

## Greetings, shelters and rescue groups!



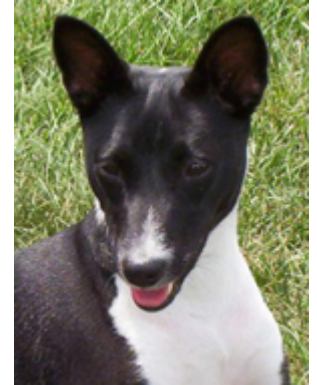
### Who are we?

**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 group foster and place Basenjis quickly. (BRAT typically has many qualified adopters waiting patiently for a Basenji.)

Our volunteers also spend a tremendous amount of time counseling inexperienced Basenji owners so their dog can remain in its home.

All BRAT dogs are spayed and neutered before placement, and we also evaluate for temperament and health. We work hard to find the best forever home for the dog. We also offer after-adoption counseling.

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



### What is a Basenji?

The Basenji is a rare, shorthaired, barkless, ancient breed from Africa. It has a not-quite-doglike personality—yes, they've been called "a cat in a dog body"—with these additional characteristics:

- Almond-shaped, far-seeing eyes with an alert expression
- Small, slightly-hooded, prick ears
- Curly tail
- Flat, well chiseled skull with discernible "stop" and rounded cushions
- Elegant legs and a tireless gait
- Height 16-19 inches
- Adult weight between 15-30 pounds
- Wrinkled forehead
- Colors: red, black, tri, or brindle with white feet, tail tip, full or partial collar and chest

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 woff to a yodel when relaxed and happy, to a full-bodied scream when 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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