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September 2024

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BCOA Announcement

Native Stock Import Revote Announcement:

A **new ballot** for import Avongara Adanne was mailed to the membership on September 15. The board decided to conduct a revote after an error was made on the return envelope address of Ballot M-01, potentially causing ballots to not reach the tallier.

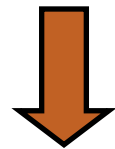
If you already returned a white ballot, **YOU MUST VOTE AGAIN** for your vote to count. The **new ballot M-03** will be on a **blue paper**.

Your Ballot **must by postmarked by October 19** and received by October 26, 2024.

Any problems contact Secretary@basenji.org



VOTE



BCOA 2025 Election for Officers and Board of Directors

Per the BCOA Bylaws an election ballot was [sent to each voting member on September 15](#). Votes will be tallied by our accountant. Linda Beenen of MI.

The ballot packet includes all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, including their states of residence with the nominees' resumes included. All information will be included in the latter included with your ballot.

Your ballot must be **postmarked by Saturday, October 19** and received at the tallier by Saturday, October 26, 2024. **Any problems contact Secretary@basenji.org**

Results will be published in the November bulletin Board Newsletter.

Officers 1 vote per position:

President: Natalie Scherwin, WA
Vice President: Julie Hartigan, VA
Treasurer: Laura Mae Hesse, WI
Secretary: Janet Ketz, IL

Board of Directors (you will be **voting for no more than 7**)

Jon Curby, MO
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Stella Sapios, CA
Jaa Scheffler, AZ
Thomas Wright, TN
Michael Work, TX



Judge Selection

Stage 2 Voting Deadline is October 5

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2026 Conformation judge. Lebanon, TN and

2025 Sweepstakes judge. Tucson, AZ.

In Stage 2 voting you may select up to five (5) names from each of the Lists.

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

All info is on the **Stage 2** form, at the end of 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.

Liz McCargo has volunteered to take on the Breeder Education Chair position.

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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BCOA 2014

See FORMS attached at the end of this Bulletin Board:

Stage 2 Judges selection
Deadline for voting is October 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. See the list of names later in this Newsletter.

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.

Having problems or need additional help contact Secretary@basenji.org (Janet Ketz or Treasurer@basenji.org (Laura Mae Hesse)

National Specialty 2027

BCOA needs and wants you! Please consider hosting the 2027 National Specialty. The rotation puts it in the "East" but any area of the country can submit a proposal. The proposal form is on the BCOA website along with our BCOA National Specialty Procedure. www.basenji.org 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>

Visit the National FaceBook page:

Basenji Club of America National Specialty | Facebook

like and follow the National page to receive updates



BCOA on FaceBook

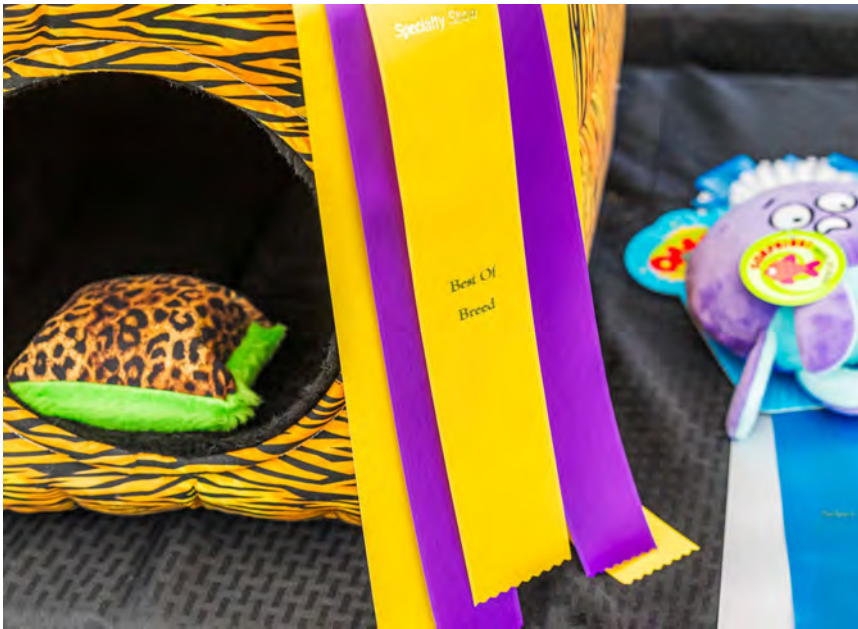
Keep up with the latest information on Social Media at:

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



Supported Entries

Date:	Club:	Specialty Type	Location
10/4/2024	BCOA	Regional Specialty Designated with Hatboro Kennel Club	Macungie, PA
11/10/2024	CSBC	Designated Specialty with Madera Canyon Kennel Club	Tucson, AZ



Basenji Club of America

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Beverly Bland, AZ
 Damara Bolté, VA
 Jon Curby, MO
 Susan Coe, Australia
 Dr Steve Gonto, GA
 Sally Wallis, England
 Robert Vavra, Spain
 Michael Work, TX



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.

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 2 voting NOW**

Deadline October 5, 2024

2026 Lebanon, TN

October 5-11

Wilson County Expo Center

Judges: **Stage 2 voting 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/](https://www.basenji.org/ClubDocs/NationalSpecialtyAppendixD.pdf)

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Region, Year of Event and Bid Year

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

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



The **Annual Membership Meeting of the Basenji Club of America** will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at Purina Farms, 500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, MO 63039. Meeting time and location will be announced/posted on Monday and Tuesday.

Anyone with items for discussion, Please send them in advance to secretary@basenji.org or see Janet Ketz before Tuesday afternoon at Nat Spec location.

For More INFO visit the WEBSITE





The October and November issues of the **BCOA Bulletin Board** will hopefully feature photos from the BCOA National. Please send your candid photo memories to newsletter@basenji.org by *October 21* to be included.

SAFE TRAVELS!



National Specialty Grooming Space Update

<https://nationalspecialty.basenji.org/grooming/>

Grooming space will be available on a first-come first-serve basis in Gateway Hall, with no advance reservations. Gateway Hall is across the building from the Great Hall (event site). Set up of grooming spaces may begin on **Monday, October 7, at noon.**

Keep in mind the rules from the Premium List:

- No crates or exercise pens will be allowed within 20 feet of any ring. No crates may be placed directly on the flooring surface in the Great Hall. There must be plastic or a rug under the crate. All grooming tables must have rubber or plastic caps on the end of the legs of the table.
- In the designated Grooming Areas, access to limited electrical plugs is not exclusive and is not reserved. Bathing of dogs limited to the bathing area, located next to the grooming area. No dogs allowed in bathrooms. The building will be locked at 10 pm and opened at 6 am.

News From the Secretary

Janet Ketz, secretary@basenji.org

Eastern time, 815-325-5908

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.

Please sponsor someone to grow our Membership.

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Kennel: Spitfire
Other Clubs: South Coast Basenji Fanciers
Interests: Conf, LC, Agility and Fast Cat
Puppies, Adults and Stud Service
Lynn Garel, Susan Howard

Jolene Krohn
4527 Hibiscus St
Fort Collins, CO 80526
970-420-0770, jkrohn2@mac.com
Occupation: Chief Revenue Officer
Other Clubs: American pointer Club
Interests: Conformation
Stud Service
Stephanie Cheng, Laurie Stargell

Jennifer Robertson and Celeste Brusati
4103 SW Southern St.
Seattle, WA 98136
732-330-7704 / 734-717-5164
Jennyrob@umich.edu, cbrusati@umich.edu

Occupation: Professors Emerita, University of Michigan
Interests: Exchanging practice/training information with other BCOA Members
Maripat Webber, Carolene Rose

BALLOTS

BCOA BALLOT 2024-23 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Extension of deadlines Native Stock – blue and Election Ballots

Effective: September 4, 2024

Please indicate your vote to approve the following dates for Native Stock Blue and Election Ballots

Mailed by September 15. Postmarked by October 19 and received by October 26, 2024.

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

BCOA Ballot 2024-24 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Judge Selection Committee Chair

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws

Effective: September 4, 2024

Please indicate your vote to name Pat Marshall as the Judge Selection Committee chairperson. The website will be updated to indicate this approval.

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

BCOA Board Ballot 2024-25 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Judge Terms 2025 Nat Spec Conformation

Circulated in accordance with the National Specialty Procedure

Effective: September 4, 2024

2025 Conformation Judge Jeff Gillespie has asked that as far as an actual Fee to Judge, in lieu of that, he would prefer that BCOA determines a reasonable amount to be donated to the Basenji Health Endowment Fund in honor of the BCOA National 2025.

He will require airfare, hotel (2 beds) and meals.

Please indicate your vote to approve a dollar amount at \$500 as the fee that will be donated to BHE.

APPROVED: Curby, Hartigan, Hesse, Hogan, Jones, Ketz, 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.

Requesting BCOA-BOD endorsement for the following AKC Rule Change:

The Evergreen Basenji Club approached me as the Delegate for some insight as to why the **AKC rules currently prohibit spayed bitches and neutered dogs from participating in brace and/or team competition** as they/EBC would like to make these classes available to encourage participation and fun to be had by all.

In recent years, several rule changes have been made to be more inclusive of spay and neutered dogs/bitches in non-regular classes. As we all know, in recent years spayed and neutered veterans may compete in shows where the BOB dog does not advance to the Group (generally this means all-breed shows including “group” shows.) Stud dog and brood bitch entries allow for the sire/dam to be neutered or spayed. Multiple handlers are now allowed for Brace (allows for a maximum of 2 handlers) and Team (allows for a maximum of 4 handlers) and the ownership of the brace/team no longer needs to be identical, however all members of a brace or team, must have at least one common owner.

Many members of the breed community are rarely seen by the newbies because they don’t show much anymore as their dogs age too, and yet these people often have a wealth of knowledge that can/should be welcomed ringside. More face-to-face time is needed when learning about dogs and thus any mundane offering such as this, that just might make a difference, should not be deemed inadmissible.

Keep in mind that all non-regular classes are defined by the hosting club in the P/L within the scope of AKC Rules. For instance, you’ve almost certainly noticed that the ages determined for veteran classes frequently varies between clubs. Changing the AKC rule about spay/neuter eligibility with brace/team will simply give clubs the *opportunity* to be inclusive; Meanwhile, should other clubs wish to continue the restriction of brace/team requirements to stay intact may do so.

You may/not know that the results of non-regular classes whose winners do NOT advance to BOB are not even recorded by AKC. This includes all multiple entry classes such as the stud dog class, brood bitch class, brace and team. So what difference does it make to keep this spay/neuter restriction for spay/neuter? I struggled to find the history of why this restriction is still in place and has not evolved like many other rules have with no notable “side effects”. I inquired with multiple sources on AKC staff, and also I reached out to fellow delegates who serve on the Rules Committee for insight. Unanimously, the response included that this restriction is antiquated, and just an oversight.

CURRENT APPLICABLE RULES pertaining to this change:

CH 11 - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility > Section 8: This is a parallel example of an existing rule specifically pertaining to non-regular class entries where spayed/neutered are allowed when the winner does not advance to BOB:
“**SECTION 8.** A dog which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed, or a male which does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any show and will be disqualified except that a castrated male may be entered as Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class and a spayed bitch may be entered as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class....Neutered dogs and spayed bitches would be allowed to compete in Veterans and all other single entry non-regular classes only at independent specialties and/or those all-breed shows which do not offer any competitive classes beyond Best of Breed.”

Amongst the supporters of this change is Tim Thomas (VP of Judging Operations). He helped me compose the proposed rule change. He suggests that the cleanest method would be to modify and clarify CH 3: Dog Show Classifications > Sections 17 & 19 that define brace and team...

CH 3 > Section 17 (brace class): “...A brace is defined as two dogs of the same recognized breed or variety that are similar in appearance, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of two handlers. Both dogs competing in brace competition must have at least one common owner.”

CH 3 > Section 19 (team class): “....A team is defined as four dogs of the same recognized breed or variety that are similar in appearance, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of four handlers. All dogs competing in team competition must have at least one common owner.”

... and to add to each of those sections the simple sentence: “Clubs have the option to allow altered dogs or bitches to compete as part of a brace/team.”

My request to the BCOA-BOD is to support this rule change so that when I attend the Delegate meeting next week that I can propose this to the AKC Rules committee, not only as an individual delegate, but to be officially supported by the club that I represent. I ask for a vote at tonight’s meeting.

Tim Thomas further suggested that this rule be extended to all-breed shows that offer Brace and/or Team classes, and I am not opposed to that, but I’m focusing on what our breed’s clubs want the change for. Knowing the delegate body, and the temperament of the Rules Committee, I believe that this simple line item is ideal for submission for the change. The Rules Committee mulls over notions like this and often spends half a year wordsmithing it. So let’s just get it in NOW, (because I don’t generally attend the expensive meeting in Orlando in December... and then the next meeting won’t be until March)... and let the Rules Committee start their process so that we will potentially have this new opportunity sometime in 2025.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katie Campbell
AKC Delegate

BCOA BOARD BALLOT 2024-26 Approved

SUBJECT: Breeder Education Committee Chair

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA Bylaws

Effective: September 4, 2024

With the retirement of Susan Coe as chair of the committee the board began looking for a volunteer to take over the position. Liz McCargo has volunteered to take on the Breeder Education Chair position.

Please indicate your vote to approve her.

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

BCOA BOARD BALLOT 2024-27 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Term for 2024 ASE Judge

Effective: September 4, 2024

Please indicate your vote to offer Ethel Blair, AU to judge the 2024 ASE. We will be offering her \$750, 1 night hotel stay, free seminars and Banquet.

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

BCOA BOARD BALLOT 2024-28 APPROVED

SUBJECT: AKC rule Change to allow spayed bitches and neutered dogs to participating in brace and/or team competition

Circulated with a request from our AKC Delegate, Katie Campbell

Effective: September 4, 2024

Based on the report submitted by Our AKC Delegate. Please indicate your vote on BCOA approving the endorsement to allow spayed bitches and neutered dogs to participating in brace and/or team competition.

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

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Anyone with items for discussion, Please send them in advance to secretary@basenji.org or see Janet Ketz before Tuesday afternoon at Nat Spec location.

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.



**BCOA National
Specialty Fundraiser**



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

BHE

The **Basenji Health Endowment** is looking for a ***Logo/letterhead***.

The Basenji Health Endowment has a volunteer to manage our search for a BHE Logo/ letterhead. A member is willing to organize a campaign to find our future BHE logo. We will have more information next month.



Basenji Klub Bohemia donation

Our Treasurer, Laura Mae Hesse, noted: The Basenji Klub Bohemia has donated money from their auction to BHE: \$2,500. Irena Pestova, irena.friebert@seznam.cz, has been their contact person.

Purina Parent Club Partnership Program

Your national breed club, the AKC Canine Health Foundation and Purina® are working to ensure a healthy future for your breed. Since 2002, thousands have chosen to make a positive impact on the health of their breed by participating in the Purina® Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program. To date, the PPCP program has provided over \$8.4 million for canine health research.

When you are a member of Purina® Pro Club® and you submit proofs of purchase for eligible Purina® brand pet foods, your national breed club can receive funding for breed-specific health studies that enable dogs like yours to live longer, healthier lives. The more proofs of purchase you turn in, the greater your potential earnings for your national breed club. Some clubs have already generated thousands of dollars for their breed.

Half of the funding each year is designated for canine health research and AKC Canine Health Foundation grants. The other half is eligible to provide additional funding for the breed club's health research, education and rescue efforts.

For more information: <https://www.akcchf.org/how-to-help/purina-parent-club.html>





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Reminder - Opportunities for Majors at Specialties Effective July 3, 2024

At the December 2023 Delegates meeting a modification to Chapter 16, Section 1 of the [AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#) was approved by the Delegate body. The modification provides all specialty clubs the option for the Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch to earn a three-point major provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five-point major, in the region in which the event is held. Previously this option was only available at a breed's National Specialty. **Clubs must opt-out on their event application if they do not want this option available at their specialty show. This option is available for events held on or after July 3, 2024.**

To calculate twice the number required for a five-point major, in the region in which the event is held, go to for AKC regional Points Schedules:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/resources/points-schedule/>



From AKC to all club members and hobbyists in the Midwest region

Save the date!
AKC Government Relations Midwest Regional Conference
Saturday, December 7, 2024
9am-4pm
Embassy Suites St. Louis-St. Charles
Missouri

Join AKC Government Relations for a day of advocacy training and networking to learn how we can work together to protect our dogs and our sports. Learn the latest legislative trends, outreach and advocacy tips, and much more!

More details to come. For more information, contact Mikki Larkin at Mikki.Larkin@akc.org.



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August 2024 Update to Clubs

AKC's Title Application Portal (TAP)

AKC has developed a new online system to help make it easier for dog owners to apply for their dog's AKC title. It is called the [Title Application Portal \(TAP\)](#). The portal offers a fast and simple, step by step experience to apply for titles offered in Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog, Temperament Test, Fit Dog, Fetch, Barn Hunt, Diving Dog, Disc Dog, Flyball, Virtual Home Manners, Search and Rescue and any one of the titles recognized under the [Parent Club Title Recognition Program](#). Users will need to login or create a MY AKC Account to begin. Dog owners can see each step of their transaction complete in real-time and confirm their order. Anyone needing assistance can contact titlerecognition@akc.org or call 919-816-3637.

Extended Pilot Program for Three-Legged (Tripod) Dogs in Non-Jumping Rally and Obedience Classes

In May 2023 The AKC Board of Directors approved an 18-month pilot program allowing tripod dogs to participate in the non-jumping obedience and rally classes beginning July 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024. At the August 2024 AKC Board of Directors meeting the pilot program was extended through June 30, 2025

Application Fee for Conformation Events with thirty or less entries the previous year.

To be consistent across sports, the Board of Directors approved a twenty-five-dollar application fee for conformation events and combined conformation/obedience events with an entry of thirty or less at the prior years event, effective for applications received for events occurring on or after July 2, 2025.

AKC Event Operations Blog

The AKC Event Operations team maintains a blog that contains these, as well as other, updates to clubs. The blog is a useful resource of information and can be [found here](#).

Please contact the Event Operations department at eventnews@akc.org with any questions.

In light of recent social media videos depicting a professional handler hitting a client dog (not a Basenji) and claiming "the dog growled" (note: handler was video'd BOTH days of a 2 day show hitting and being extremely rough with the dog, one of the videos was filmed by the dog's horrified owner), I would like to caution anyone from posting such videos, or do so judiciously. While your intentions are to expose the horror, know that these images can and will be used against us and shared with legislative bodies everywhere in the fight to eliminate dog sports, and to further demonize purebred dogs. These videos and photos are exactly what we do NOT want the public, or AR groups, to see and use. These thankfully rare and isolated incidents are bad optics for dog shows/sports and can quickly put a bad taste in the public's mouth and commonly used to "prove" how terribly show dogs are treated.

Side note: The videos have been forwarded to AKC and is already being addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy McArthur
BCOA Legislative Liaison to AKC
senji_sandy@icloud.com



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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BY ROBERT VAVRA

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Basenji Club of America Voting Member Notice
Judges Selection – Stage 2 – Candidate List Refinement Stage

Selection for National Specialty Conformation Judge for 2026 and Sweepstakes Judge for 2025 continues. Please see the nominees below and submit your selections by **Saturday, October 5, 2024** to the Judge Selection Committee Chair, Pat Marshall by e-mail or US mail. Addresses below.

In stage 2, any voting member in good standing may select up to five (5) names from each of the 2 lists. The top 5 names from each list (and ties) will be placed on the final weighted ballot that will be U.S. mailed to all members for the final vote.

Deadline for Stage 2 voting is **Saturday, October 5, 2024**

BCOA National Specialty 2026 Conformation Classes
You may select up to 5 judges in each category

Alphabetically Listed

Claire Abraham	Avery Gaudin	Jan Robert
John Arvin	Rusty Grayson	Robert Robinson
Hal Bierman	Lou Guerrero	Anne Savory Bolus
Jean -Christopher Boulinquez	Denise Hardy	Amy Sorbie
Andrea Bradford	Steven Herman	Ronald Spritzer
Kathy Britton	Jamie Hubbard	Carol Spritzer
Francis Broadway	Linda Hurlebaus	Susan St John Brown
Pamela Bruce	Robert Hutton	Paula Steele
Joseph Buchanan	Steve Keating	Helen Stein
JoAnne Buehler	Thomas Keirstein	Betty Ann Stermark
Kris Caleinari	Ronald Lukins	Helena Strombert
Brenda Cassell	Molly Martin	Donald Sturtz
Dana Cline	Marjorie Matorella	Harold Tatso
Susan Coe	Dianna McCarty	Debra Thornton
Jon Curby	Neil McDevitt	Bonnie Threlfal
William Dougherty	Kimberly Meredith	J. Randall Tincher
Karen Dumke	David Miller	Jon Titus Steele
Eddie Dzuik	Juan Mirande	Pat Trotter
Kay Elred	Patti Neale	Cindy Vogels
Espen Engh	Sulie Paveza	Jon Wade
Denise Flaim	Scott Pfiel	Joe Walton
Nicholas Frost	Tom Rabbette	Judy Webb
Chris Frost		Mike Work

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BCOA National Specialty 2025 Sweepstakes Classes
You may select up to 5 judges in each category

Alphabetically Listed

Harry Bennet
Eugene Biller
Russella Bowen
Kathy Britton
Tad Brooks
Kim Byrd
Connie Camp
Ciara Cassell
Susan Coe
Ray Cooper
Judy Cunningham
Vickie Curby
Janneke De Graff
Mary DeWhitt
Jon Draud
Pam Geoffroy
Bob Gooderl
Bryan Gregory

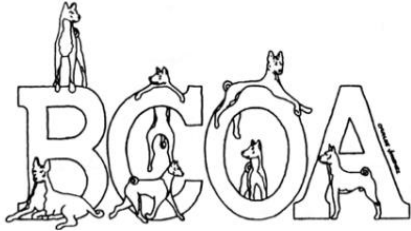
Allison Hardy
Laura Mae Hesse
Anne Humphries
Julie Jones
Kathi Jones
Sue Kite
Suzanne La Croix
Julie Leicht
Tracy Leonard
Louise Marsden
Chris Maxka
Sandy McArthur
Veronica Nagy
Scott Osborne
Laurie Owen
Brad Phifer
Jennifer Powers
John Predale
MaryK Quinnett
Tom Rabbette

Terry Reed
Jordan Reed
Jan Roberts
Cindy Russell
Dianna Sanders
Michael Savage
Andrew Sawler
Natalie Scherwin
Sharron Schmidgall
Susan Schroeder
Cali Shattuck
Kelly Shupp
Cyndy Shuttack
Sarah Smith Falkner
Andrea Stone
Jay Webb
Betty White
Gale Whitehurst
Thomas Wright

You may email your selections to
Pat Marshall
berimobasenjis@gmail.com or
US mail - 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.

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