 status with respect to hip dysplasia at this time --
 Repeat study in six months

☐ **MILD HIP DYSPLASIA**
 radiographic evidence of minor dysplastic
 changes of the hip joints

☐ **MODERATE HIP DYSPLASIA**
 well defined radiographic evidence of dysplastic
 changes of the hip joints

☐ **SEVERE HIP DYSPLASIA**
 radiographic evidence of marked dysplastic
 changes of the hip joints

☐ unilateral ☐ left ☐ right
☐ transitional vertebra
☐ spondylosis
☐ panosteitis

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BASENJI
breed

23374S
film/test/lab #

900215000171686
tattoo/microchip/DNA profile

2488048
application number

01/30/2024
date of report

RESULTS:

NIGHT BLINDNESS/PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY: CLEAR/NORMAL

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sex

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age at evaluation in months



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BASENJI NIGHT BLINDNESS/PRA: NORMAL

owner

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RESULTS:

PYRUVATE KINASE (PK) DEFICIENCY: NORMAL/CLEAR

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RESULTS:

SPINOCEREBELLAR ATAXIA (SCA): N/N - CLEAR/NORMAL FOR THE SCA SPINOCEREBELLAR ATAXIA MUTATION

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tattoo/microchip/DNA profile

2488048
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02/15/2024
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RESULTS:

Based on the laboratory results submitted, no evidence of thyroid disease was recognized.

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Niara Description

In February 2023 Niara was seen as approx. 3.5-week-old puppy in a remote village called Epi, which is in northern Democratic Republic of Congo. GPS coordinates of Epi are: 4.013, 26.679

3 weeks later the litter was visited again. At 6 weeks old Niara was showing nice movement and balance.

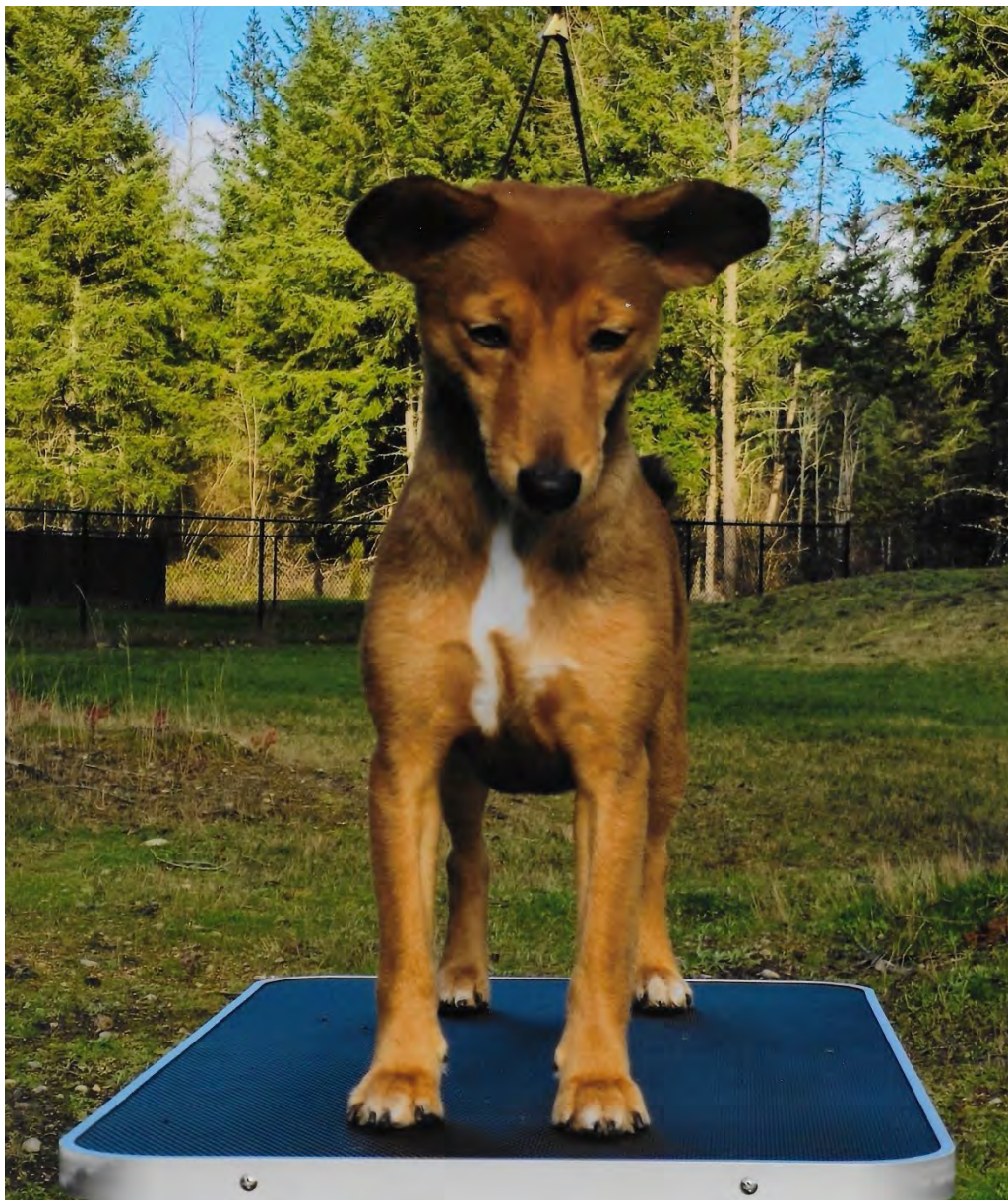
A little over a year later Niara now has a red coat, which carries a slight shading on her head and shoulders. She carries a small white blaze on her chest, very small white socks on her paws and a white tip on her tail. Her coat is of average length on her body, with a bit more length around the withers and her ears.

She shows wrinkle, has dark almond shaped eyes with dark eyeliner, a black nose, and her head and muzzle are good proportions. When Niara focuses her attention her ears are hooded. When she is at rest her ears are more relaxed and a little wide set.

Niara carries her tail as a teacup curl over her back. She has a nice length of leg, and her feet are small and compact. Overall, Niara presents an effortless gait with a level top line on the move.

Niara is very independent, friendly, and she exhibits typical Basenji personality traits.

Avongara Adanne Photos



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Form for Native Stock Evaluator

Evaluator: Long-Time Basenji Breeder

Dogs name Avongara Adanne – Call Name, Niara

Evaluator's comments:

Size, Proportion, Substance: Height is approximately 16", length is approximately 17". Length due to slightly longer than desired loin, and slightly short upper arm, and forearm. Weight approximately 23 pounds.

Head: Head carried well, eyes shape and color ideal. Ear shape good, with a slight hooding. However, size is larger than desired, set is low. Decent texture. Skull is flat, planes are chiseled, muzzle is shorter than skull. Stop is slight and could be better. Muzzle could use more fill. Fine wrinkle is present when ears are erect. Difficult to see due poor use of the ears, and heavier coat than desired. Scissor bite.

Neck, Topline, Body: Neck is of decent length, full at base, transitioning nicely into the top line. Topline is decent when moving, being only slightly high in the rear. More length in upper arm and forearm would improve overall topline. Longer than desired loin, with good tuck up. Very good fore chest, spring of ribs. Chest of medium width. Loose curl tail, with a moderate lean forward. Lays over the hip.

Forequarters: Sholders ideal, moderately laid back, shoulder slightly longer than upper arm. Elbow nicely tucked to the brisket. Brisket deep. Could use more length of upper arm, and forearm. Pasterns strong, flexible. Feet tight, good shape, thick pads. Could use better arch of toe. Nice bone.

Hindquarters: Strong, good length of second thigh, moderate bend of stifle, well let down hocks, neither turn in or out. Hips are steeper than ideal, resulting a slight shelf, and tails set that could be higher on the topline.

Coat and Color: Skin pliant, however coat could be shorter. Nice red color, however, some black hairs mingled. Though plain, white tail tip, feet, chest are present.

Gait is good. True coming and going, converging as gait speed increases. Front reach is quite good, reaching using the shoulder. Rear drive is slightly restricted.

Overall, this is a basenji, and has traits to offer, especially shoulder layback, and a front set under the chest.

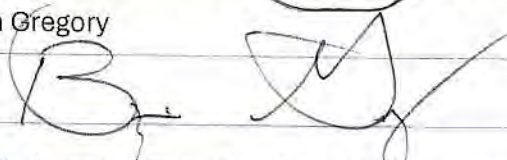
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Overall Evaluation (circle one):

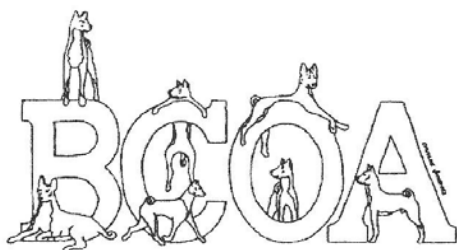
Excellent (5) Very Good (4) **Good (3)** Fair (2) Poor (1) Unacceptable (0)

Name: Bryan Gregory

Date: March 9, 2024

Signature: 

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Completed Evaluator Form is due by March 31.



Native Stock Evaluator

Evaluator: AKC Approved Basenji Judge

Dog's name Avongara Adanne "Niara"

Evaluator's comments:

The general appearance of this bitch is most definitely a Basenji. She is moderate in size and angles, with both front and rear angles being well-proportioned. She is a little more substantial than I would prefer, but not coarse. Her head is wedge-shaped with adequate cushioning and her ears could be higher set. The ears are nicely hooded. Her eyes are slightly rounder than almond, but a nice dark hazel color and nice pigmentation. Her muzzle is slightly longer than preferred, but with parallel planes and a distinct stop. Her nose is black with great leather. She has a strong scissors bite.

This bitch has a well-crested neck of good length and fuller at the base. Her top line is level and solid when relaxed and moving. Her body is of good substance (could be a bit lighter and more elegant in build) and a bit longer than tall. Her tail is fairly high set and curls off to the side in a full loop (curls more when dog is relaxed).

Her feet are tight, compact, and oval in shape with nicely arched toes. Her shoulders are well-laid back and nicely set. She is well-filled in the front and with a prominent fore chest. Her pasterns are nice and flexible and not too upright. Her rear is nicely angulated with her hocks turning neither in nor out.

This bitch's coat color is a nice dark red color with some darker hair interspersed throughout the saddle. It is a touch longer than I would prefer, but not what I would consider long by any means. This bitch has the minimal white on the feet, chest, and tail tip. The demarcation between the red and white colors is perfect and her skin is very pliant.

She has great reach and drive with no over-stepping in her side gait. Her front movement is excellent, and she converges nicely. The rear movement is also clean and converges nicely.

Her temperament is that of a Basenji... but much less aloof. She is very inquisitive and friendly and allowed strangers passing by to pet her with caution. She is a very sweet girl that I would not hesitate to consider a dog of the Basenji breed.

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Overall Evaluation (circle one):

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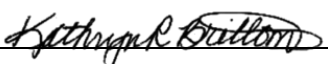
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Name: Kathryn R. Britton, AKC #18281 Date: 03/20/2024

Signature: 

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Form for Native Stock Evaluator

Evaluator: AKC Approved Basenji-Breeder Judge

Dogs name "NIARA"

Evaluator's comments:

Applicant presented herself in classic Basenji fashion appearing a bit aloof with me, but quickly warmed up and was then very sure of herself without any whisper of aggression. She is confidently alert without demonstrating anxiousness. Lovely temperament that would be embraced in any home. Conformationally she has several excellent features to offer our breed with her strongest assets being those that would serve her well on the hunt:

HEAD: Eyes: Rich caramel in color, proper almond shaped, with dark mascara. Teeth: Perfect scissors bite. Ears: Truly hooded, but should be higher set, with more wrinkles between them. Foreface tapers to the muzzle that is slightly shorter than skull, but needs a bit more cushion. Nose is black with strong pigment.

BODY & GAIT: Like many yearling imports, she hosts plenty of bone and substance, nice front fill with ample heart and lung room. Though not overdone or masculine, she is at the top of the range of what I would hope for in a bitch. The evaluation was done in late winter at which time her top line was a little soft, and she was a bit high in the rear; With maturity and core work that may improve. Her proportion is not truly square, rather slightly longer than tall due to a longer loin, which is forgiven on bitches by many. She possesses the elusive equal length of upper arm with the proper return, thanks to her excellent shoulder layback and set. She proved to move as promised with long, smooth, effortless strides and a light gait with clean foot placement under her chassis. Her feet are truly textbook: Thick pads, tight and well arched toes forming a compact oval shape. She could go all day, every day with that running gear.

COLOR & COAT: Red and white, with a smattering of single stray black hairs running through her flank on both sides, as seen on previous native imports. Skin is appropriately pliant. She only has sparse amounts of white: She holds scarcely a trace of white hairs on her tail tip; A fine ridge of white at the edge of her toes; She has some white on her front and also on her underside. She has a very faint shadow of a pattern that could be described as a widow's peak or open cap on her forehead.

This applicant is clearly a Basenji. Although in my opinion she is not of champion quality, she possesses assets that have sadly become rather rare in our breed. I believe that through thoughtful pairing, she could pass through her best features and constructively contribute to the diversity of our gene pool.

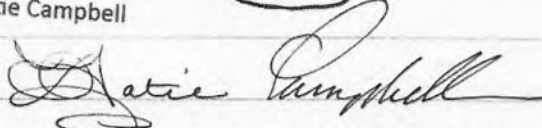
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Name: Katie Campbell

Date: March 15, 2024

Signature: 

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