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Gabe – Halle in the year 2012

2012 was banner year at the kennel. Three (3) dogs born out of one litter there were Top Dogs in three (3) different registries. BIS, MBIS, G Ch Ahmahr Nahr's The Lost Angel, Gabriel, was AKC the No. 1 Grand Champion in the country, the No. 2 Basenji in Breed points, the No. 2 Basenji in All Breed points.

BIS, MBIS, G Ch Ahmahr Nahr's Hallelujah Makes a Joyful Noise was the No. 1 Basenji in the Canadian Kennel Club system and the No. 4 hound.

Ch Ahmahr Nahr's, You're the Best, aka as Ernie, or Dandy, was the No. 3 Basenji in the UKC system. He lives in Arizona with Mary DeWitt and Flo Havens.

Halle spent the year with Edgar Rojas in Guelph, Ontario, and Gabe was shown all year by Sergio Espejo, and lived in the southern part of New Mexico on Sergio's farm at Radium Springs.

Unfortunately for Gabe the National Specialty for the U.S., was in July, a very bad time of the year to fly dogs, plus the Specialty was in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, a very difficult place to fly to on doggy friendly airlines in the heat of the year. Unfortunately, Gettysburg is not driving distance for us, and the law practice does not allow this type of protracted absence and so Gabe did not get to the National Specialty. Until that point, he led the country most of the year in either Breed points, or All Breed Points, but he had a wonderful year Texas anyway. He started out the year by going the Best in Specialty Show at the Williamette Valley Basenji Fancier's Show at the Rose Cluster in Portland. He then went on to go the Best in Specialty show at the Dallas/Forth Worth Basenji Fancier's Show, and finished out his specialty rounds by winning the Indian Nation's Basenji Club's Specialty in the summer.

Additionally, Gabe got an All Breed Best in Show in Midland, Texas this year. There are every year very few Basenji Best in Show, usually three (3) or four (4) and so we are very happy that he won one of these coveted awards. It is a shame really because the Basenji is a beautiful dog breed, and they are a beautiful dog in Group and Best in Show ring. Unfortunately Basenji are a primitive and nearly rare breed and registration, plays a great part in how well, or how often, a particular breed goes Best in Show. Basenjis are way down the ladder in popularity. They are not the dog for everyone, but they are the dog for us.

On these pages proudly, are Gabe's Best in Show, and Best in Show Specialty wins, as well as a wonderful Group I he got under Michelle billings in Oklahoma. He was a lucky boy last year and he fathered two (2) wonderful litters, one with his little black/white girlfriend, Jabba from Florida, and another, a Klassic girl, Winnie, from Canada. We got to do the breeding right here in New Mexico and we had a wonderful time. The puppies are fantastic. Gabe is producing exactly what Gabe is in multi-color.

Gabe did well at the end of the year. He won Best of Opposite at the Eukanuba National. I would have been happier had he got the Best of Breed, but the entry was skewed 3-1 in favor of bitches, and that was not to be.

Gabe was very pleased, however that his kennel mates joined him in doing so well. His sister, Halle, referenced above, was select, got the first award of Merit, and his cousin, Magic, referenced below, was the Best of Breed Owner/Breeder Handled and AOM. Gabe won many other awards and group wins like his Group 1st at Travis County Kennel Club, Chaparral Kennel Club, Comal County Kennel Club, for his Canadian friends, he got an award of Merit at the Basenji Club of Canada National, outside of Toronto, in the early summer 2012; Group I at West Texas Kennel Club.

Halle started out her year with a bang in Canada, and then went to England for Crufts, and won a placement there. Here she is shown walking to get her award, and at the table. We had lots of fun at Crufts because Zen, who was showed to

his AKC and CKC titles, had just gone to his new home in Ireland, and his people brought him to Crufts where he shown and got a placement, and we met his new girlfriend, a lovely tri girl, who is his own on the couch with the award, as he is also shown here in his Irish snow suit. Halle then went back to Canada where she was the National Champion and showed there in a championship year.

We start out with a portrait with Halle in the water near Cornwall showing just what you can get a Basenji to do if they love you enough, as you can see Halle standing on a rock in the midst of the St. Lawrence's Seaway, with water rushing all around her. Anyone who knows much about the breed knows how much confidence it takes in your handler in order to get a Basenji to do this. Thank you Edgar, for giving Halle a wonderful year in Canada. Edgar Rojas treated Halle like the princess she believes she is, and all went well for them. Halle went Reserve Best in Show to begin the year at Ontario Breeder's Association.

She got a Group I from Pat and Geraldine Taylor at the same cluster, and added two (2) more Group I's that weekend, for a banner beginning of the year. She continued her winning ways under Honey Glen Denning in Canada, as well as a second All Breed Group I win there. She then went west and did remarkably well, being one of the few hounds to take out the Number 1, dog in Canada, All Breed, at Borzois, in Saskatoon at Hub City, where she scored Group I's all weekend. Thank you Tom Touzel, and Donna Cole, among others. She got another nice Reserve Best in Show from John Ross in Sault St. Marie; Best of Opposite at the Basenji National in Canada for 2012, and then on the next day, the Best of Breed at the second specialty.

Halle got numerous other Group I's and won the Ottawa Sight Hound Specialty in the early summer, under Mr. Heard, and another All Breed Best in Show, also in the early summer. at Lakehead Kennel Club. This was an incredible finish for a girl in Canada.

In addition, Gabe went to the Sicalam championships in Puerto Rico, and won that under a South African judge, Greg Eva.

Our black and white girl, Magic, finished her Championship, and finished her Grand championship immediately at the beginning of the year. She came home to grow up. We did show her a little bit during the year, culminating in the Eukanuba win where she got an award of excellence and Owner/Handled Best of Breed. She is shown here with Sergio's assistant, finishing her Grand Championship in Denver, and she is thinking of doing some specialty showing this year and working on her coursing titles with Bob and Justice (and perhaps even Fiesta).

This is the year of finishing championships on puppies almost before we knew we had them entered. They have been finishing their Grand Championships just as fast. Our brindle boy, Bob, who came to us from North Carolina, and from Ahmahr Nahr stock never before bred. He is the nephew of Ryder, and the grandson of Jake. The first day that he showed, he got a major win under judge, Ed Bivin who said he was the best brindle Basenji had had ever seen. This was at six (6) months, and 1 day. He finished his Championship, and his Grand Championship at 8 months of age, won the Best of Opposite Sex and then won the hound shows in Portland in January.

Little Chancy got her title almost immediately. She is our little "mistake girl" who resulted from a breeding we believed was safe based on fanconi test results which later turned out to be incorrect. We were lucky that out of all of this litter we had only one "probably affected," and have been able to keep Chancy in prime condition effectively following our vet's instructions and using of the protocol. Chancy will not eat a meal without her antacid mints. She has the sweetest breath in the basenji kingdom. Here we see this little brindle going best of winners in Portland.

Also from Canada, Dax and Pip finished their championships. They are tri boys that come from a breeding on the one hand as to Pip, out of Misty and Cooper and on the other hand, as to Dax, Madam and a Bushwacker Dog. They have done very well and are now getting ready for coursing and looking for their "forever" homes.

Stella came to us from Florida, and she got both her Championship and her Grand Championship, almost immediately, and she is now growing up and getting ready to consider a coursing career. She also got her share of specialty wins at the Oklahoma Specialty. Fiesta and Justice both finished up their FCI, Sicalam, Puerto Rican, and Columbian titles. Fiesta is shown as the 4th Best in Puppy Show in Columbia, and a group win there.

So the year was good and the New Year is off to a great start.