



## Greetings, shelters and rescue groups!

### Who are we?

**Basenji Rescue and Transport, Inc.** (BRAT) is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation that has been placing adoptable basenjis into carefully-screened homes throughout the United States and Canada since 1997. Through our extensive network of dedicated volunteers, we are able to help your shelter or rescue group foster and place these dogs quickly. (BRAT typically has many qualified adopters, waiting patiently for a basenji.)

Our volunteers also spend a tremendous amount of time counseling owners, so that the dog can stay in the home, and supporting new basenji owners.

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If you need help with this beautiful and unusual breed contact us. And thank you. We truly appreciate the wonderful work you do!



### What are basenjis?

Basenjis are a rare, shorthaired, ancient breed from Africa that are mostly barkless. They have a not-quite-doglike personality—yes, they've been called a cat in a dog body—with these characteristics:

- bright eyes and an alert expression
  - large, prick ears
  - curly tail
  - long, sharp face
  - long deer-like legs
  - height up to 19 inches
  - adult weight between 15-30 pounds
  - wrinkled forehead (look closely at black & tri-colors)
  - four standard colors: red, black, tri, & brindle
- (all with white feet, white tipped tail and other white markings)

Basenjis range in personality from very friendly to fearful, depending on genetic and environmental factors. While basenjis don't

bark, they are not mute. They can make a full range of vocalizations from a short woof, to a yodel, when they are relaxed and happy, to a full-bodied scream, when they are agitated. Basenjis are slick escape-artists and can be down the street and around the corner before you turn around.

Dogs that don't fit all of these features can be mistakenly identified as "some kind of terrier mix" or a "basenji mix." If you think you have a basenji or basenji-mix, log in to our Web site or contact our local BRAT volunteer.



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