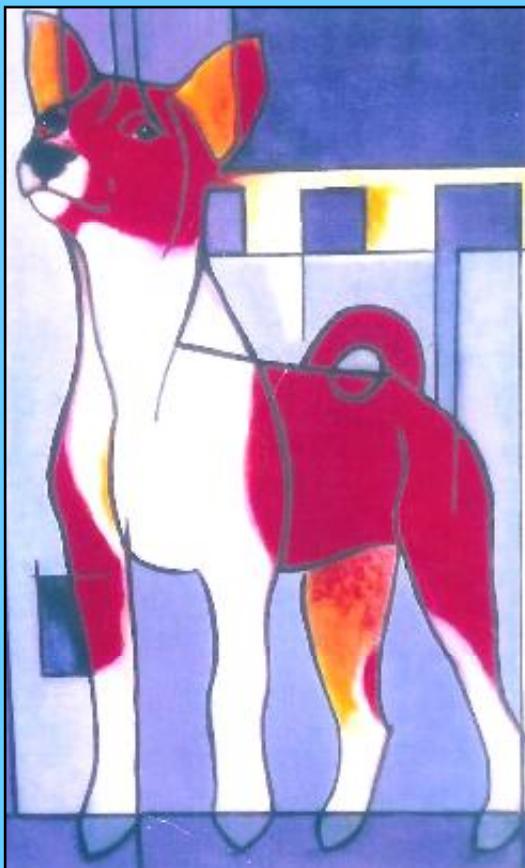


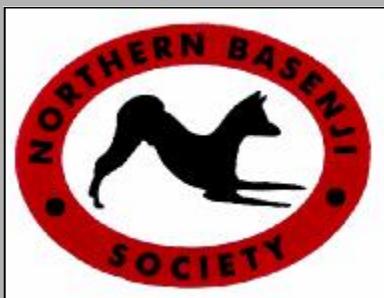
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FROM THE EDITOR.....

This is the first NBS newsletter since the death of Cathy Wright so I would like to pay tribute to someone who was not only devoted to the breed but a truly kind honest person. She was respected by all who came into contact with her. Softly spoken, she did her job as Secretary of BOBA without any fuss and is dreadfully missed by us all. I would also like to pay tribute to our Secretary Les Siddall who took on the job when no one else would. He has turned the club around, not only helping financially by printing the schedules and catalogues but producing a very fine web site and even better newsletter. He stunned us all earlier this year by announcing his retirement in 2010 so whoever takes over will find him a very hard act to follow as he has kept up to date so well with all that the KC has thrown at him. I understand he will not be leaving us completely as he intends to stay on the committee and continue with the newsletter. I attended the World Show last year in Stockholm and remarked on how many young people turned up to show their Basenjis. It is a pity that we can't attract the same in this country, as the breed badly needs some new and enthusiastic youngsters. I welcome the new members and their input and hope they enjoy their Basenjis and showing. I also would like to hear of their experiences with their new family member so please don't hesitate to send me little snippets, photos, poems etc for us all to enjoy. Thanks, of course, to all who have sent articles to enable this newsletter to flourish. You may email your pieces to me at nbs-ed@freeukisp.co.uk

Some funnies to round things off: "A clean and tidy house is a sign of a wasted life" (thank goodness – at last a reason NOT to clean up).

"You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine.' So that was nice." (Tommy Cooper, bless 'im)

Editor...Irene Horner.

SECRETARY'S COMMENTS.....

I apologise for the fact that we had no Spring Newsletter this year but as you know I was out of the country for a number of months and there was just no time available, when I returned, to compile an edition. There will be another edition later this year. This Summer edition has a number of interesting and new items about Basenjis as well as some unusual stories about other canine friends. I do hope you enjoy what you read. My own particular favourite piece is the Basenji that is to become a police sniffer dog.



In Irene's comments above she says some very flattering and nice things about myself and I thank her for this. I will never leave NBS completely and will hopefully continue with the Newsletter but of course this is up to the new Secretary and the committee in situ as at April 2010. I did say I would possibly stay on the committee but this is by no means a certainty. It all depends on my 2010/11 commitments elsewhere. Right now we need to recruit a replacement Secretary so come on members let's have one of you volunteer.

The NBS website has been updated and now has a new guestbook for your comments so pay us a visit at www.northernbasenji.org.uk

Secretary...Les Siddall.



A View From The Bridge

By Les Siddall

By now all of you will be aware that I retire as NBS Secretary at the AGM in 2010 and the Society will need a replacement for me.

You should be queuing up to replace me.

I have never been able to understand why the NBS struggles to get committee members when the other Clubs don't. After all the NBS is a sound financially stable society with the best show venues and is certainly run in a most efficient manner by it's committee members. It also arguably offers more to it's members than the other clubs so you should be queuing up to replace me but at the time of writing you are not. So come on join the committee now and if you volunteer to become Secretary you can shadow me and learn the job until I leave next April.

No matter what age they deserve every opportunity

I have long held the belief that all dogs who enter rescue, no matter what age, deserve to be given every opportunity to be re-homed even if that means they remain in rescue for a long period. Just recently the NBS received news of a veteran Basenji in France who found himself a wonderful new home in Denmark. The story came to us from Helena Strombert in Sweden who sent our editor the following little piece and I am

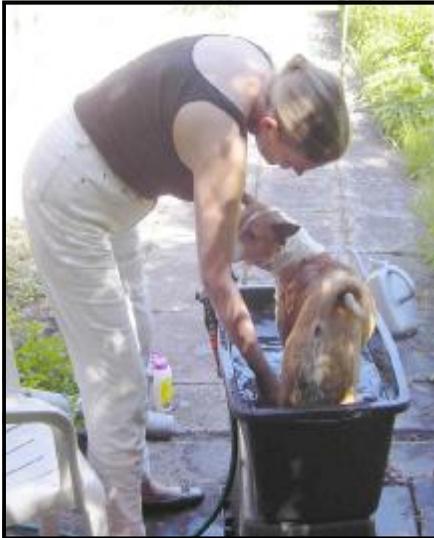
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delighted to include it in this column as an illustration to support my views particularly as evidence that age should never be held against any dog needing rescue.

A new home for an old boy.

Earlier this year Irene Horner received an e-mail from Helena



Strömbert in Sweden telling of "a 10 yr old Basenji in France that had been in boarding kennels for a year following the death of his owner. She put his photo on her web site and finally someone in the breed said they had heard of an elderly couple in Denmark that had lost their old Basenji and were looking for a rescue dog. He was brought to his new home in Denmark

and as you can see from the photos he does not want to leave - as he is getting a lot of TLC. I don't blame him, do you? Oh by the way, Alphonse, as he used to be known, not only got a new home but also a new name - Athos."



KINDU SUNSET AT KIBALI AT TENFIELD ('BWINDI')

by Joan Edwards

This is my tribute to a much loved friend and companion who gave us so much joy.

BWINDI was our third Basenji. When she was born on the 23rd January 1996 we still had Bush Storm of Tenfield - Storm. Before Storm we had Roina Purple Idyll -Bang. Bwindi lived with our Daughter & Son in Law, Kim and Adrian Ellis in Bulford, Wiltshire. Kim breeds Golden Retrievers and has always had a lot of dogs, so Bwindi had plenty of company.

Sadly we lost Storm in April 1998 and some time later Kim asked us if we wanted to have Bwindi. All three of our Basenji's spent their early years with Kim and we were lucky that she trusted us enough to let us have them. I wanted Bwindi so much, but my husband who had been with Storm every day could not bring himself to have another dog at that time. I told Kim that as soon as I retired in the year 2,000 nothing would stop me from bringing her home with us.

On the 29th August 2000 we went down to collect her and she came to live with us in Barnard Castle, Co. Durham. She was four and a half years old. As she had been used to living and sleeping with lots of her doggy friends, I was afraid that she might pine for their company. Our home wasn't strange to her as Kim had been to visit us on several occasions when she was showing her. I need not have worried for as soon as we got home she ran into the house and settled down in her box as though to say 'this is where I belong'. She was probably glad of the peace and quiet after having so many other dogs around her.

I must confess that we took her box up to our bedroom and she slept close to us for a few weeks. I thought she might be lonely sleeping by herself. Eventually we put her box on the landing and left our door open to that she could see us and she happily went to sleep. That was her sleeping place from then on. I only had to say 'bed time Bwindi' and she would rush up the stairs in top gear and settle down with a sigh of contentment. Every morning she would jump onto our bed and cuddle in between us. She was so happy to be a part of our family and enjoyed being on her own because she had all the attention. She trusted us implicitly.

In the beginning when we had to leave her at home I would put her into a cage as I wasn't sure what she might get up to. That didn't last for long as she would tear everything in it and was obviously trying to tell us something. So we started leaving her for short periods which gradually got longer until in the end she had the run of the house. She would jump up onto the back of the sofa and watch for us coming back from our outings. We would look to see if she was there as we drove onto the drive. She was always so excited to see us. We always had a yodel as a welcome and she was lovely to come home to.

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She was very proud of her home. Every morning I would open the back door and she would go out onto the steps and survey her kingdom for a few minutes. Then she would run down the path to the bottom of the garden and disappear behind the hedge.

She was making sure that there were no intruders, like cats or squirrels. She couldn't wait to go for her walks. Her favourite game was chasing rabbits. How she enjoyed herself.

Bwindi chose the people she wanted as her friend. She didn't like anyone touching her unless she made the first approach and very slowly learned that they didn't mean her any harm. I had to ask people not to stroke her as she never liked hands and would give a growl if an unknown person touched her. She was just the same with other dogs, she would give a growl if one approached her as though to say 'don't mess with me', but once that was over she would play as long as they knew their place. I must say that I was a bit on edge every time she met a dog and growled, just in case one of them should retaliate but they never did. She could run like the wind and loved to tear around with other dogs.

She was such a loving little girl and she and I had a very special bond. My husband never got a look in if I was around, she would ignore him and run straight to me. It didn't matter where I was in the house she would find me and settle down until I had finished what I was doing and when I moved so did she. She had a very happy life with us and knew how much we loved her. She was as devoted to us as we were to her and gave us all of her love and affection.

Sadly she was only nine and a half years old when she was snatched away from us so suddenly that we were all devastated. We were down at Kim and Adrian's home at the time and had been out. She had run to the gate as soon as she heard our car coming back and had collapsed. When we took her to the vet she was diagnosed with Auto Immune Haemolytic Anaemia. Although she was on medication she never survived.

I have never been able to write anything about Bwindi until now and even to this day the tears spring easily to my eyes when I am thinking of her. So many little things had gone wrong with her in the Spring of 2005 and although I had taken her to our vets on every occasion she was always given some medication that seemed to cure the problem. Not once did they suggest a blood test and I never thought to ask for one. We had no way of knowing that all these things were a part of her illness and I will live with the guilt that I let her down, especially as I was not able to be with her when she passed away.

We will never forget her, she was my special little girl and the day we lost her my heart was broken. It still is. Rest in Peace my beautiful little girl until the day when we will be together again.



THE KENNEL CLUB

Making a difference for dogs

Secretary
Mrs C. R. Kisko

1st June 2009

Dear Breed Club Secretary

Dog showing & health

As someone with a strong interest and involvement in dog showing I thought you would like to know what the Kennel Club is doing to promote the healthy breeding and showing of dogs.

The Kennel Club has always maintained that the vast majority of dogs bred and exhibited at shows are healthy. However, you will doubtless be aware that dog showing has been heavily criticised recently on the basis of claims that it is responsible for producing unhealthy dogs. For many years the Kennel Club and the Kennel Club Charitable Trust have been taking steps to understand and resolve these problems where possible, for instance providing grants for scientific research, training judges to spot unhealthy dogs during competition and issuing revised breed standards.

The Kennel Club is of the firm belief that dog showing is not only a fun hobby for those who take part, but is also the best forum in which to resolve any health problems related to a dog's conformation. As those who show dogs are well aware competitive dog showing is not only one of several means of promoting the breeding of healthy, happy dogs; it is also one of the best ways in which to eradicate the very distressing diseases that blight some dogs' lives because it is in this forum alone (i.e. the world of dog shows) that breed standards hold the authority to achieve progress. By their very nature dog shows reward excellent health and a good temperament – the results of the highest standards of breeding.

The Kennel Club will be making this issue a key focus of our campaigning activities over the coming months. I would be very grateful if you could help us by asking your members to contact their local Member of Parliament in Scotland and the UK or Assembly Member in Wales to support this campaign. I have enclosed a suggested letter to assist you. For further information on this campaign please visit our website <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/2164>. Should you require any further help or information please do not hesitate to contact the Kennel Club's Senior Public Affairs Officer Emily Jeffrey on 020 7518 1020 or Emily.jeffrey@thekennelclub.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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Suggested Letter

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Dear X MP

Dog Showing & Health

As a dog breeder / person who shows their dogs I am concerned about recent suggestions that the hobby of dog showing is responsible for a number of canine health problems. These suggestions seem to have been made without recourse to scientific evidence to establish the facts.

A number of actions have been taken to improve dog health by organisations such as the Kennel Club, including working with a number of breeders to improve the health of their breed, a full review of the breed standards, banning of close matings and significant levels of investment into science and research.

In January 2009 the Kennel Club published revised breed standards. Dogs at dog shows are judged against these standards which describe the breed's defining appearance, characteristics and temperament, and these were created with the dog's original function in mind. Judges are instructed to remove any dog they deem to be unhealthy from the ring and officials at shows have the responsibility to ensure that any dog not so removed by the judge, but which they suspect of being unhealthy, is examined by a vet. Thus, unhealthy dogs will not be rewarded in the show ring and their owners are further incentivised to breed with health in mind. This rigorous discipline cannot be achieved with non registered dogs or dogs that do not compete in the show ring.

Dog shows encourage healthy breeding practices. At Crufts 2009 a large number of winning dogs were bred by KC Accredited Breeders – KCABs are required to make use of health screening schemes relevant to their breed on all breeding stock. The attention to health and welfare shown by these breeders is in marked contrast to the kind of breeding carried out by puppy farmers, who breed purely for profit or fashion with no concern for health and welfare.

Dog shows are also a vital means by which to educate both dog breeders and potential puppy buyers about dog health and other welfare issues.

I hope you will agree that far from having a negative effect on dog health, shows are an important way to ensure that dogs' health improves. As my representative I am asking you to write to the Minister to echo your support for a minimum set of standards to be brought in which would apply to the breeding of all dogs.

I look forward to your prompt reply regarding this issue.

Yours sincerely,

The Lord came unto Noah

In the year 2009 the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in England and said: 'Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans.'

He gave Noah the CAD drawings, saying: 'You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights.'

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard, but no Ark.

'Noah!' He roared, 'I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?'

'Forgive me, Lord,' begged Noah, 'but things have changed. I needed Building Regulations Approval and I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system.'

My neighbors' claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is development of the site, even though in my view it's a temporary structure.

We had to then go to appeal to the Secretary of State for a decision.

Then the Department of Transport demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.

Getting the wood was another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific interest set up in order to protect the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

When I started gathering the animals, the RSPCA sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then the County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood.

I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Equal Opportunities Commission as to how many disabled carpenters I'm supposed to hire for my building team. The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only accredited workers with Ark-building experience.

To make matters worse, Customs and Excise seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark. '

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky.

Noah looked up in wonder and asked, 'You mean you're not going to destroy the world?'

'No,' said the Lord. 'The Government beat me to it and are claiming expenses for doing it.'

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Parking Problem

Originally published in the Bristol Evening Post: comes this unusual story that is not only funny but also incredible and true:-

Outside Bristol Zoo is the car park, with spaces for 150 cars and 8 coaches. It has been manned 6 days a week for 23 years by the same charming and very polite car park attendant with the ticket machine. The charges are £1. per car and £5. per coach.

On Monday 1 June 2009, he did not turn up for work. So Bristol Zoo management phoned Bristol City Council to ask them to send a replacement parking attendant. The Council said "That car park is your responsibility."

The Zoo said "The attendant was employed by the City Council... wasn't he?" The Council said "What attendant?"

Gone missing from his home is a man who has been daily taking the car park fees, amounting to about £400. per day, for the last 23 years...!

A Man, an Ostrich and a Waitress

A man walks into a restaurant with an ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders. The man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke,' and turns to the ostrich, 'What's yours?' 'I'll have the same,' says the ostrich.



A short time later the waitress returns with the order 'That will be \$9.40 please,' and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come in again and the man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke.' The ostrich says, 'I'll have the same.' Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until one day when the two enter again. 'The usual?' asks the waitress. 'No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad,' says the man. 'Same,' says the ostrich.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, 'That will be \$32.62.' Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. 'Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?' 'Well,' says the man, 'several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.'

'That's brilliant!' says the waitress. 'Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!'

'That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there,' says the man..

The waitress asks, 'What's with the ostrich?'

The man sighs, pauses and answers, 'My second wish was for a tall chick with a big butt and long legs who agrees with everything I say.'

Unusual Dog Facts -Number 2

Pet Photos

Polls show that 40% of dog owners carry pictures of the pets in their wallets.

Bride in White and Top Hat & wagging tails for Groom

A canine couple were united in the first dog "wedding" held at department store Harrods in 2006.

The "bride" - an eight-month-old Shih Tzu named Muffin - arrived at the flagship London store in a horse-drawn carriage, dressed in a white frock and veil.

She and her "groom" - a two-and-a-half-year-old Bichon Frise named Timmy - were "married" before a group of guests by Harrods' chief



copywriter and celebrant for the day Graham Parker.

Mr Parker said "I am just delighted to be involved in a ceremony that really celebrates animals and really recognises them."

Both Timmy and Muffin behaved well throughout the ceremony and apparently first found love in Harrods' pet department.

Their owners, Dominique Day and Rachel Little, both from London, decided to keep in touch by taking the dogs for walks together.

Describing their pets' romance, Miss Little said: "Muffin was having her coat fitted in the shop here and Timmy was there. They seemed to get on so well and someone said they seemed like a lovely couple. They will definitely carry on seeing each other."

Ms Day said she was delighted, adding: "It is incredible, isn't it? Just like a normal wedding."

Timmy and Muffin's ceremony was offered to the pair free of charge by Harrods to launch the new service.

The store has since had a number of bookings for paid-for dogs' "weddings" which cost £2,500 for the luxury package or £3,500 for the premium package.

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Goodies for Good Dogs in France and Germany

In Paris an award winning pastry chef opened a bakery catering only for dogs.

Mon Bon Chien sells bacon biscuits in the shape of a cat and bone-shaped cookies made of foie gras, reported the BBC.

The owner is Harriet Sternstein who moved to Paris from the US with her dog Sophie-Marie. Sophie-Marie provided the inspiration for the business for her owner, who decided the best way to make a living was to combine her biggest enthusiasms - pastries and pets.

"Everything is made in the back of the boutique," said Ms Sternstein, "Every day, I make 200 to 300 biscuits and special orders are taken on a daily basis. The Parisians come to the bakery and the first time they think it's very funny and they look at it, and buy the ones that they think are the cutest. Then the dogs come back and choose which flavours they like the best. I change flavours, based on what's going on"

Ms Sternstein creates special biscuits for special days such as Valentine's Day.'

These days there's not much that the French do that doesn't also get done in Germany and in Wiesbaden, near Frankfurt is yet another canine-only bakery also selling a range of handmade dog biscuits and meaty cakes.

'The Dog's Goodies Bakery' is a barking success, according to local dog owners. Former florist turned canine chef Janine Saraniti-Lagerin offers her doggy customers treats such as minty biscuits, muesli bars, tuna cakes and garlic cookies. She said, 'Vets tell me what is healthy and my Labrador Ronja tells me what is tasty.'

High Wire Walkies



An amazingly talented Tibetan mastiff called Tiger [Hu Hu] performs breathtaking high wire walks in front of thousands of spectators in his home city of Chongqing in China.

Tiger operates some 4 metres above the ground and walks across a 10 metre gap on two thin steel wires: a remarkable feat by any standards and especially so for a large dog.

We do suggest that you do not try this stunt with your dogs at home - although with the Basenji penchant for climbing no doubt they would love it.

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Tallyho! Tallyho! Here comes Freddie and Daisy

A Jack Russell dog regularly stuns visitors to a farm by showing off his horse riding skills.

Freddie leaps on the back of his neighbour's Shetland pony Daisy for a trot around the paddock of Peglars Farm, in Flaxley, Gloucestershire.

Owner Patricia Swinley said the dog was a 'natural' jockey whose equestrian skills have blossomed.

'When Freddie first saw Daisy he rushed across the yard and just jumped straight on her back,' she said.

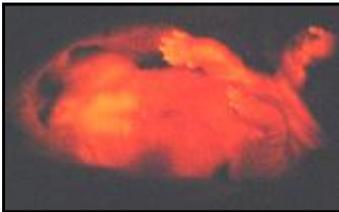
Freddie, nicknamed the 'Flaxley Flier,' is often to be seen riding round the 25-acre farm and Daisy, who stands at just 37 inches tall provides the perfect taxi, for her pal.

'The children love to come and see him,' Mrs Swinley said. 'I guess it is a rather peculiar sight.'



Fluorescent Puppies Developed

In a development that Darwin himself could not have foreseen, a Beagle has become the world's first transgenic dog - and it glows in the dark.



The dog called Ruppy - short for Ruby Puppy - was created by scientists in South Korea. Byeong-Chun Lee, of the Seoul National University, who produced the world's first cloned dog, an Afghan previously reported on in Northern Newsletter, headed the team that created Ruppy and her four beagle

siblings, each possessing bizarre fluorescent bodies and born early in 2009.

The puppy was bred to produce a fluorescent protein that glows red under ultraviolet light, but it's red skin colour can also be clearly seen in daylight.

Team member CheMyong Ko of the University of Kentucky in Lexington, said of the transgenic success: "The next step for us is to generate a true disease model."

The hope is that transgenic dogs will become more effective stand-ins for the study of human disease.

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Clones of 9/11 hero dog unveiled in Los Angeles.

Five clones of a search and rescue dog which helped locate people trapped in the rubble of the 9/11 attacks were formally presented to their



ancestor's handler on June 18th 2009.

The owner of the five puppies hopes they will become search and rescue dogs like his original German Shepherd called 'Trakr' who died in April.

James Symington, a former Canadian police officer, choked back

tears as he formally took possession of the five descendants. He was presented with Trakr's clones after winning a competition organized by California firm Bio Arts International -- the "Golden Clone Giveaway" -- to find the world's most "clone-worthy" dog.

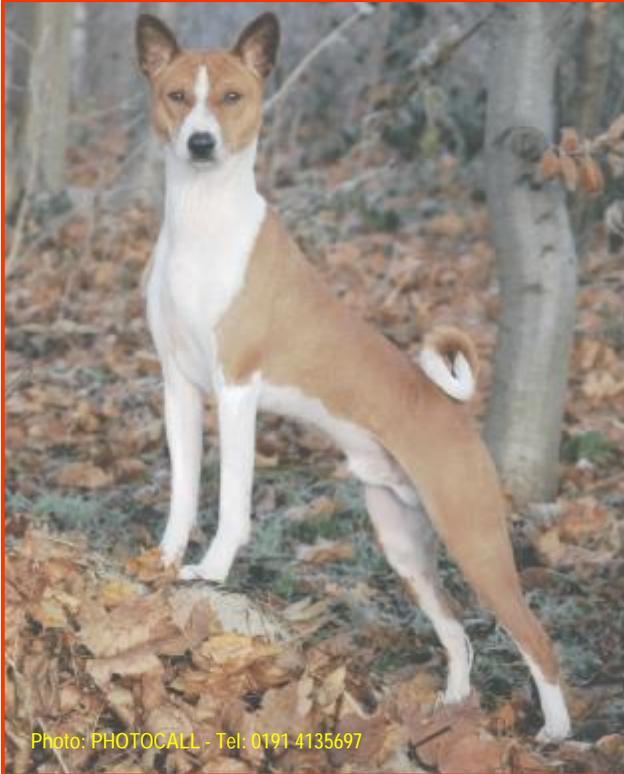
Symington said he hopes the puppies -- (L to R in photo) Trust, Valor, Prodigy, Solace and Deja Vu -- will go on to follow in Trakr's footsteps. "We're here to celebrate that Trakr's legacy lives on in these five beautiful puppies," he told reporters. If they have the same attributes Trakr did, then hopefully they'll develop into world class search and rescue dogs."

Symington and Trakr arrived at the site of the World Trade Centre collapse, commonly referred to as Ground Zero, on September 12th, 2001 and were one of the first K9 search and rescue teams on the scene. After working nearly non-stop for 48 hours, Trakr located the last human survivor found in the rubble of the twin towers."

Symington said: "Trakr was an extraordinary search and rescue dog. His work at Ground Zero was the culmination of his career and I look forward to the day that these puppies can follow in Trakr's footsteps and play an important role in other rescues, like Trakr did."

Bio Arts International, joined with South Korea's SooAm Biotech Research Foundation to clone Trakr under the direction of scientist Hwang Woo-Suk. Trakr had been chosen for cloning because of his heroics on 9/11.

Ch Benkura Take a Chance On Me ShCM



(Bubas the Barnstormer ex Antefaa Nakura Wood Nymph ShCM)

DOB: 26/11/06

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We would like to thank all the judges who have thought so highly of Chance and our other dogs and to all our friends for their continued support.

Mrs Victoria Miller

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Calum - Youngest Basenji Fan

Calum Murray Fewkes, son of Barbara and Adam and nephew of Vicki Miller, was born on 12th June 2009 and already, as seen here at 7 days old, is proudly showing support for the breed with a swish new baby suit sporting a Basenji design.



Parents Barbara and Adam live in Worcester and Calum weighed in at 8lbs 12 ounces when born so certainly was no lightweight. He is the couples first child and is also the first grand child for both their parents. We at NBS congratulate them all.

Aunti Vicki bought Calum his baby-suits and sent us the photographs for this piece.

Vicki said: "Here are a couple of pictures of my new nephew. He is my sisters first baby and was born on my dad's birthday. As you can see the baby-suits I bought him are still too big."

I also bought one that says 'Basenji Baby.' I'll wait until it fits him for another picture," she added.

Lets hope that in the distant future this new enthusiast will become a leading Junior member at the Northern Basenji Society.

If Aunty Vicki has anything to do with it no doubt he will as she also said: "I'm hoping when he's older to rope him into some junior handling!!"





GENERAL CODE OF ETHICS

It is a KC requirement that all Breed Clubs accept the general Code of Ethics.

All members of the Northern Basenji Society undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics .

Club members:

- 1) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- 2) Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, may report such operation to the Kennel Club.
- 3) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- 4) Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- 5) Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- 6) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- 7) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- 8) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- 9) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- 10) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- 11) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- 12) Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- 13) Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
- 14) Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.

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A KISS FOR A SPECIAL MAN

She is pregnant and he had just saved her from a fire in her house, rescuing her by carrying her out of the house into her front yard, while he then continued to fight the fire.

When he finally finished helping to put the fire out, he sat down to catch his breath and rest. A photographer from the Charlotte North Carolina newspaper, noticed her in the distance looking at the fireman. He saw her walking straight toward the fireman and wondered what she was going to do.

As he raised his camera, she came up to the tired man who had saved her life and the lives of her babies and kissed him just as the photographer snapped this photograph.



WORLD NEWS

PREGNANT BASENJI DUMPED ON WASTE SITE

At the end of January this year, as the city was revelling in the festivities of Super Bowl week, someone wilfully discarded an 18-month-old Basenji/cross at a county dump where she gave birth to seven puppies.

The Humane Society of Tampa Bay offered a

Services.

“Authorities believe Anna was abandoned at the solid waste site before dawn on January 28th. It’s like saying the animal is worthless and garbage,” Ryan said.

Abandoning a dog is a crime and animal service investigators are looking into the case, she added.



Thankfully The Humane Society of Tampa Bay, USA took care of Anna, as they named her, when owners had wilfully dumped the 18-month-old Basenji /cross and the litter she gave birth to at a town waste site.

\$1,000 reward for information to track down the former owner of the dog now named Anna.

Mother and her litter were kept at the Humane Society shelter and may remain there or be put with a foster family, said Marti Ryan, spokeswoman for Hillsborough County Animal

The mother and puppies will be put up for adoption but had to stay with animal services until they were at least eight weeks old in line with the service’s policy not to put puppies up for adoption before that age.

Other News from
NEWSHOUND

FIGHTING PIT BULL SEES OFF HIJACKERS

Four hijackers had to flee with their tails between their legs when a brave dog attacked them in the car of an intended victim

Jock, a three-year-old American pit bull, was waiting for the men as they were holding Mrs Sharon Da Silva of Germiston, USA, at gunpoint.

Da Silva said: "The hijackers ordered me to run. While I was running away, I heard one of the men screaming 'Ouch, ouch, the dog!'," she said.

To crown it all, the dog does not even belong to her.

"He did not know me from Adam, but he fought tooth and nail as if I was his property."

The drama happened about 19:30 one evening last week when Da Silva drove to fetch her daughter at school and saw the lost dog.

She said: "It was raining heavily and he was running to and fro in the traffic. I was afraid he might be hit by a car."

She opened the passenger door of her car and called the dog.

"He ran towards me immediately and jumped into the car."

Da Silva said she didn't think for an instant the dog would attack her.

"The possibility did not even enter my mind. All

I wanted to do was to help the poor thing." She was going to take the dog to a veterinarian or the SPCA, but first had to collect her daughter at Assumption School.

"When I stopped there and opened the door, I looked into a pistol."

She climbed out of the car and handed the car keys to one of the four hijackers. She pleaded with them not to hurt the dog.

The man ordered her to run. She said: "I was waiting for a bullet in the back, but then I heard the dog attacking them."

When she returned with a group of men some minutes later her car was still there, but there was no sign of the hijackers.

"I was greeted by a tail-wagging Jock, proudly sitting on the passenger seat, and all he did was to lick me profusely," said Da Silva.

She could not take Jock home because of her four other dogs - and no guarantee that he would not mete out the same treatment to them.

The Germiston SPCA took care of Jock until his real owner claimed him.

Grant Strydom, Jock's owner, was not surprised by his dog's heroics.

"That is how we know him. Six months ago, he also made a gang of car thieves take to their heels when he grabbed them by the ankles."



BASENJI SET TO BECOME POLICE SNIFFER DOG

Police dog puppies train to nose out explosives, drugs, bodies and missing people and 4 months old, Kaden is a tri Basenji who is aiming to become one of them and when he does he will be one of only a very few Basenji bomb dogs (only two other trained Basenjis are recorded as part of the 35000 dogs that are dog detectives.)

Kaden, who's name is a Gaelic word meaning "little battle" is a bomb-sniffing dog in training at Georgia K9 National Training Centre in the USA.

Kaden, an energetic 12-pound, playful, tri-colour Basenji puppy, with a tail that curls like a cinnamon bun, is working with trainer Jeff Schettler.

Once fully trained, he will assist federal and local police officers as well as private corporations in nosing out deadly explosives at schools, airports and public events. His detective skills can potentially save thousands of lives in an era where law enforcement agencies are aggressively fighting against drugs and terrorist attacks.

"Think about a scenario like the 1996 Olympic bombings," says Schettler, a cheery man who has trained hundreds of dogs to sniff out bombs, drugs, missing people and corpses since the mid-1990s.

Demand for these detection canines -- including bomb dogs such as Kaden -- has surged as homeland security and drug crackdowns become a bigger priority for government and law enforcement. The North American Police Work Dog Association estimates up to 10,000 dogs have been added since the September

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11th, 2001, attacks. Official records of training puppies to work as detection dogs date back to the early 1900s in the U.S.

Trained dogs can track down cocaine camouflaged inside car seats. They can find children who have mysteriously vanished overnight. Detection dogs can even weed out pest-infested apples and oranges accidentally left in suitcases at airports.



Jeff Schettler coaches handlers on how to work with detection dogs, including Kaden seen on the right of the photo.

Trainer Jeff Schettler explains Kaden is an unlikely candidate for police work as the Basenji is a breed that originated in central Africa and are usually used as hunting or show dogs.

experimenting with new dogs, preferring to stick to breeds with a proven track record.

"We're not trying to fix anything," Schettler says. "We're trying to enhance it." Schettler points out some of Kaden's advantages: "The dog's weight will peak at about 25 pounds, enabling him seamlessly to sift between cramped luggage and lockers. Kaden is barkless because Basenjies have an oddly shaped larynx, ideal for quiet searches."

Recently, little Kaden underwent testing. Passing the exam depended on his whiffing talents.

Upon the instructor's command, Kaden's pencil-thin legs playfully trot along the damp grass to an oversize wall scattered with dozens of holes. His instructor has

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hidden black gunpowder wrapped in pantyhose in one of the holes. If Kaden's nose sniffs out the gunpowder, he will immediately sit.

Kaden begins on the left side, quickly taking a zigzag pattern from one hole to another. His pace is methodical, a sniff for each hole. Soon he slows, pauses, inhales again and then sinks his tiny hindquarters to the ground.

"What a good boy," coo several of Kaden's trainers, stroking his sleek fur and rewarding him with one of his favourite treats, torn bits of venison jerky.

As Kaden nibbles on his treat, Schettler admits there are drawbacks to training Basenjis. "Basenjis don't have a furry coat to endure cold weather like a German Shepherd. Basenjis are also a highly independent, stubborn breed with personalities similar to cats, making them difficult to train. Kaden's personality, however, is contrary to most Basenjis. He was separated from a litter in Atlanta at 7 days old because of his unusual sociability with humans."



"At eight weeks, he was in the airport going up to people and running around like he owned the place," Schettler says.

Photographs by Amy Zerba CNN

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Omerta - The Breeders Code of Silence

By Sierra Milton (First published in the Canine Chronicle)

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hat do most modern-day breeders and the Mafia have in common? What a strange question, you may say. It is, sadly though, a very real commonality. The answer is simply what Padgett, a well-known geneticist refers to as the "Code of Silence" for breeders and perhaps more commonly discussed as "omerta" for the Costa Nostra. Both are deadly silences. It's easy to understand the reasons for the conspiracy of silence when it refers to criminals, but what reasons can a breeder possibly have for maintaining "omerta"?

The reason most often given for not sharing genetic information is the fear of being made the object of a "witch hunt." It lies much deeper though. It begins with ownership and the human need to see what one owns as being the best. Remember the "keeping up with the Jones" mentality? Everyone wants the very best and the accolade of owning the best. Admitting that what one owns or has bred may have faults is difficult for most people. Also at fault is the huge financial and emotional investment that breeders have in their dogs. Discovering that there may be defects in the sires and dams that breeders have so much of themselves invested in becomes frightening and causes many to refuse to even contemplate that their dogs may possess defective genes. Egos and fear of being labelled "poor breeders" are ultimately the reasons for breeders maintaining this detrimental code of silence.

Even more dangerous than the Code of Silence though is the refusal to contemplate defective genes may exist within a breeding program and be present for generations, quietly meshing through many bloodlines before manifesting itself. Could it be possible that dogs which appear healthy can actually be spreading dangerous, sometimes lethal genes throughout the breed community until finally two healthy, but gene-defective carriers combine to produce that first tell tale affected offspring.

Of course it is and time and again the geneticists tell us how this is possible.

Simplistically, breeders cannot see defective genes and what they don't see must not exist. Therefore using that logic, all the untested dogs must be as beautifully healthy inside as they are structurally beautiful outside. If only that logic were true! Unfortunately, far more emphasis is placed upon structural and

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superficial beauty simply because it is something that is easily seen, acknowledged and obtained. It's also something without any "unnecessary" financial investments. One doesn't need to pay for x-rays or blood tests or specialists' knowledge in order to evaluate how a dog conforms to a physical standard.

The real danger, though, comes not from those dogs who are tested, but from those breeders who keep their heads in the sand and refuse to believe that their dogs could be less than 'perfect'. We can begin to fix that which we reveal, but that which remains hidden is a threat to the future. But here omerta, that "Code of Silence" is very evident. Not only do these breeders hold fast to the belief that their dogs are untainted by defective genes, structural defects or temperament problems, but they also believe that no dog that they choose to bring into their breeding program through mating with their dogs could possibly be carriers either. After all, they only "breed to the best," and of course, that best just has to be perfect.

Now the truly criminal act occurs. These breeders are quite often very successful in the show ring; their dogs are thought to be the best - after all, they have ribbons and placings and titles to prove how worthy their dogs are! Because of their show ring success, they are seen as breed authorities, people that newcomers to the breed trust for knowledge and information. And the information these newcomers get is that there are no genetic problems to be concerned with, no need to do that "expensive testing when the dogs are all healthy." Even more disastrous to the breed's future is that these breeders' attitudes begin to prevail. The newcomers see the success of these breeders' dogs and buy them (even though few, if any, have had even the most rudimentary testing for structural faults, poor health or defective genes). The newcomers then have a financial and emotional investment to protect which begins to spread this attitude, with predictable results. Soon, because these breeders are the "powers" within the breed (quite often judges, people selected to discuss the breed at seminars, breeders who command respective prices for puppies and stud fees, breeders seen winning), they use this "power" to ensure that it becomes unethical to discuss any defects, in either health or temperament, found in any of the pedigrees of their sires, dams or progeny of their sires or dams. All too often one hears "I don't dare say anything if I want to win" or "there are three lines with epilepsy (or heart or eye or pick a health problem), but you don't need to know about them." Of course we need to know about them, how else are we to make intelligent decisions about which dogs would best benefit the future we plan for our dogs unless we consider not only the structural beauty, but also the hidden genetics that we are attempting to also improve?

What about the breeders who openly discuss the defects found in

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their own dogs? Unfortunately, they are all too often labelled as "poor breeders" and their dogs said to be "defective". They are shunned and spoken of in whispers and sneers. The very fact that these breeders are striving to share knowledge openly and to scientifically test their dogs make these breeders the subject of witch hunts by the very people who are either too cheap, too unconcerned, too egotistical, too uncaring about the future to even test their dogs, much less have the courage to honestly discuss their dogs. Instead of applauding these breeders who choose to share information, these breeders become shunned and hounded. As a result, and because human nature makes us want to be part of a group instead of outside the group, breeders begin to do what they do best - they maintain silence and lie or refuse to admit what they do know.

As more and more newcomers join a breed and inexperienced breeders and exhibitors all jump on the bandwagon of showing, owning and practicing the art of breeding, they turn to the breeders who are winning, equating winning with superior quality dogs. The breeders are, therefore, more determined to have nothing bad revealed about any of their dogs, further establishing in their minds the perfection of the dogs they breed and further increasing the financial and emotional investment that they have in perpetuating this theory. Winning in the show ring has nothing to do with genetic health. Indeed, a number of the winning dogs are carriers of genetic disorders at the least and, in some instances, are known to have genetic health disorders. While a genetic disorder itself, depending upon type and severity, should never preclude the dog from the genetic pool, it is absolutely mandatory that people be aware of any area of concern in order to breed intelligently. At the very least, the dogs that the dog is bred to must be tested and their backgrounds looked at carefully to limit the possibility of affecting more dogs or making more dogs carriers of the disorder. Yet, because the winners don't want to be labelled as "poor breeders" and lose the accolade of being the best (as well as the possible financial loss in not being able to sell puppies or stud fees at as high a price), the "Code of Silence" becomes even more firmly embodied.

The newcomers, because they want to be accepted, avoid talking about the sires and dams that produce poorly, whether it is structure, health or temperament problems. Also, they too now have a financial and emotional investment in addition to wanting to be accepted into the "winners club." They may even recognize trends in one or more lines in their own pedigrees, but refuse to acknowledge these trends and keep them secret for fear of being labelled.

Often, the breeders, while not openly acknowledging that there are

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any problems, will attempt to dilute the possibility of the disorder rearing its head by out-breeding to another totally different line. Dr. Jerold Bell, a well-known geneticist, has this to say about this method: "Repeated out-breeding to attempt to dilute detrimental recessive genes is not a desirable method of genetic disease control. Recessive genes cannot be diluted; they are either present or not. Out-breeding carriers multiples and further spreads the defective genes in the gene pool. If a dog is a known carrier or has high carrier risk through pedigree analysis, it can be retired from breeding, and replaced with one or two quality offspring. Those offspring should be bred, and replaced with quality offspring of their own, with the hope of losing the defective gene."

Unfortunately, refusing to acknowledge or test for genetic disorders doesn't make them go away. What we can't see still has a huge impact on the breed and continuing to breed these carriers of defective genes allows the defect to take a firmer hold in the breed. Those breeders who try very hard to breed healthy dogs and take every scientific precaution to ensure genetic health are shunned for the very passion that should be applauded; the efforts they take are trivialized at best and more often ridiculed as "unnecessary" or "fear-mongering." As a result, these breeders work alone and, outside of their own kennel, their efforts make little impact on the breed as a whole.

Omerta can only be broken by people who have the courage, conviction and passion to ensure that the breed as a whole becomes stronger and healthier. Instead of witch hunts for those who have the heartache of dealing with the problems, the goal of applauding those with the courage and determination to speak out openly should be taken up by every breed club in every country. Awards in addition to those given to breeders who have the most winning dogs should be given to those breeders who work tirelessly to improve the breed. Prettiness and beauty doesn't improve a breed; genetic health and the ability to live a pain-free, healthy life far surpass beauty, but are more difficult to obtain.

The cost of genetic testing is not high when one looks at the effects that refusing to test may have on the breed. Ask any knowledgeable breeder whose breed has rampant heart, blood disorder, eye or hip problems whether they blame the lack of foresight and the refusal of past breeders in making a further financial investment in the breed for the almost insurmountable problems now and the answer is predictable. In the UK, it is possible to do testing by certified specialists for hip, elbow, eye, heart, blood, immune disorders for around a total investment of £295.00 (far less in the United States), less than a cost of a puppy or a stud fee. It's possible to do far less testing, but at what cost? Will the breed suffer from

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heart problems in the future because a simple £7.50 stethoscope test (done through one of the breed-sponsored heart clinics, in this case the Boxer) was not important at the time? Will the breed be faced with trying to eradicate blindness years from now because a £16.00 eye exam (done through one of the many eye clinics held each month or free if done at Crufts dog show at the clinic they hold each year) was thought unwarranted? Will the descendants be filled with pain from bad hips and/or elbows because the breed moved well in the show ring and didn't look dysplastic to the naked eye? (X-rays necessary for hip and elbow evaluations are the most expensive testing at a cost of approximately £110 for hips and an additional £80 for elbows when done with the hips; unfortunately it takes six different films to evaluate elbows and the cost reflects the number of films necessary.) Testing for things such as von Willebrand's Disease (vWD) and thyroid testing (immune system) can be done inexpensively as blood tests at perhaps £30 and £50 each. Granted, testing for these genetic disorders won't guarantee that a problem won't occur in future breeding, but testing will greatly reduce the chances of problems and that is a good place to start.

If a breeder cannot provide proof in the form of veterinarian- issued certificates or reports that genetic testing has been done, the buyer should be aware that they purchase at their own risk! Caveat emptor! Breeders may claim that their dogs have never limped or that there is no need to do any testing because the breed is healthy. Some may even claim that their veterinarians have said that genetic testing was unnecessary. Those stances are irresponsible. Once again, genes are not visible and carriers of defective genes may themselves appear healthy to the naked eye. It is only with testing that we really know whether our dogs are affected or not and only then with honest evaluation of pedigrees having tested or affected dogs that the potentiality for carriers are realized.

What can we do to break the deadly Code of Silence? The majority, if not all, breed clubs have a code of ethics that require members to breed healthy dogs. One of the places to start is with the clubs. Instead of being social institutions or "good ole boy" clubs, these breed organizations could begin upholding the very real goal of protecting the future of the breed by demanding and requiring that genetic testing be undertaken prior to breeding. Far more serious than breeding a sixteen-month old bitch is the practice of breeding without taking every possible safeguard that genetic health is a priority. Yet, in many clubs "poor breeders" are identified by the age at which they breed or the frequency in which they breed rather than the very real criteria that proof of health be mandatory. Take the emphasis off winning - how many clubs determine "breeder of the year" based on the number of progeny that wins? Are there clubs that

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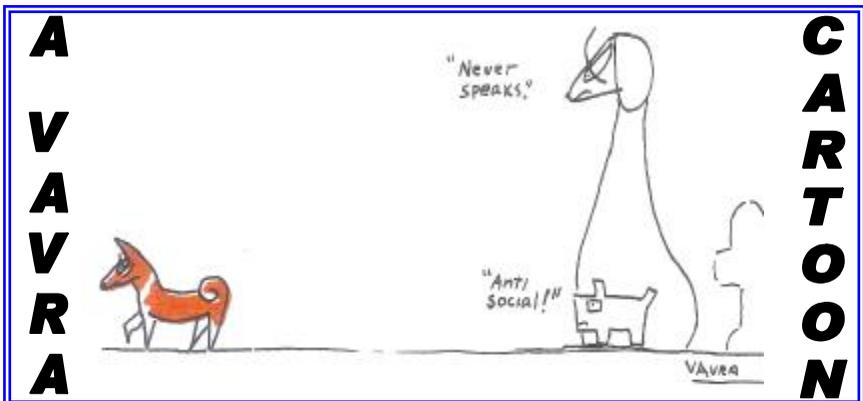
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actually require that the breeder also must show proof that they are doing all they can do to ensure the future of the breed?

We can break the silence by commending those with the courage and determination to talk about problems, share successes and knowledge instead of ostracizing them. Omerta fails if every puppy buyer and stud dog user demands that proof of genetic testing is shown. The Code of Silence fails when we realize that it is not enough to breed winning dogs or to command the highest price for puppies or to have a stud dog that is used fifty, sixty, a hundred times; we must take back the passion with which we all first embraced our breeds and passionately work with determination toward a future where the numbers of genetic disorders are reduced each year,

If those you know breed without testing, ask yourself why - is it lack of courage in perhaps finding a carrier within their breeding stock? Is it because they fear a financial loss if they test? Is it because they truly believe that their dogs couldn't possibly be less than perfect? Is it because they fear they will lose their "top breeder" standing if they admit that there are problems that need working on? Is it because they fear that it will be harder to breed beautiful and healthy dogs? Or have they lost the passion with which they first loved the breed while they were climbing the road to winning success? Or, more sadly, is it because they really just don't care about that which they cannot actually see.

It's hard work and takes great courage to develop a breeding program using scientific methods and tests, but the hope of a better future should drive us all to that very commitment. The key is being able to work together without fear of whispers or silence. Omerta, the code of silence, can be broken if more of us decide that we are not going to tolerate the quiet any longer.



Jasmine has a whole lotta love for all.



Police in Warwickshire, opened a garden shed and found a whimpering, cowering dog. It had been locked in the shed and abandoned. It was dirty and malnourished, and had clearly been abused.

In an act of kindness, the police took the dog, which was a Greyhound bitch, to the nearby Nuneaton Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary, run by a man named Geoff Grewcock and known as a willing haven for Animals abandoned, orphaned or otherwise in need.

Geoff and the other sanctuary staff went to work with two aims to restore the dog to full health, and to win her trust. It took several weeks, but eventually both goals

were achieved.

They named her Jasmine, and they started to think about finding her an adoptive home.

But Jasmine had other ideas. No-one remembers now how it began, but she started welcoming all animal arrivals at the sanctuary. It wouldn't matter if it was a puppy, a fox cub, a rabbit or, any other lost or hurting animal, Jasmine would peer into the box or cage and, where possible, deliver a welcoming lick.

Geoff relates one of the early incidents. "We had two puppies that had been abandoned by a nearby railway line. One was a Lakeland Terrier cross and another was a Jack Russell Doberman cross. They were tiny when they arrived at the centre and Jasmine approached them and grabbed one by the scruff of the neck in her mouth and put him on the settee. Then she fetched the other one and sat down with them, cuddling them."

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"But she is like that with all of our animals, even the rabbits. She takes all the stress out of them and it helps them to not only feel close to her but to settle into their new surroundings."

"She has done the same with the fox and badger cubs, she licks the rabbits and guinea pigs and even lets the birds perch on the bridge of her nose."

Jasmine, the timid, abused, deserted waif, became the animal sanctuary's resident surrogate mother, a role for which she might have been born. The list of orphaned and abandoned youngsters she has cared for comprises five fox cubs, four badger cubs, 15 chicks, eight guinea pigs, two stray puppies and 15 rabbits.



And one roe deer fawn. Tiny Bramble, 11 weeks old, was found semi-conscious in a field. Upon arrival at the sanctuary, Jasmine cuddled up to her to keep her warm, and then went into the full foster mum role. Jasmine the greyhound showers Bramble the Roe deer with affection and makes sure nothing is matted.

"They are inseparable," says Geoff "Bramble walks between her legs and they keep kissing each other. They walk together round the sanctuary. It's a real treat to see them."

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Jasmine will continue to care for Bramble until she is old enough to be returned to woodland life. When that happens, Jasmine will not be lonely. She will be too busy showering love and affection on the next Orphan or victim of abuse.



From left, Toby, a stray Lakeland dog; Bramble, orphaned Roe deer; Buster, a stray Jack Russell; a dumped rabbit; Sky, an injured barn owl; and Jasmine with a Mothers heart doing best what a caring Mother would do... Such is the order of God's Creation.

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MISCELLANY

Shake it all about

With all the sadness and trauma that has been going on in the world for many years, it is worth reflecting back to the death of a very important USA citizen who died in 1996. Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote 'The Hokey Pokey,' better known here in UK as the dance - the "Hokey Cokey," died peacefully at the age of 83. The most traumatic time for his family and the undertaker was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in.....and then the trouble started.

Who's the KING of the Jungle

A Lion was walking through the jungle one morning, feeling very good, he met an Ape and said 'Good morning Ape, who is the king of the jungle' 'Why you are' replied the ape.

The Lion carried on walking and met the Monkeys, Zebras, and Giraffes etc and asked them all the same question, getting the same reply.

Then he met an Elephant and said 'Who is the king of the jungle' The Elephant picked up the Lion with his trunk and threw him up a tree, bouncing on the ground the poor Lion struggled to his feet and looked up at the Elephant. 'There is no need to loose your temper just because you do not know the answer'

Dog Thought For The Day



**Whatever stress you face.
If you can't eat it or hump it.
Piss on it and walk away.**

The Odds and Ends Page.....



"No need to open the gate I can get through here."



A winner and a loser.



"She wont forget my walk next time!"



A Pooper Scooper.



"Hands off my Frisbee."



Is This a Chinese Snack Bar Sign?

NOTICE BOARD.....

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The Editor has the final decision on whether or not to publish items and also reserves the right to edit for suitability the content of those published.

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Contributions to our Newsletter are always welcome and should be sent to our Editor Mrs. Irene Horner. Let us have your cartoons, stories, articles and comments.

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You can become a member of NBS at a cost of £6 single, £5 overseas, £5 Concessionary (non voting), £9 joint, and £1 junior. Full membership entitles you to cheaper entry fees for shows and at least 2 Newsletters a year. Contact our Secretary for details.

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Why not advertise in future issues of the Newsletter at a cost of £4 for a full page, or £15 for a full page with ONE colour photograph, or in the Breeders Directory for only £1.50 for initial set up and then free for as long as you want? Further details from our Editor or Secretary.

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The next NBS Show is the Autumn Open Show on October 18th 2009 at Lach Dennis Village Hall - Judge - Colin Wells.

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BASENJI RESCUE

The Basenji Rescue co-ordinator in the North of England is:

**MRS E. GRAYSON
4 Sam Road
Diggle, Oldham
Lancs. OL3 5PU
Tel: 01457 878747**

or alternatively you may contact

**MRS CONNIE GRAHAM
May Cottage
Fletchers Lane
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WA13 9PP Tel: 01925 756622**

The NBS are keeping a list of any members or their friends who, having lost their own Basenji, would consider giving a home to an older dog. We can then pass on their names to the Rescue co-ordinators.

So please let us know if you would like your name to be included on this list.

We would also appreciate it if you will pass this information on to any of your non-member friends.

One good point about taking an older dog is that they are more than likely to be house-trained so, no little puddles to come down to in the morning!

You would also be performing a very necessary service for our breed.

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Members who have anything, other than an advert, they wish to post on the notice board can make use of the free space on this page at no cost. Send your brief copy to the Editor.

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