

2007 SEASON

2007 was the year, in which many accomplishments were consolidated. Each year we sit down and plan the next season, set goals for that season we hope to meet. 2007 was however, not particularly one of those years. It was not really one of those years because, we had really only two goals in mind, they were; break the all-time Canadian Basenji Best in Show Record and set a new one and win the World Championship Title for G.Ch Ahmahr Nahr's Jake Jamal to Mimbre JC, and Champion C.H. Amahr Nahr's Just Call Me Madam JC, World Champions.

We have accomplished this and more. Both, Jake and Madam won the World Title against stiff competition in Mexico City, in May 2007. Madam completed her second year, as an AKC Top Dog Basenji, including all breed statistics and again qualified for the Eukanuba Classic. She finished the year with a new handler, our old friend Sergio Espejo, from Radium Springs, New Mexico.

Jake finished his year, as a CKC Top Dog Basenji and a Top Dog Hound. We do not know at this time, whether he will be number one Basenji or merely number two. What we do know, is that he will be in the top five hounds, nationally and we do know that Jake broke all records, for Best in Show, ever won by a basenji, in Canada and holds the all-time dogs defeated and dogs defeated in a single season record.

Jake and Madam, both did well, at the FCI shows. Jake repeated as the Macho SICALAM Champion, Spitz and Primitive Group Winner and Madam won as the Hembra SICALAM Winner. We were thrilled to take a new dog, Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Tears of the Giraffe, to Mexico City with us and onto the SICALAM Shows and the FCI Las Americas and Caribbean Shows in Puerto Rico. Precious, did us all proud, as she won a Best as Young Basenji, and place in the Spitz and Primitive Joven Group every single day, taking it on day three. A pup out of Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Sagitta (Fauna) was Best Basenji Puppy in the World and won the Puppy Spitz and Primitive Group, all four days.

Jake and Madam each won the Top Basenji Honors at the FCI Las Americas and Caribbean Shows, and Precious (Ahmahr Nahr's Tears of the Giraffe) won the Joven Title in Puerto Rico.

Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Mardi Gras Flambeaux Man was Top Joven at the Mexican National Show in Mexico City, 2007, and Top Spitz and Primitive Group Winner at the SICALAM Shows, in Costa Rica in September. We were able to finish FCI and SICALAM Titles on Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Mardi Gras Flambeaux Man as well as Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Just Call Me Madam JC, and earned FCI, Costa Rica and Puerto Rico titles on those dogs. We also put Costa Rica and Puerto Rico titles on Precious and junior titles from Costa Rica and Puerto Rico on our Jake puppy, Lily, owned by ourselves and Anna Seyller (Ahmahr Nahr's High Desert Tiger Lily). In the summer of 2007, we launched her in Canada by going to Vancouver Island with puppies in search of sufficient wins against competition to earn CKC titles and were successful. We put CKC Champion Titles on Champion Ahmahr Nahr's High Desert Tiger Lily, Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Sultan's Lady, Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Blue Angel, Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Blue Chip, Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Kokopelli Dancer. Angel and Chip are owned by friend, Rose Marie Holt. On the trip to Canada, those pups did very well with major CKC wins, for Koko and Lily. At the end of the year Koko lacked one point getting her AKC title and Lily lacked one major. Sultana is co-owned by Michelle Smith Barbour, from Florida. Sultana went home after Canadian Shows to Florida, for showing with her mom.

We didn't really have a definite plan for Jake, once he broke the Best in Show record and became World Champion. Since he was young, Jake turned 4 in December 2007, we left him in Canada to complete the year, though we do not believe it was quite the record breaker, that the 2006 was. In addition, Jake stayed in the top twenty-five in the US. Both he and Madam qualified for Eukanuba Classic in the US (Jake also qualified in Canada).

Most surprisingly, Jake became what we believe to be the first hound Canadian Grand Champion, when he got an obedience title (CGN) right after the beginning of the year 2007, with his handler. This suffix title completed the many necessary requirements, including Best in Shows and multiple group wins necessary to obtain this new title. As the year closes, we believe he is still the only basenji to hold this title.

Sonny, Champion Ahmahr Nahr's Son of the Warrior, went to live with his co-owner, Patricia Holguin, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. We are hoping to get him out onto the coursing field, this year.

DC Astarte's Sultan Siete with Pips JC, worked on his rally titles RN, RA and RAE and began polishing these off at the first of 2008, as well as began work on his CDX. The rally degrees are a long slow process for a Basenji, approximately forty (40) different maneuvers to learn. Siete, by the end of the year had got them all down, but two (2), and had already earned a couple of legs on his first rally degree.

Lady and Dancer got their pups raised and out on the show circuit and went back to enjoying life until the Fall.

This year was a premier year for Basenjies, in that there was, developed a marker test for Fanconi syndrome. We were able to test a substantial number of our breeding stock and ascertain that we did not have, nor have we bred any affected pups. They are all are probable clears or carriers. This lifts a real burden, from our minds, and we are hoping that the final test will be perfected in 2008. Unfortunately, we did not find that rare, red and white Aknock out@ show male we were looking for, at least amongst our own puppies. This gives us something to strive for in the New Year, perhaps out of this new puppy litter, who knows?

Beaux, began his special career by dipping his toe in the water a few times in 2007. He will be shown in the year 2008 in Canada and we wish him well. In 2007, he finished his title and winners dog in the Dallas Specialty weekend as did Sonny and Precious. In 2007, after Shakara's last litter, out of Ranger, was weaned immediately, tried to get right back to motherhood. Considering, that she was 8 going on 9, we were very concerned about this and determined despite the fact, that she had been a wonderful mother, and an African, it was time to retire her from the whelping box and we did so. The unfortunate part of this, is that she loves puppies more than life itself and she decided to take over Lady and Dancer's puppies. She was not very popular with them. We really needed to make other arrangements to give Shakara a job. After a false start or two, with some help from our friends, in the Greater Phoenix Basenji Fanciers, Shakara, is now in charge of at the home of Bob's friends, the Lentz's. They live in the Sandia Mountain Foothills. Janet, walks with Shakara, every day in the mountains, giving Shakara a chance to track and hunt and she has in less than a month put Shakara back in tip top shape. Also, Shakara gets to sleep in the middle of her own canopy bed and have a closet for her wardrobe, etc. We have no more fights over who is mother of the puppies. We can visit with her and hear about her often and she has a great retirement home.

Could life be better?