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## YANKEE BASENJI CLUB

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Club members John and Helen Santuk are also members of the Framingham Kennel Club in Massachusetts and recently they found a newspaper clipping while reviewing old Framingham Kennel Club records. A copy of that appears below!

Al and Mary Phemister must have really been in the spotlights at that show in 1942 when they introduced the first American born Basenji to the public.

A big thank you to John and Helen Santuk for making this article available for all to read.

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# SPORTS PAGE

## Many Entries Reported for Dog Show at Raceland Sunday

### Nearly 1000 Dogs Will Be at Annual Show Here on Sunday

With entries for the big canine sporting event of the season closed the chairman of the Framingham District Kennel club bench show committee announces 851 entries in this year's fixture at Raceland, on Sunday, August 23. This is only 60 behind the entries for 1941, which is amazing, considering gasoline rationing, defense work, and the other difficulties of the current season. Under normal conditions it is obvious from interest that the show would have gone over the 1000 dog-mark.

This is a tribute to the beauty of the setting of this now famous Framingham event and of the efficiency of the club and the hospitality and co-operation by exhibitors and gate alike that have always characterized the Framingham District Kennel club show, which is now a "must" with every dog fancier within commuting distance.

Among the unusual breeds to be seen will be a Basenji from Africa, known as the barkless dog. This breed, from Central Africa, is used by the natives for hunting. The dogs have a scenting ability three times greater than that of any other dog, scenting at 90 yards. They are highly intelligent and immaculately clean, washing themselves like cats.

The Basenji male, Barrie, who will make his debut at the Framingham show, will be the first Basenji whelped in America to be shown in this country. His mother was brought over from the African Congo last year; and his father was imported from Miss Tudor-Williams' kennels, the best known Basenji kennels in England. Barrie is from the kennels of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Phemister of Kingston, Mass. Judging starts at 1 p.m. sharp.

"Barrie" Will Be  
Seen at Raceland



Above is Barrie, the African Basenji, a rare breed of dog to be seen at the Framingham District Kennel Club show at Raceland Sunday afternoon. Barrie is the first of his breed born in America to be shown in this country. His mother came from the African Congo and his father from England; and he is from the kennel of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Phemister of Kingston, Mass.