



Guide for Native Stock Evaluators

The goal of registering recently imported African native stock is to increase genetic diversity while maintaining the integrity of our breed.

In order to increase the diversity of our current breeding population the BCOA is looking for native dogs that typify the breed's standard; the overall impression that these are Basenjis. These dogs do not necessarily have to be show quality Basenjis bearing in mind they are a product of natural selection and viability. Indigenous people do not breed Basenjis according to any rules or standard, nor is there proper containment of bitches in season. The alpha dog in any remote village area is the one who gets the job done.

Being naturally aloof means some of the applicants may not be easily examined, this is to be expected and not penalized in their evaluations. Consistent with AKC rules & regulations, one should not accept a dog that attempts to attack during an examination.

Import applicants will be rated in person into the following categories with consideration of the dog standing and moving by three independent evaluators. The examination procedure should be similar to what is done in the show ring. A numerical value has been assigned to each of the six categories, which allows for averaging of the three evaluations.

Dogs receiving an average rating of Fair (2) and above will be presented to the BCOA Board for further consideration.

Evaluation Categories:

Excellent (5): Applicant is of sufficient quality for the show ring and could be competitive. Applicant displays typical features of the breed with some exceptional features.

Very Good (4): Applicant may have obvious faults but overall there is no doubt the applicant is a Basenji. The individual might not be very competitive in the show ring but would not look entirely out of place. Applicant displays typical features of the breed.

Good (3): Applicant may have a number of obvious faults but overall there is no doubt the applicant is a Basenji. Fault examples might be: the applicant is over or under size, have the wrong proportions, unusual coloration and/or have a loose tail curl.

Fair (2): Applicant is a Basenji but of lesser quality than the three previous ratings. The applicant might have multiple faults but still has something to offer the breed. For example, the applicant could have: a superior front assembly, outstanding movement, proper bone or exemplary head as well as the desired genetic diversity.

Poor (1): Applicant may have some similarities to a Basenji but is not a Basenji. Example: A silhouette would remind you of a pariah type animal but would not remind you of a Basenji.

Unacceptable (0): Applicant bears no resemblance to a Basenji.

There will be a place for comments from each evaluator on the application. The evaluator's comments will be available for the BCOA membership to read.

We appreciate your participation in this very important process to give our breed greater gene diversity for the future.