

Basenji Breed Network Queensland
Inaugural Championship Show November 2015
Critique

So many people have contributed over so many years to the establishment of a Basenji breed club in Queensland. Finally, in 2015 a Basenji club in Queensland has been recognized and has now conducted their first Queensland Championship Show. The invitation to judge that show was a great honour and was particularly pleasing as the show occurred in the year that was the 50th anniversary of acquiring my first Basenji, Ch Cheops Rameses.

It was a great privilege to judge some of the best Basenjies from Queensland, Victoria and NSW. The overall standard, as everyone would expect, was very good. I was particularly pleased with the general high standard of heads, eyes, ears, wrinkles and therefore expression. Coats were good but some exhibits lacked the looseness of skin I was looking for. Side gate has been a strong feature of our breed for some years and I must also comment on the excellent temperament. Only one puppy, at its first show, had a little grumble - remarkable, we have come a long way with the sociability of our breed.

Now the one big issue we must address. The most concerning problem across the breed is that we have lost our coming and going movement. Although the legs may tend toward single track at speed the column of bone should be straight in both front and hind legs. There were very few exhibits with correct movement as the exhibit runs towards the judge. Maybe we have concentrated for too long on reach and drive as emphasised by all the advertising photographs. We must address this problem with our out and back movement. The most common front movement problem being turning in the pasterns giving a bow legged appearance. .

Please check all you breeding stock and plan your litters to straighten up the front legs

Class 1 Baby Puppy Dog

1. Lomar Hat Trick (Lanser&Forbes) Excellent, balanced R&W puppy with very good head eyes, ears and expression. Good angulation front and rear with good tail set and shelf. Would prefer to see the tail held down on the thigh. Correct side gate without exaggeration.
2. Lomar Dressed to Impress (Tromp&Forbes) Promising Tricolour puppy with elegant crested neck, correct body, tail set and excellent shelf. Moves well. Will improve as head matures as at this stage ears appear large
3. Remwin Turnbacktime (Johnson) Another promising R&W puppy but hard to assess today as he misbehaved. A little heavier in bone than the first and second placed puppies. Good angulation front and rear and another good neck with a crest.

Class 2 Minor Puppy Dog

1. Barzoom Magicman (Salmon). BEST MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW Brindle puppy with a very good head, eye shape and eye colour. Well hooded ears. A little open in angulation both front and back. Prefer tail held on thigh. Inclined to turn right rear pastern.

Class 4 Junior Dog.

1. Ch Remwin Against All Odds (Hughes&Johnson) Young R&W dog with an excellent head, wrinkle, eye shape and colour. Good topline and tail set. Good front angulation and strong brisket. Correct swinging side gate without exaggeration..
2. Kitoko Catcher in the Rye (Briggs) R&W dog with good head and wrinkle but a little cheeky. Well crested neck, good topline and tightly curled tail. Would prefer a slightly wider front and longer upper arm.
3. Karamo Dancing Leopard (Curnick) Brindle dog with good head, wrinkle and eye shape but would prefer smaller ears. Good neck, topline and tail set. Very good coat and coat colour. Prefer slightly more angulation front and rear.

Class 5 Intermediate Dog

1. Ch Nailah Facing The Firebird (Petersen) BEST INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW, CHALLENGE DOG AND BEST IN SHOW. R&W Dog of excellent overall balance. Very pleasing head, eyes, wrinkle and expression. Correct topline, tail and tail set with very nice shelf. Good angulation and good movement. Good coat but skin a little tight.
2. Ch Nonaym Sound of the Congo (Ordar) R&W Dog of good quality with correct head, eye shape, wrinkle and hooded ears. Good tail set but would prefer more shelf and angulation both front and rear.
3. Ch Lomar Caught Red Handed (Marsden) R&W Dog pleasing head , eye and wrinkle but has edge to edge bite. Prefer greater front angulation and longer upper arm. Good tail set.

Class 9 State Bred

1. Nailah Facing The Arch Angel (Egan) BEST STATE BRED IN SHOW. R&W dog, good type but broad blaze accentuates slightly long muzzle. Correct hooded ears, good neck and topline. Well curled tail slightly low set. Good coat. Like to see tighter feet.
2. Ch Nikrus Zoomy Safari (Benson) R&W heavier boned dog. Good eye shape and good ears. Prefer longer front legs. Good tail and shelf.

Class 10 Australian Breed

1. Gr Ch Remain Cheeky Liason (Hughes) BEST AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW. R&W dog, good overall type. Good head, good eye shape but eye could be darker Good topline and tail well curled on thigh. Good feet, coat and correct loose skin.

2. Ch Lomar Black Sam Bucca (Marsden) Well proportioned tricolor dog with good head, eyes and well set ears which could be a little smaller. Prefer more angulation fore and aft and a tail sitting down on thigh.
3. Ch Karamo Mikolo (Curnick) R&W finely boned dog with good eye shape and colour. A little upright in shoulder and open in angulation. Good topline, tail set and shelf. Would prefer broader front.

Class 11 Open

1. Ch Barzoom Master Crane (Verall) **BEST OPEN IN SHOW**. R&W well balanced dog. Good head, ears, wrinkle and eye shape but eye colour a little light. Good brisket. Tail set a little low but good shelf. Well balanced movement without exaggeration.
2. Gd Ch Remwin Littlebitofcheek (Hughes) R&W dog. Head a little cheeky, good eyes ears and wrinkle. Good topline but tail set a little low and lacking shelf. I would like to see more white on feet particularly when judging a Basenji breed show.
3. Ch Barzoom Captain James T (Curnick) R&W well proportioned dog with good head, eyes, ears and wrinkle. Short upper arm and open angulation front and back. Good topline and tail set. Moves well.

Class 12 Veteran

1. Ch Baagna Final Request. (Haigh) 7 years old R&W dog with a good head, eye and hooded ears. Good crest. Good topline but tail set a little low. Like to see more swing of shoulder when moving. White spur on shoulder unfortunate but, in my opinion, not a fault.
2. Barzoom Anghamarad (Salmon) 10 years old R&W dog well balanced with pleasing head, eye shape, eye colour and hooded ears. Low set tail lacking shelf and rear angulation.
3. Ch Sudanka The Real Deal (Brown & Tuiller) 10 years old R&W finely boned dog with pleasing head, eye shape and eye colour. Ears large and slightly low set. Well crested neck , good topline but lacking angulation front and back

Class 1A Baby Puppy Bitch

1. Lomar Hot Pants (Marsden). **BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW**. Very promising R&W bitch puppy, well balance with crested neck, short level topline, well set tail and slight shelf. Excellent head, eye and correct ears not too big. Well knuckled feet and good coat. Good movement both side and out and back.
2. Dejazz Shebeleza Anan (Giudice) Brindle bitch a little long in body, good head, eye shape and eye colour with correct small ears. Excellent feet. Good tail set.
3. Remwin Thisismytime (Johnson) R&W well balanced bitch with slightly domed skull. Good eye shape and colour. Crested neck. Good angulation but turns front feet out.

Class 2A Minor Puppy

1. Nailah in Your Eyes (Blair) R&W bitch of heavier boned style but very sound. Head a little cheeky with good eyes, ears and wrinkle. Good topline, tail set and shelf. Good angulation.
2. Nailah Has The Picture Perfect (Peterson) Tricolour well balanced bitch with good topline, tail set and shelf. Good head, slightly round eye, large ears. High set shoulder Best movement in class,
3. Glenbawn Black Of The Night (Thompson) B&W finely boned bitch . Good head with dark eye but ears large and a little low set. Crested neck, good topline, tail set and shelf.

Class 3A Puppy

1. Nailah Has The Special Effect (Petersen) BEST PUPPY IN SHOW. R&W well balanced bitch. Broad blaze emphasizes sloping stop and slightly long muzzle. Good eye and wrinkle. Good neck topline and tail set. Correct tail on thigh.

Class 4A Junior

1. Nailah Gifted by Menka (Verrall) BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW. B&W well balance bitch, high on leg and elegant. Black head reminds me of Ch Pukkanut Tallawang the first B&W Australian Champion. Good eye shape, hooded ears and wrinkle. Good topline, tail set and tightly curled tail on thigh. Correct angulation but movement not strongest point.
2. Ch Remwin Miss Congeniality (Hughes) R&W bitch slightly long for height. Strong head good eye shape and colour. Good ears and wrinkle. Slight softness of topline, excellent tail, Very good movement without exaggeration
3. Karamo Eloi (Curnick) Brindle bitch with very good dark striping making an excellent dark brindle coat. Good head and wrinkle but eye shape slightly round. Upper arm slightly short and I would prefer to see stronger thigh. I would also like to see more white on left front foot feet particularly when judging a Basenji breed show.

Class 5A Intermediate

1. Nikrus Pure Essence (Verrall) R&W well proportioned bitch with very good topline, short back, tail set and shelf. Would prefer stronger muzzle. Lacking angulation in forequarters. Tight coat.
2. Ch Lomar Chai Latte (Marsden) Tri bitch good head but eye a little round, and ears a little large. Good topline, tail set and shelf. Correct balanced movement.
3. Noname The Sound of Silence (Ordar) R&W bitch appears a little long for height. Good head with hooded ears. Eyes slightly round and light in colour. Correct tail on thigh. Prefer more strength and angulation in hindquarters.

Class 8A Limit

1. Bayenzi Carmencita (Parr). BEST LIMIT IN SHOW Tri bitch with strong head, correct small hooded ears but slightly cheeky. Well proportioned with strong topline and good tail set. Moves well

2. Lomar As Good As Gold (Tromp) R&W bitch with nice head, eyes and ears but slightly undershot bite. Good topline and tail set but tail curl a little loose. Prefer more angulation in forequarters.

Class 10A Australian Bred

1. Ch Kanibaru Glowing Ember (Thompson) R&W bitch with classic Basenji head including good eye shape and colour, wrinkle and expression. Good topline and tail set with tail on thigh. Correct angulation and good knuckled feet.
2. Ch Nailah Facing The True Embrace (Petersen) R&W well proportioned bitch with excellent head featuring well hooded ears, eyes and wrinkle. Strong topline and shelf with tight tail carried on thigh. Good side gait but inclined to turn right rear pastern.
3. Ch Wazazi Rapt In Rubys (Darr) R&W bitch with strong head, good eye shape and colour and correct hooded rears but slightly cheeky. Good tail set and curl. When moving topline runs up to tail set.

Class 11A Open

1. Sup Ch Remwin Kissmycheek (Hughes) R&W well balanced very sound bitch without exaggeration. Good head, eyes, ears and wrinkle. Good angulation. Correct movement, a good example to watch coming and going.
2. Gr Ch Nonaym Bells of the Congo (Ordar) Tri bitch, well balanced with crested neck and short level topline, well set tail and shelf. Good eye and wrinkle but slightly cheeky and ears a little low.
3. Ch Eurabbie Black Dhalia (Braithwaite) B&W bitch well balanced with strong topline and tail set. Correct angulation front and back. Head shows the B&W heritage with slightly broad skull, roundish eye and slightly cheeky.

Class 12A Veteran

1. Ch Wazazi Awesome Beauty (Craig) BEST VETERAN IN SHOW, CHALLENGE BITCH and RUNNER UP BEST IN SHOW. 9 years old R&W bitch. Despite age continues to present all the essential Basenji characteristics defined in the Standard's General Appearance paragraph. Also very well constructed. Nothing else needs to be said.
2. Barzoom Morticia (Salmon) 8 years old Brindle bitch with good dark brindle coat. Good head, eyes, ears and wrinkle. A little sort in upper arm and a little reluctant to show today.

Class 18 Neuter Dog

1. Neut Ch Remwin Dark Image (Benson) B&W finely boned elegant dog with a good head but light eye colour. Good tail and good coat. Prefer more angulation both front and back
2. Ch Glendawn Eshmunazar (Noy) B&W heavily boned dog with broad skull and slightly cheeky. Good proportions, top line and tail set. Good angulation.

Class 18A Neuter Bitch

1. Ch Fayrelyn Eyez ofthe Tygrista (Verrall) NEUTER OF BREED and NEUTER IN SHOW Well balance bitch with good head and wrinkle. Well crested neck and good tail set. A little long for height.
2. Ch & Neut Ch Baagna Bahati Rosie (Benson) R&W bitch with good head and almond eye, good topline and good tail set. Good condition for 11 years old but feet now very flat.
3. Ch Nikrus African Pa Meisie (Benson) R&W well balance bitch with nice head and almond eye. Prefer more wrinkle. Tends to side track when moving away.