

# Journey to Recognition

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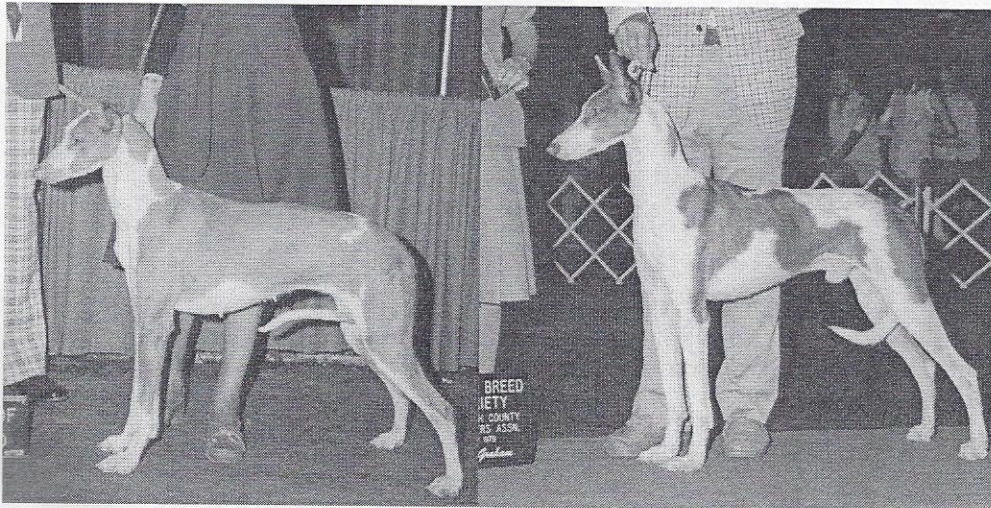
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The Ibizan Hound is undoubtedly one of the most ancient of breeds, with likeness harking back to Egyptian wall painting. Ibizans have thrived and hunted in Spain, particularly the Balearic Islands since the time of the Phoenicians.

The first litter whelped in the United States was on Sept 3, 1956. The breeders were Colonel Consuela A. Seone and his wife Rhoda. A small dedicated group fanciers worked diligently for miscellaneous recognition for AKC shows on July 1, 1968. Ibizans were shown in the ring with Akitas, Tibetan Terriers, etc.

The first Ibizan to earn a Companion degree was Dido de San Martin, bred by Tod Mathews and handled by Larry Kert. Long awaited full AKC recognition came on June 15, 1978. The Ibizan was first shown for points on Jan 1 1979. What fun it was to travel to Florida for the January circuit!

The first two championships were completed on May of 1979. The first bitch was Ch. Sunking Eterna of Treybeau, bred by Kathy Anders, owned by Dean Wright and Kathy O'Brien. The first dog was Ch. Anubis Bacarine Carabis, bred by Jo Stevens and June Biddleman, owned by Kathy Banks. The Ibizan is still recent enough to recognition that it does not take many generations to show foundation stock. It would behoove all Ibizan breeders to journey down memory lane and review these true foundations of our breed.



*l to r Ch. Sunking Eterna of Treybeau, Ch. Anubis Bacarine Carabis*