


A New Girl from the Old Country

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Recently this reporter had the pleasure of visiting with a very charming young lady named DINE' (pronounced DA-NAY). She is a three-year-old Basenji directly from Monrovia, Liberia.  Yes, a Basenji directly from Africa. She was born March 13, 1972. She is registered with SAKU (South African Kennel Union) as are her parents. Her mother is named FIFILIGI and her father is ZOKEVELE. The owners acquired DINE' as protector of



their home. It seems robbery is very common in Monrovia. Her owners home had been robbed so they got DINE' and in her first year she cornered her first robber and held him at bay until the police arrived. Apparently the Basenji is greatly feared and respected by the natives. They are also highly prized as hunting dogs and are preferred over the local Pi dog. DINE' had her first litter in Monrovia but while she was expecting her second litter, her people returned to the United States for a short visit and DINE' came with them. During this visit she delivered two puppies. One puppy remained with members of the family in Phoenix since last August. DINE' is a member of the family who are very fond of her and she has two little people girls to look after. DINE' is a most attractive Basenji. Two outstanding

things are her lovely small, tight feet, and her coat is a most lustrous red, and so soft. The texture being fine and smooth. The color is very even all over with no shading. She has a short, square muzzle with great side and forehead wrinkles. Her eyes are of the richest brown and almond shaped. The depth of chest is outstanding which gives her a real solid feeling with a great tuckup. She stands about 15½ inches at the shoulder and has a pleasant but sturdy appearance. Her disposition is shy, but friendly and warm. She is quite a lady from the old country, and we extend to her and her family a most hearty welcome to Arizona.

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