

Jake, Jack, and the 2009 Season

G Ch. Ahmahr Nahr's Jake Jamul To Mibre, SC CGN, went back to Canada to be campaigned for a final year in 2009. We didn't have much of a goal other than that Jake loves to show, Larry loves to show him, and we hoped to win as many Canadian Best in Shows as we could. Unfortunately due to some flying snafus at the end of the year there had been some shows that we thought would have been excellent for Jake that he missed, but he had a great year anyway. Jake finished the year as the No. 3 hound in Canada, and the No.1 Basenji. He has earned an additional 8 CKC Best in Shows, and showed successfully on a few occasions in the U.S. during the Montana circuit in the summer. We did not want to compete him against our U.S. Top Basenji entry, Jack. What Jake had the most fun doing however, was making a final overseas tour.

This year Jake went to the big shows in Columbia in March and went to the Las Americas and Caribe Championships in Peru in April and won his breed and group title for the 3rd time, and went to the Sicalam Championships in Ecuador in October and won this title for a 3rd time. Jake is again FCI Vencedor of the Las Americas & Caribe 2009 - his daughter Ahmahr Nahr's Play Misty For Me went Puppy Best In Show on Saturday evening under Breeder Judge Francisco Pastore from Ecuador & Columbia at 4 1/2 months of age. Jake got a Group placement every day- incredible from a Basenji coming from US/Canada.

In addition, Jake went back to Puerto Rico where he was already a Grand Champion, and won the Pan American Championships Basenji and group titles. His winnings at these shows are as follows:

Spitz and Primitive Group as well as Basenji title for 2009 under Judge I. Ishiwara of Japan as well as his G Ch in Puerto Rico and his Pan Am Ch.

2 BIS 2 wins for the circuit - one under Ishwara and the other under Isidro Castro- Pres of the Brazilian KC.

3 Grp 1's and one Group 2

Additional wins included:

Ch Ahmahr Nahr's Golden Talisman earn her Puerto Rican, FCI and Pan American championships

BISS Ch Ahmahr Nahrs Ryder of the Voodoo Child earned his FCPR Jr championship (cannot hold the adult title until age 15 months)

This year we made a special arrangement to get Jake and his old girlfriend Ch Ahmahr Nahr's Just Call Me Madam JC together for the very first time. Madam moved to Deep River Ontario, just outside Ottawa and is co-owned by Sanda Saunders, Madam is now a dual citizen or registrant of Canada and the United States holding as she does dual championships in those countries as well as many FCI countries. Madam was the 2007 World Winner Bitch. She was a top 20 ranked Basenji in the U.S. for 3 years. She and Jake have loved each other since they were puppies, and as you will see in the puppy section of this website, the two of them had an, "arranged marriage" this fall which resulted in a lovely litter of puppies after Madam spent a month visiting Jake and joining him on the show circuit one last time with Larry.

While Madam showed only sparingly while she was in Canada, and then on the east coast with Edgar Rojas as pilot, she was the No. 3 ranked Basenji in Canada for the year 2009, with multiple 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th winnings. Madam also ranked in the Top 100 hounds in Canada as No. 77.

The kids had such a good time in Canada this summer that Evander, Champion Mibre's Goes the Distance to Ahmahr Nahr, was the No. 10 Basenji in Canada. Evander, and his brother Denne Crane of Ahmahr Nahr, moved from Florida to Calgary, to earn their Championships in a 60 day span beginning in September, and ending with with Lower Mainland Dog Show at Tradex at the end of October.

During that time, each of them earned multiple Puppy Group 1's as well as each winning a Puppy Best in Show. Evander is the son of DC Asarte's Sultan Siete with Pips, SC CD RN CGN VB shown on this website elsewhere and Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Sagita, SC (Fauna) as is Denne Crane. Siete and Fauna produced a dynamite litter in 2009.

Siete in 2008, was recognized for the number of Champions he produced in that year, as an AKC Top Sire, we think he did it again in the year 2009, and the statistics will shortly demonstrate that. We have waited a long time to breed Siete to Fauna, both are older dogs, but it was obviously worth the wait.

In addition, Ch Ahmahr Nahr's Play Misty For Me, (pictured on the left) together with Ch Ahmahr Nahr's Ryder of a Voodoo Child (pictured on the right) went off to Canada in the earlier part of the summer. Both obtained their Championships, and both obtained multiple Best Puppy in Show wins, as well as multiple Hound and Puppy Group wins. Ryder, at 7 months, won Best of Breed at the Basenji Club of Canada's Nationals Specialty, except in juniors (because I was Specialty co-chair) won with his Juniors handler, Rashan Willis, and reserved 2 Group 1 placements at the all-breed show.

Ryder, Denne Crane, and Evander went on to win placements at the Phoenix Basenji Fanciers Specialty in October in Arizona. Denne Crane received a 5 point major as Winner's Dog, Evander won the American Bred male class, and Ryder won Best Puppy as well as the only Award of Merit given at the show.

Because Jake was in Canada and our time was limited this year, we did little coursing, however at the beginning of the year, DC Ahmahr Nahr's Tear of the Giraffe (Precious) gave us a big Best in Field win racing through a greyhound's legs at the Stitt Ranch in Stanley, New Mexico under Greyhound breeder judge Elaine Summerfield.

Jennie did a fair amount of coursing judging this year, and is prepared to continue that judging even with the revised AKC coursing rules. Precious has temporarily retired herself to the whelping box and was bred this year to Ch Mibre's All I Want for Christmas SC, also known as "Smooch," who produced the winners shown on the Puppy page. She is getting anxious to get back into the coursing field which is her real love. As you recall Precious retired from confirmation showing after being named Junior world Champion in 2007 when she lost an ear in the breeding season. Jake's other daughter, Babe, who earned her Championship with 4 straight major wins, also produced a litter of puppies shown on the puppy page, and has not determined what her future will be, she is pretty happy with her pups.

Sultana, a Siete-Lady daughter, acquired a new home in Florida with Marti Perez, and has also become a mom. Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Diablo, a wonderful brindle Jake son, found a lovely home in Montana and went on to do therapy work and many other things. Unfortunately, despite the warnings, he either escaped leash, or slipped a flat buckle collar chasing a rabbit, and had a sad early end. This is a hard lesson for all of us that Basenjies are not off lead dogs, and we must do our best to protect them. They enjoy hunting but they need to hunt under controlled circumstances.

In the U.S. this year, Canadian Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Golden Talisman, managed to rack up 27 points with one major, and still is on the hunt for one final major. She is the subject of more broken majors and more broken hearts than any 2 year old Basenji girl deserves to be. She is shown by Sergio Espejo in the United States. She earned her one major by going Best of Breed over specials. We are hoping that she can work herself up to doing it again because it is getting very difficult for find majors. She did however earn her Puerto Rican, Pan American, and FCI titles.

During the same period of time, her brothers, Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Casanova Jack at Whitewater, and Ch Amahr Nahr's Tri Angel C (Cooper) were out winning the breed and placing in groups. Cooper is owned by Sam Prednasult in Arizona, and Sam has done a great job with him both in confirmation and coursing. Jack is co-owned and is shown by Sergio Espejo. Jack was Top 20 Basenji, and has many group wins under his belt. Jack is the most delightful boy with a beautiful gait. He is a Siete-Dancer puppy, and is the best combination of the two of them. He has Dancer's sweetness and gait, and Siete's presence.

Beaux came home after being a Top Hound in Canada as well as the United States and went into obedience training. Obedience training is not Beaux's cup of tea, despite the fact Beaux's father Siete, loved it. Beaux is looking for a job. We have to figure out what Beaux's life work will be. Right now Beaux is playing with all the pups as if he were a pup. If you have any suggestions as to Beaux's permanent job, let us know.

Last year I attended and graduated from the Canine Education Foundation Dog Judge's College which is an offshoot of the Senior Confirmation Judge's Group. I am working on my judge's application but the problem is that I have is limited time and accumulating within the time frame necessary (which is narrow) what is appropriate and under our judging rules, enough matches, sweeps, assignments to qualify, etc. This is really tough. I feel like I am earning my own tracking title looking for these assignments. The one thing I truly enjoy is judging matches and sweeps.

In July I was co-chair of Basenji Club of Canada's National Specialty with my friend, Kathy Upton from the Ottawa area. We had a wonderful time and it was really an interesting experience to be chairman of the National Specialty to be held thousands of miles from where you reside, but it went incredibly well. We had a wonderful poster design made for us, I'll show it to you, and the Club made a ton of money on this specialty and had a great time. We had one of the largest entries we've ever had, and it certainly was the largest entry we have ever had outside of Ontario. My only disappointment was that we didn't have any obedience Basenjies. I wanted to enter my own but I couldn't run a show and do obedience at the same time.

So think of me when you're setting up a match or sweep.

We are looking forward to new adventures and new wins in 2010.