

Basenji Club of NSW, Sydney Australia

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Overall Critique

There was a high-quality entry of 90 Basenjis. The baby puppies provided clear evidence that the breed is in good standing in Australia. There were a considerable number of promising puppies, showing correct heads, nice short bodies, and sound movement for their age. The winner was particularly stunning, with excellent temperament.

In each class there was consistent quality. The pattern for each class was: very good heads, with correct expression and wrinkling; lovely necks, nice carriage and length; short backs; and excellent tail sets. The movement was very good, with only a few lifting their front feet too high. This, along with two other issues need to be addressed in the breed, pasterns being let down, and ear carriage, a little too wide.

In the descriptions: Red and White (RW) Black, White and Tan (TRI) Brindle and White (BDW) and Black and White (BW)

Baby Puppy – Dog

1. (3) Excellent (TRI) puppy with a strong head, and lovely ear set and wrinkling. Excellent top-line and very sound movement. Well-presented and trained for the ring.
2. (13) Very Promising (RW) puppy with excellent head dimensions, and structure. Good legs, well under. Moves well but will mature more with age. Excellent temperament for its age.
3. (12) Very promising (TRI) puppy, littermate to #13. Similar type of puppy to its littermate, with excellent head and very typical type. Very nice eye. Will develop and mature in its movement with age.
4. (8) Promising (RW) puppy with good head and correctly proportioned body. Excellent tail-set and well bodied. Side-gait good, but still developing up and down.
5. (9) Promising (RW) litter mate to #8, a solid puppy with a good head. Body is firm on the top-line. Movement will develop with age.

Baby Puppy – Bitch

1. (15) Excellent (TRI) Head was very good, with correct eye, small ears, and correct wrinkling. A short-backed bitch with great side gait and straight up and down.
2. (16) Very promising, lovely headed bitch with small ears. Good movement. Would prefer a better top-line.
3. (18) Very promising shaped bitch with good movement, but needs to be better trained for the ring.
4. (17) Promising young bitch on the smaller side still, but nice fine bone. Movement needs to be stronger.
5. (19) Promising bitch (BDW) with good head. A little on the longer side and her movement needs to be stronger.

Junior – Dog

1. (22) Excellent (RW) dog with correct fine bone. Nice head with good wrinkling, correct small ears and set. Excellent moving dog.
2. (23) Very Good (RW) dog with nice movement and fine bone. Ears could be better set.
3. (21) Very Good (RW) dog with good body and reasonable fineness. Good solid head. Could have more reach in the front.

Intermediate – Dog

1. (27) Excellent dog (RW) of very high quality, with a great balanced head. Typical movement and level top-line. Beautiful ears size and set.
2. (26) Very Good dog (RW) with excellent movement and a very nice balanced head. Pastern could be stronger.
3. (24) Very Good dog (RW) with a nice head, good wrinkling and correct ears. Pasterns could be stronger and more let down in the hocks.

#### Limit – Dog

1. (32) Excellent dog (Tri) Typical type and movement of high quality. Lovely head with small ears and correct set. Good let down of hocks.
2. (30) Very Good dog (Tri) fine boned and of good type. Could move out more.
3. (31) Very Good (TRI) Nice type and good top-line, but needs to move out more. Needs more ring experience.

#### State Bred – Dog

1. (37) Excellent dog (TRI) with very correct structure and body. Very nice head type with excellent expression. Has a very good coat.
2. (38) Very Good dog (BW) of typical type and head. Wrinkling could be more, but overall typical expression. Coat was blown.
3. (36) Very Good dog (RW) typical type with solid head, which could be more in balance with the body. Could move out more in the front.

#### Australian Bred – Dog

1. (42) Excellent dog (RW) of the highest quality, correct and typical fine bone, well balanced head and with great movement. Excellent patterns and feet. Well-presented and trained.
2. (44) Very good (BW) of typical type and structure. Good movement and very well-presented coat. Pasterns could be stronger.
3. (41) Very Good dog (TRI) Nice overall, good movement and balanced head. Body could be more to type.

#### Open – Dog

1. (46) Excellent dog (RW) of the highest quality, correct fine bone and very nice top-line. Head has excellent expression with correct small ears. Excellent movement. Coat showed signs of the season change.
2. (45) Excellent dog (RW) fine boned and overall balanced. Expression reasonable. Very good movement.
3. (47) Very Good dog (TRI) with solid structure and good movement. Very typical tail, size and set.

#### Veteran 7 years and older – Dog

1. (50) Excellent dog (RW) fine boned and elegant dog. Correct head with wrinkling and nice small ears. Good top-line. Staying well with age.
2. (48) Very Good dog (RW) good solid moving dog and proportionate head with good expression. Good wrinkling for age.

#### Junior – Bitch

1. (52) Excellent bitch (RW) very sound young bitch with correct proportioned head. Solid top-line and excellent movement. Very good ear size and set. High potential for the future of the breed.
2. (53) Excellent bitch (RW) fine boned and elegant type with correct front and rear movement. Nice small ears.
3. (54) Very Good bitch (RW) with nice head and expression. Could move out more in the front.

#### Intermediate – Bitch

1. (57) Excellent bitch (BDW) of the highest quality; great temperament, fine and typical type. Great head, with beautiful eye and wrinkling. Excellent movement.
2. (56) Very good bitch (RW) with typical structure and movement. Fine boned and very good top-line. Elegant head with typical expression.
3. (55) Very good bitch (RW) very nice side movement but up and down could be better. Typical proportionate head with good wrinkling.

#### Limit – Bitch

1. (65) Excellent bitch (RW) very typical of the breed with good head and wrinkling. Well-structured and good top-line. Correct rear. Moves well.
2. (63) Very Good bitch (BW) alert bitch with nice head typical of the breed. Very good movement.
3. (60) Very Good bitch (RW) Nice head with good wrinkling, fine boned. Needs to move out more.

#### State Bred – Bitch

1. (71) Excellent bitch (RW) very good type and nice head, with correct expression and wrinkling. Very nice tail set and size. Very sound mover.
2. (66) Very Good bitch (RW) fine boned and correct size. Very nice head with sound movement. Very nice tail. PLEASE CHECK AS CATALOGUE SHOWED 66 IS ABSENT
3. (68) Very Good bitch (RW) solid head with nice head proportionate to the body. Good wrinkling and expression. Could move out more.

#### Australian Bred – Bitch

1. (75) Excellent bitch (RW) very sound type of fine bone. Typical body and structure for the breed. Lovely head, small ears and correctly placed. Excellent movement. A tighter tail would be preferred.
2. (73) Very Good bitch (BW) lovely bitch with nice head and reasonable wrinkling and expression.
3. (74) Very Good bitch (RW) nice, typical bitch with fine bone. Correct top-line. Tail set could be better.

#### Open – Bitch

1. (81) Excellent bitch (BDW) fine boned bitch of excellent type. Very good head with small ears, good top-line and tight tail. Moves very typical of the breed.
2. (79) Very Good bitch (RW) solid body with correct bone. Could move out more in the front. Ears are a little larger than expected.
3. (77) Very Good bitch (RW) nice bitch with good movement.

#### Veteran 7 Years and Over – Bitch

1. (84) Excellent bitch (RW) of great quality. Very typical of the breed, fine boned with excellent angles front and rear. Excellent movement. Very good expression created through the combination of an excellent eye, small ears and good wrinkling.
2. (83) Very Good bitch of typical type. Nice head and body proportionate. Could have more depth in the muzzle.

#### Veteran 10 Years and Over – Bitch

1. (87) Excellent bitch (BW) very agile for the 11-year-old with good typical body and excellent movement.
2. (86) Very Good bitch (RW) very nice bitch with excellent movement for her age.
3. (85) Very good bitch (BDW) Nice bitch and fine boned. Good mover for her age.

#### Neuter – Dog

1. (88) Excellent dog (RW) Very good mover, and lively for a 9-year-old. Good angulation and ice ear size and set.

Neuter – Bitch

1. (91) Excellent bitch (RW) typical of the breed and very good condition for a 9-year-old. Good wrinkling and nice tail set to add to the typical Basenji.