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Saturday July 21, 2012 marked the 3rd running of the Capital Area 5 time Sighthound Club Specialty at the Kars Show Cluster at Kars Ontario, just outside of Ottawa. There was an excellent entry of 56 sighthounds, and a sponsored booster on Sunday the 27th for each of the sighthound breeds. The Sighthound Club also whenever the opportunity provides, holds lure coursing for sighthounds. They work very hard all year accumulating wonderful prizes for the sighthound winners. "People" winners went home with sighthound bunnies, dogs with stuffed bunnies and bears, and various special leashes, collars, bags, and to the Best in Specialty Winner, a brand new Blackberry PlayBook.

This Sighthound Specialty has served to help this club come back from a slight slump in its prominence at the beginning of the decade.

This show marks the beginning of a favorite summer circuit with three days of shows at Kars and 3 at the Valley Kennel Club at Lombardy and for some, on to Kingston or Thunder Bay. At any rate, exhibitors and handlers can gorge themselves for 9+ days of showing with barely enough time between to do their laundry.

This year's breed and specialty winner were selected by Judge Fred Heal from Ontario who judged the specialty for the Sighthound Club. The booster on Sunday was judged by Sandra Anderson.

The Best in Specialty Show went to G Ch Ahmahr Nahr's Hallelujah Makes a Joyful Noise, shown by handler, Edgar Rojas, of Ontario. The dog was bred by Jennie Behles, Robert

Walley, and Flo Havens, and also owned by them. Halle's father, G Ch Illusions Tex Son JC who was a Top Basenji in the United States and a multiple specialty winner there. Her mother Ch Babe of the Kalahari is a multiple CKC and AKC champion, and her maternal grandfather is the all-time Canadian Basenji Best in Show Winner, MBIF and MBIS World Winner G CH, and Ahmahr Nahr's Jake Jamuel To Mibre SC. Halle is two, and has had quite a career. She is AKC Grand Champion. She is the No. 1 Basenji in Canada to date, and a Top Dog Hound. She is the 2011 Basenji Club of Canada National Specialty Winner, and Halle is a Specialty bitch. She won the Manitoba Hound Club in 2010, Best of Breed and Group I, as well as the Best Puppy in Group, under Judge Russell Fletcher; the Basenji Club of Canada National for 2011, under breeder Judge John Forbes from Australia; won the Best of Opposite at the Basenji Club of Canada Specialty in 2012 under American judge, Eugene Blake, and won the Specialty Booster 20k with Spanish Judge Carlos Fernandez Reneau. The Capital Area Sighthound Specialty was her latest Specialty win. Halle loves to go on the road with Edgar. She loves her fellow traveling team mates, particularly Cordelia, the Best in Show winning Portuguese Water Dog.

Her brother Gabe, G Ch Ahmahr Nahr's The Lost Angel Gabriel won the Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Specialty under Judge T.L. Hundt. The Willamette Valley Basenji Fancier's Regional Specialty in January 2012 under Judge Katherine Britton, the Indian Nation Basenji club Regional Basenji specialty in July 2012 under Dr. Jose Luis Payro, President of the FCM (Mexican) Kennel Club.

Research shows this is the first brother/sister pair that are No. 1 in their breed in Canada and the U.S. simultaneously. In the few occasions where they have been shown together, they seem to alternate the Best of Breed and the Best of Opposite. They keep things "even-steven" that way.