

## Feedback

The Wrinkler did not win the DWAA contest this year. The Corgi Cryer did. Kudos to them. Maybe next year for us.

The club has received a thank you note from Laura Mae Hesse, treasurer of the BCOA, for our continued donations to the Basenji Health Foundation over the years, including last year. We also received a note of thanks from Dr. Rusty Long, head of the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic, for recognizing the important work done at the clinic by our donation to them. Both the BHE and the LCPC were the beneficiaries of the money raised by our raffle of Ashley Pistorio's watercolor last year.

### January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Hi Susan,

Our Rip Van Wrinkle Club certainly has a lot of members who are great artists!!  
Am so much enjoying the drawing from Sue Schulz that was enclosed with the Rip van Wrinkler today, for participating in the "My Basenji's Favorite Toy" competition. Read the text with a big smile on my face. ☺ Thank you!!  
Now I have to go .... read the Rip van Wrinkler from A - Z !!!  
.....YVONNE 'T MANNTJE

### January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

RE: DOG WRITERS NOMINATION

In my opinion, you have already won the best in show -- and for a long time! I thoroughly enjoy every issue -- laugh and cry every time.

Be sure to let all know of my "vote" -- and keep me on the mailing list forever.....ANNE GRAVES, BCOA Sec'y

### February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Hi Sue,

Got my copy of the Rip Van Wrinkler today, and I love it. Thank you so much for talking me into joining...

.....KATHRYN LADDICK

### February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

Dear Susan,

I received the Wrinkler in today's mail! Also, what a surprise to find that Nemo won a contest! He does love that giant duck! I will go shopping for a frame for his certificate tomorrow. ☺

I really enjoyed the Wrinkler. I look forward to future issues the Wrinkler, I think it's a wonderful publication!

Thanks again for the opportunity to get the word out about EPI ... I think it's so important. Thank you for doing such a nice job ON LILY'S STORY.

My 90-year old mother is enjoying reading the Wrinkler. She thinks the name is particularly clever, and was so thrilled to see both Lily and Nemo's photos featured. I didn't tell her about Lily's article and was rather surprised to see that upon skimming through it, she came across Lily's photo and actually recognized

her! A friend of mine (also has a basenji) has been our pet sitter for years and still gets Lily and Violet confused. And she's only 80. ☺

New Member.....RHODA JOHNSON-BYRNE

### February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Oh hey, the Wrinkler came, and it was sooo fun to see the African Wolf Hound story. It read better than I remember! I need to do more of that writing stuff...Thanks for prodding me.

.....CHRIS MAXKA

### February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

I got the Wrinkler. I loved it! You have some great articles in there. If you ever get a spare or extra copy I would love to get it. Very enjoyable. THANKS! Again.....ANNE BAILEY

### March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

It is my pleasure to announce the birth of a strapping dark bay/brown Thoroughbred colt, who, upon Jockey Club approval, will be named ANGIE'S LaBELLE, after Mom.

On one of our drives last fall, I took Mom to the Birsch Family horse farm near Amsterdam, N.Y. As usual, she charmed everyone there and had a blast visiting her old friends Joe Spadaro and farm manager Mike Tobin, as well as the cast of characters that included seven broodmares in-foal, two young Clydesdales, Standardbred horses owned by NYRA track announcer Tom Durkin and Spadaro, and another Thoroughbred mare, owned by another friend, retired Newsday columnist Paul Moran.

Tobin is a real good guy who has managed and designed several horse farms in New York State. Mike owns the mare, Career Year, and as the breeder, it was his idea to name this foal after Mom.

Originally, it was only going to be named for Mom if it was a filly (LaBelle Angie would have been her name). But when it came out a colt, they said 'what the hell?' and made the change. Again, the Jockey Club has to approve it, but this should be merely a rubber stamp that will be official on Tuesday.

ANGIE'S LaBELLE was foaled on Thursday, February 26 at 11:11 p.m. under a new moon. "I know the exact time he was born because he took three hours to nurse," Tobin said. "He is kind of tall and because his head was so far above the "bag," he had to learn to bow down and bend around to nurse." He is a son of Artie Schiller, 2005 Breeders' Cup Mile winner and turf course record setter for nine furlongs at Belmont Park (1:45.50) in the 2004 Jamaica. The dam is Career Year, by Technical Cat.

.....MARY BETH PRINTSKY

### March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Susan,

I continue to enjoy the Rip Van Wrinkler newsletter. You & the staff are really very talented. Keep up the good work.

I believe I have every Xmas card I have received from you over the years. Frankly I don't know how many there are. I'd like to offer them to the club to raffle them at a RVW function. {thanks, Loretta..ed.}

Best wishes for continued success.....LORETTA KELLEY