

# The Basenji Club of Northern California, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws

## Article I: Name and Objectives

**Section 1:** The name of **The Club** shall be the Basenji Club of Northern California, Inc. [*herein after referred to as The Club or Club*]

**Section 2:** The objectives of **The Club** shall be:

- a) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club, Inc. (see attached Appendix A) as the only standard by which Basenjies shall be judged.
- b) to do all in its power to advance and protect the interests of the breed by disseminating information on the origin, characteristics, and standard of the breed, and by encouraging sportsman-like competition at dog shows, obedience trials, lure field trials, and any other dog related activities.
- c) to encourage Basenji owners to become Club members and participate in Club activities.
- d) to conduct sanctioned Specialty Matches, licensed Specialty Shows, and Obedience Trials, Lure Field Trials, Tracking Tests and Agility Trials under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club, Inc. or the appropriate governing bodies which have been approved by the American Kennel Club's Board of Directors ([www.akc.org/rules/policymanual](http://www.akc.org/rules/policymanual)).
- e) to encourage breeders to promote the thoughtful breeding of purebred Basenjies, doing all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

**Section 3:** **The Club** shall not be conducted or operated for a profit, and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to shall insure to the benefit of any member or individual.

**Section 4:** The members of **The Club** shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

## Article 2: Membership

### Section 1: Eligibility.

There shall be four types of membership limited to persons of good repute, sportsmanship, and business ethics, who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and who have and show a desire to better the Basenji breed in accordance with the American Kennel Club, Inc. accepted standards, and the Code of Ethics of the Basenji Club of Northern California, Inc. (Appendix B).

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, **The Club's** primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

- a) **Regular:** Any person who has reached his/her 18th birthday may be a regular member with full privileges after meeting the requirements specified in this Article Section 1-c-i. Regular memberships have voting privileges. There shall be two classes of regular membership:
  - i.) **Household:** A household membership shall consist of two adult (regular) members of the same household, residing at the same address, each adult having voting privileges. A Household may also include eligible juniors members.

- ii.) **Single:** Single membership is defined as a regular member, not in conjunction with a household membership.
- b) **Junior:** Any person who has reached his/her 12th birthday and prior to his/her 18th birthday or anyone under 12 who is actively showing, shall be eligible to be a junior member. He/she shall receive Club correspondence, and breed information, but shall not vote or hold office. He/she may serve on committees.
- c) **Associate:** Any person first elected to membership by the General Membership. An Associate Member shall receive Club correspondence, and breed information, but shall not vote or hold office.
  - i.) All prospective applicants recommended by the Membership Committee for membership shall have Associate Member status for one year. After one year, any Associate Member may request in writing to the Club Secretary and be granted a voting membership if the Associate Member has been a regular working participant in Club activities and after being approved by the General Membership.
  - ii.) Associate Membership status may be granted to Single Membership, Household Membership or Junior Membership if the member so desires.
  - iii.) A regular member may at anytime request in writing a change to Associate Member status. If such a request is approved said change will be granted. No refunds of current yearly dues will be forth coming.
- d) **Honorary:** The **Club** may appoint Honorary Members in recognition of outstanding service to the breed. Honorary members may be nominated by means of a petition addressed to the Secretary, signed by five members in good standing, or by a majority vote of the Board. Nominees shall be notified of their nomination by **The Club** Secretary and shall be given the option of accepting or declining the nomination. The names of those accepting nominations shall be submitted to **The Club** membership for vote, and Honorary Membership shall be granted if the nominee receives a two-thirds majority of those voting. Honorary members shall receive **Club** correspondence, shall neither vote nor hold office, but may apply for regular membership at any time.

**Section 2: Dues:** The amount of membership dues will be reviewed and set by the Board of Directors at the first Board meeting after the Annual Meeting. Changes in the amount of membership dues will become effective the following membership year, and may not increase more than 20% in any one year, unless approved by a majority of the members attending a regular or special meeting that is held according to the rules in Article III, Sections 2 and 3. The current baseline for membership dues is \$17.00 per year for a regular, single membership; \$20.00 per year for a household membership (two regular members); \$25.00 per year for a household with eligible juniors, and \$12.00 per year for junior members applying separately from a household membership. Associate Members dues are \$15.00 per year.

Dues are payable on or before the first day of August each year. Persons elected to membership in the last 60 days of the fiscal year shall have their memberships extended to the end of the following fiscal year.

During the month of May, the Treasurer shall send each member a statement of his/her dues for the ensuing year. Honorary Members shall not pay dues.

On the membership renewal application there will be a section for members to elect to receive club business/notices (meeting minutes/membership renewals/meeting changes) either via Email or via US Postal Service. If a member does not choose one and has provided an email address, it will automatically be via email. A member can elect to change this with a written notice to the club Treasurer.

**Section 3: Election to Membership.** Each applicant shall attend one general meeting prior to being considered for membership, and shall then apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Constitution and Bylaws and the BCONC Code of Ethics, and the rules of the American Kennel Club Inc. The

application shall state the name, address and email address of the applicant and shall carry the endorsement of two members who are in good standing. The applicant will be given the opportunity to select to receive club business/notices (meeting minutes/membership renewals/meeting changes) via email or US postal service. The default will be email if the applicant does not choose either and has provided an email address.

The Membership Committee will review all applications and all members of said committee shall interview Applicants. The Membership Committee shall present their findings to the Board for review. After Board review, all applications are to be filed with the Secretary, and each application is to be read at the first meeting of **The Club** following its receipt by the Secretary. At the next **Club** meeting, the application will be voted upon by secret, written ballot. A two-thirds majority of the regular members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant to Associate Member status. Applicants shall not be present at this meeting. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by **The Club** may not re-apply within six months after said rejection. Once approved, the applicant shall submit a dues payment for the current year. Note: upgrade of any membership (e.g. to add a junior to a household membership or to change regular member status to household status) will require application for membership for the individual(s) being added to the membership and approval by the club through a vote following these procedures. The dues owed to the Club shall be the difference between the two membership levels.

After one year as an Associate Member, said member may request in writing the Associate status be changed to a Regular Member. The Board shall review this member's attendance and participation records to determine if the requirements set forth in the Membership Committee guidelines have been met and refer the request to the General Membership for election. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the regular members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the Associate Member to Regular Member status.

Section 4: Termination of Membership. Memberships may be revoked:

- a) by resignation. Any member in good standings may resign from **The Club** upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to The Club. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.
- b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent member in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of that meeting.
- c) by expulsion. A member may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article 7 of this constitution and by-laws.

### **Article 3: Meetings and Voting**

**Section 1:** For the purposes of establishing quorum or for voting on motions put before the club, regular members in good standing must attend in person.

**Section 2:** Regular Club Meetings shall be held bi-monthly or at least 6 times per year within the greater San Francisco area at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The location, meeting place and hour shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the general quorum at a regular Club meeting at least one month (or **Club** meeting) before any change. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the regular members in good standing.

**Section 3:** Special Club Meetings may be called by the President, by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of **The Club** who are in

good standing. Such special meetings shall be held at such an hour and place within the greater San Francisco area as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. The Secretary shall notify members of such meetings at least 5 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other club business may be transacted there at. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the regular members in good standing.

**Section 4:** Regular Board Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held bi-monthly or at least 6 times per year, at such hour and place as is designated by the Board. Notice of each such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum of such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

**Section 5:** Special Board Meetings may be called by the President or by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held at such hour and place as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted there at. A quorum for such a meeting shall be the majority of the Board.

**Section 6:** Voting. Each regular member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of **The Club** at which he/she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any **Club** meeting or election. Except for the election of judges, voting by mail or other means shall not be permitted.

**Section 7:** A record of Standing Motions shall be maintained by the Club Secretary. The Standing Motions shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the meeting following the Club's Annual Elections.

**Section 8:** The Club finances are subject to an annual audit and audit statement to be completed prior to the annual club meeting and presented to the membership at the meeting following the election of officers. The Audit will cover the period August 1 to July 31. The audit committee will be chaired by a non-officer Director and consist of two other club members in good standing. In addition to the annual audit, an interim audit may be requested. Such requests must be made in writing to the club secretary and approved by the board of directors.

#### **Article 4: Directors and Officers.**

**Section 1:** Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing. The officers shall be elected for two-year terms, where President and Secretary elected in even years and Vice-President and Treasurer elected in odd years. Non-officer Directors shall be elected for one-year terms. Elections will be held at The Club's annual meeting as provided in Article 5. Officers and non-officer directors shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of The Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** Officers. **The Club's** officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to The Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

- a) The President shall preside at all meetings of The Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these constitution and by-laws. The President shall be elected for a two-year term beginning and ending with successive complete elections. He/she may serve two consecutive terms only, but may be re-elected after a lapse of two official years since last in office of President.
- b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the

President's death, absence, or incapacity.

- c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of **The Club** and of the Board and of all manners of which a record shall be ordered by **The Club**. He/she shall have charge of correspondence, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of **The Club** with their addresses and carry on such other duties as are described in these constitution and bylaws. The Secretary shall advise the general membership of an officer's resignation and effective date of resignation, within ten days after the resignation is received by the Secretary.
- d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to **The Club**. He/she shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board, in the name of **The Club**. His/her books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board. The Treasurer shall report to the Board at every meeting the condition of **The Club's** finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting he/she shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**Section 3:** Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of the members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special Board meeting called for that purpose. An office shall be considered vacant if the officer or director is absent from three consecutive meetings (regular Board or regular Club meetings) unless waived by unanimous vote of the remaining Board members. The Vice President will automatically fill a vacancy in the office of President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

#### **Article 5: The Club Year, Annual Meetings, and Elections.**

**Section 1: Club Year.** **The Club's** fiscal year shall begin on the first day of August and end on the thirtieth day of July. **The Club's** official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

**Section 2: Annual Meeting.** The annual Meeting shall be held during the month of July at a time and place selected by regular members by majority vote, at which directors and officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 15 days after the election. The outgoing Officers will assist the newly elected Officers in the assumption of their duties. The outgoing Treasurer will assist the newly elected Treasurer in payment of bills submitted at or before the Annual Meeting.

**Section 3: Elections.** The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall be considered in a run-off election.

**Section 4: Nominations.** No person may be a candidate in a **Club** election who has not been nominated either by the Nomination Committee or at large from the floor at the June meeting. During the month of April, the Board of Directors shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee members of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairperson for the Committee, and it shall be his/her duty to call a Committee meeting which shall be held on or before May 15th. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Committee.

- a) The Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office and at least one candidate, but no more than two candidates, for each of the other positions on the Board, and after securing the consent of each person so nominated shall immediately report these nominations to the Secretary

in writing.

- b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall on or before May 31st, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- c) Additional nominations may be made at the June meeting by any regular member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if that proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. 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 regular members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.
- d) Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.

### **Article 6: Committees**

**Section 1:** The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of **The Club**. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

**Section 2:** Any Committee Appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

**Section 3:** The Committee Chairperson shall maintain any and all records pertaining to the function of the Committee, and will immediately relinquish such records to his/her successor upon termination of his/her duties.

### **Article 7: Discipline**

**Section 1:** Suspension from the American Kennel Club. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club shall be suspended from privileges of this **Club** for a like period.

**Section 2:** Charges. Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged conduct prejudicial to the best interest of **The Club** and/or breed. The accuser must have documented evidence, or two witnesses who must sign the charges and who must appear at the hearing. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$50.00, which shall be forfeited to The Club treasury if such charges are not sustained. The Secretary shall within 10 days notify the Board, which shall meet and fix a date of a Board hearing not less than 3 weeks and no more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall within 10 days send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail, together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.

**Section 3:** Board Hearing. The Board shall have authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may, by majority vote of the entire Board, reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of **The Club** for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. Should the Board deem that suspension to be insufficient punishment, it may recommend to the general club membership that the defendant be expelled from **The Club**. In such case, any suspension voted by the Board shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the

Board's recommendations. Within two weeks after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall, in turn, notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

**Section 4:** Expulsion of a member from **The Club** may be accomplished only at a meeting of **The Club** following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of **The Club** to be held within 60 days but no earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no new evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he or she wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those regular members present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

#### **Article 8: Amendments**

**Section 1:** Amendments to the constitution and by-laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20% of the regular membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the Secretary received the petition.

**Section 2:** The Constitution and by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the regular members present and voting at any regular meeting, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A copy of approved Constitution and By-Laws will be sent to the California Secretary of State for their records.

#### **Article 9 Dissolution**

**Section 1:** Dissolution. **The Club** may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the regular members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of **The Club**, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of the law, none of the property of **The Club** nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of **The Club** shall be distributed to any members of The Club, but after the payment of the debts of **The Club**, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by **The Club**.

## **Article 10: Order of Business**

**Section 1:** At Meetings of The Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call  
Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting as Published  
Report of the President Report  
of the Secretary Report of the  
Treasurer Reports of  
Committees Election of New  
Members Unfinished  
Business New Business  
Election of Officers and Board of Directors (at Annual Meeting)  
Adjournment

**Section 2:** At Meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting as Published  
Report of Secretary  
Report of Treasurer  
Reports of Committees  
Unfinished Business New  
Business  
Adjournment

## **Article 11: Parliamentary Authority**

**Section 1:** The rules contained in the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised,” shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.

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15, 1968

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# Appendix A

## AKC Breed Standard for Basenjis

### General Appearance

The Basenji is a small, short haired hunting dog from Africa. It is short backed and lightly built, appearing high on the leg compared to its length. The wrinkled head is proudly carried on a well arched neck and the tail is set high and curled. Elegant and graceful, the whole demeanor is one of poise and inquiring alertness. The balanced structure and the smooth musculature enables it to move with ease and agility. The Basenji hunts by both sight and scent.

*Characteristics*--The Basenji should not bark but is not mute. The wrinkled forehead, tightly curled tail and swift, effortless gait (resembling a racehorse trotting full out) are typical of the breed. *Faults*--Any departure from the following points must be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault is regarded is to be in exact proportion to its degree.

### Size, Proportion, Substance

Ideal height for dogs is 17 inches and bitches 16 inches. Dogs 17 inches and bitches 16 inches from front of chest to point of buttocks. Approximate weight for dogs, 24 pounds and bitches, 22 pounds. Lightly built within this height to weight ratio.

### Head

The head is proudly carried. *Eyes*--Dark hazel to dark brown, almond shaped, obliquely set and farseeing. Rims dark. *Ears*--Small, erect and slightly hooded, of fine texture and set well forward on top of head. The skull is flat, well chiseled and of medium width, tapering toward the eyes. The foreface tapers from eye to muzzle with a perceptible stop. Muzzle shorter than skull, neither coarse nor snipy, but with rounded cushions. Wrinkles appear upon the forehead when ears are erect, and are fine and profuse. Side wrinkles are desirable, but should never be exaggerated into dewlap. Wrinkles are most noticeable in puppies, and because of lack of shadowing, less noticeable in blacks, tricolors and brindles. *Nose*--Black greatly desired. *Teeth*--Evenly aligned with a scissors bite.

### Neck, Topline, Body

Neck of good length, well crested and slightly full at base of throat. Well set into shoulders. *Topline*--Back level. *Body*--Balanced with a short back, short coupled and ending in a definite waist. Ribs moderately sprung, deep to elbows and oval. Slight forechest in front of point of shoulder. Chest of medium width. *Tail* is set high on topline, bends acutely forward and lies well curled over to either side.

### Forequarters

Shoulders moderately laid back. Shoulder blade and upper arm of approximately equal length. Elbows tucked firmly against brisket. Legs straight with clean fine bone, long forearm and well defined sinews. Pasterns of good length, strong and flexible. *Feet*--Small, oval and compact with thick pads and well arched toes. Dewclaws are usually removed.

### Hindquarters

Medium width, strong and muscular, hocks well let down and turned neither in nor out, with long second thighs and moderately bent stifles. *Feet*--Same as in "Forequarters."

### Coat and Color

Coat short and fine. Skin very pliant. *Color*--Chestnut red; pure black; tricolor (pure black and chestnut red); or brindle (black stripes on a background of chestnut red); all with white feet, chest and tail tip. White legs, blaze and collar optional. The amount of white should never predominate over primary color. Color and markings should be rich, clear and well-defined, with a distinct line of demarcation between the black and red of tricolors and the stripes of brindles.

### Gait

Swift, tireless trot. Stride is long, smooth, effortless and the topline remains level. Coming and going, the straight column of bones from shoulder joint to foot and from hip joint to pad remains unbroken, converging toward the centerline under the body. The faster the trot, the greater the convergence.

### Temperament

An intelligent, independent, but affectionate and alert breed. Can be aloof with strangers.

**Approved May 8, 1990**

**Effective June 28, 1990**

**Appendix B**  
**Code of Ethics**  
**f o r t h e**  
**Basenji Club of Northern California, Inc.**

In order to create, foster, and promote interest and quality in Basenjis by encouraging breeding in accordance with the standards set by the Basenji Club of America. To maintain among members a high spirit of cooperation and sportsman-ship. To establish, as members of the Basenji Club of Northern California, a trust among buyers- And most important, to improve and protect the Basenji by keeping the good of the breed foremost in our actions to the best of our knowledge and ability.

- (1) Each member shall keep breeding and pedigree records accurate and complete. Any member who falsifies registration papers or knowingly misrepresents pedigree information shall be expelled from the club.
- (2) Each member selling a registered dog, shall furnish a signed application of transfer, in accordance with the American Kennel Club, Lie. (Chapter 3, Section 6), and a four generation pedigree, with colors when known.
- (3) Each member shall fully understand the breed standard, and do selective breeding, so as to reduce faults and improve the breed.
- (4) Each member who contemplated breeding a litter, or allows the use of his stud dog to the same end, shall direct his efforts toward producing Basenjis of exceptional quality.
- (5) No dog showing a serious inherited defect in type, structure or temperament shall be offered at stud. Likewise, owners of stud dogs shall not accept for breeding any bitch the reproduction of which is likely to detrimental to the breed
- (6) If a dog or bitch had produced any offspring with serious inherited defects detrimental to the animal's well-being, and produces like results with a different mating partner, the owner shall refrain from further use of this animal for breeding.
- (7) A bitch shall not be bred more often than once per year, and then only if she is in robust health, and never at the time of her first season, unless this occurs after twelve (12) months of age.
- (8) No member of this Club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters of Basenjis or the selling of breeding stock, to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses, or other commercial sources of distribution, nor shall he engage in over-breeding of his own bitches for profit with no regard to quality.
- (9) Price of puppies, adults and stud service shall be based on individual quality- All puppies and adults shall be sold in a clean and healthy condition and shall be old enough (6-8 weeks) to make the necessary adjustment to a new home safely. No adult or puppy shall be sold without adequate protection against disease.
- (10) A puppy or adult showing a serious deviation from the standard, rendering it unsuitable for breeding shall be sold without papers. This shall be clearly understood by the buyer, and the breeder shall have a signed statement to that effect. All other puppies and adults shall be registered or eligible for registration with the AKC, and the purchaser shall be provided with accurate and valid papers.
- (11) No member of the club shall engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentation of his Basenjis; nor shall he malign his competitors by making false or misleading statements regarding his competitors' Basenjis, breeding practices or person.

(12) Each member of the Club has an obligation to protect the interest of purebred dogs by conducting himself in a manner designed to reflect credit on himself, his breed, and on the Basenji Club of Northern California, the Basenji Club of America, and the American Kennel Club.

Appended to Constitution and By-Laws: March 16,1971

I have read and understand the above Code, and agree to abide by it.

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Signature

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Date

