

Combined Standing Committee Reports Summer 2018

Annual Awards (Nancy Katsarelas)

As far as I know all is well and everyone is satisfied with their Annual TOP awards.

The only problem was the usual, someone knew where the awards were stored at the National hotel, but not me or most of the show committee. All Lorrie Scott, Ron Williams and I had to do was find the person who knew where the awards were so we could set them up for the Awards Banquet. Minor happening and most likely will happen again.

There was an extra award shipped to Nationals, I brought it back with me to return to Trophy Company. They had not charged BCOA for it, don't know how there was an extra, but asked if they could get dog owners permission to hang the award on their wall of samples. The award was a duplicate of one of Sandra Moore's wins and she was gracious to give permission.

The award order this year included the two replacement awards from prior years that were paid for by the recipient.

Another great National show completed with success!

Aristocrat (Helen W. Lee)

Nothing much to report as usual except that I am gathering together all the files from past issues of the Aristocrat - including the ones from the *Borzoi Connections* - to ready them for the new history section which Barbara and I are working on.

Championship Medals (Chris Danker)

One change from the 2017 report. One dog was not sent a medal due to first listed not being a BCOA member. Owner sent registration paper and is eligible for a medal. Final number of BCOA champions for 2017 is 113 instead of 112.

Also for 2017, months after mailing all medals, I had two returned to me for incorrect addresses, although I used what was listed. Tracking correct mailing addresses.

Thru May 2018, there have been a total of 57 Borzoi completing their championships. 36 of these are eligible for a BCOA medal.

BTRC (Barbara O'Neill)

Nothing to report at this time as no investments are maturing. A meeting will be called later in the year as necessary.

Gazette Columnist (Jon Steele)

The columns for BCOA have been published quarterly in the Gazette with a couple of the older columns being reprinted at the request of the editor. Recently I wrote a column on women who had an impact on the breed through their breeding, writing or patronage of the breed. My criteria were individuals not couples in the breed. There were many I could have mentioned but again edited down for size to fit the format. On a recent trip to Purim's Farms I stopped at the AKC museum of the dog in St Louis to see the Borzoi related art before the museum is moved to NY and will be a totally different venue with a different curator (new director is from the PBS show the antiques roadshow). Not sure what will make it in the new museum so wanted to see some of the collection before it is paired down. There are many unique pieces and the sighthounds section is well worth the trip. Was going to use that as a column but without the photos of the art it didn't have the same impact. Just mentioning it here for the boards update.

Health (Nancy Hopkins)

175 New submissions to OFA with 68 placed in the Open Database. There are a few cases where a dog had multiple studies where some were put into the Open Database but others were put into the Semi-Open Database. OFA has two separate databases, the Semi-Open and the Open. Unless the owner specifies that the test results are to be placed into the Open Database all data automatically reverts into the Semi-Open Database. The Semi-Open Database displays normal results but withholds abnormal results from public view. Only dogs whose results are in the public domain are eligible for a CHIC number. I want to stress that you must initial the blank that gives OFA permission to place your dog into the Open Database if you want to assure your dog receives its CHIC number.

If you have done all the testing required for a CHIC, but your dog has not received its CHIC number, the problem may be either that the data has not yet been uploaded into the OFA database, or you inadvertently did not initial the area giving OFA permission to enter your dog into the Open Database. To assure that your data is in the Open Database you can send a completed "Application to change from Semi-Open to Open Database" form to OFA. This form can be accessed at the OFA website by going to the "Application Forms" page and scrolling down to the link to the "Application to change from Semi-Open to Open Database" form. The direct link is <https://www.ofa.org/pdf/databasechange.pdf>.

This quarter two Borzoi received passing Hip and Elbow certifications. Seven new Dentition Database certifications were submitted. There are 20 new Degenerative Myelopathy certifications with 16 normal, 2 normal By Parentage, and 2 carriers. Of the 57 new Eye submissions each one was normal. Nineteen new thyroid submissions - 15 normal, 4 with Compensative Autoimmune Thyroiditis (Free T4 normal, Canine Thyroid Stimulating Hormone greater than normal range, Thyroglobulin Autoantibodies positive)

A total of 58 new cardiac evaluations are now in the OFA database with the following breakdown:

- 6 used the old Congenital Database - All normal results
 - 5 auscultation only
 - 1 echocardiogram
- 52 used the new Advanced Cardiac Database - 47 normal, 1 equivocal, and 4 abnormal (2 Mitral Valve Dysplasia, 1 Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia, 1 Myxomatous Mitral Valve Disease)
 - 23 - auscultation only
 - 12 - auscultation and echocardiogram
 - 12 - auscultation, echocardiogram, and ECG

I want to emphasize the importance of doing echocardiograms on your breeding animals. I realized this is not always possible because of the relative rarity of veterinary cardiology practices and the expense of the test. However, remember that an auscultation will tell you little about the presence or absence of adult onset (and even some low grade congenital) cardiac diseases. It is appropriate to conduct auscultations on puppies as this can identify some congenital problems (those that produce an audible murmur) before placement decisions are made. Dogs intended for breeding should undergo more revealing evaluations.

I want to personally thank the owners of the 10 dogs who have been newly added to the CHIC

DNA Databank. Because Borzoi are overall very healthy and not a breed with a large population, we need LOTS of Borzoi with their DNA placed into this bank. The reality is there may not be enough borzoi alive with a specific genetic problem at one point in time for scientists to conduct a DNA study. If we hope to be able to conduct any kind of DNA research in the future we need a fairly large number of affected individuals banked from which researchers can draw samples. We also need unaffected individuals in the bank to be used for comparison purposes. This means that Borzoi must have their DNA placed in the database at a young age to assure their presence in the bank. Be sure to submit the maximum amount of blood (not cheek swabs) to assure your dog's DNA will be available for multiple studies well into the future. Also, be diligent about updating OFA should its health status change and/or at the end of your dog's life. Having your dog's DNA banked serves no purpose if there is no updated health information provided. Investigators must know what ailments your dog encountered throughout its life for their research to be valid.

The new edition of The Blue Book (2017) - "Ocular Disorders Presumed to be Inherited in Purebred Dogs," produced by the Genetics Committee of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists has been released. I am attaching a copy for interested members. For those unfamiliar with this publication, it has a wealth of information that includes descriptions of ocular conditions that cause blindness with "definite evidence of heritability in one or more breeds." It also provides information on how inherited eye diseases are identified, the guidelines used for making the breeding recommendations found in the book and on your OFA Eye certifications, what can be detected during an eye exam for certification, definitions of the Breeder Option Codes, a glossary of terms, as well as recommendations on the role of breeders. There is also breed specific information with the pages for Borzoi starting on page 191.

From 2010 - 2016 the eye conditions with frequencies over 1% are: Other, Unspecified - 2.3%, Other, Not Inherited - 4.3%, Retinopathy - 2.3%, Cataract, Suspect Not Inherited - 3.2%, Significant Cataracts (summary) - 2.7%, Persistent Pupillary Membranes, iris to iris - 2.3%. Of the 1197 Borzoi examined during the 6 year period of this report 1033 or 86.3% had normal globes.

There were 22 breeds with higher percentages of normal globes than Borzoi

Breed	Percent Normal Globe	Number Normal Globe
Hokkaido Dog	100%	(1)
Jagdterrier	100%	(2)
Volpino Italiano	100%	(1)
Norrbottenspets	95.5%	(21)
Sloughi	95.5%	(21)
Alaskan Noble Companion Dog	93.8%	(60)
American Staffordshire Terrier	92.2%	(166)
Harrier	90.2%	(37)
Kuvasz	92.1%	(35)
Miniature Schnauzer	89.3%	(6846)
Silken Windhound	89.3%	(301)
Icelandic Sheepdog	89.1%	(1076)
Norwich Terrier	89.0%	(1118)
Standard Schnauzer	88.4%	(902)
English Setter	88.1%	(170)

Whippet	87.7%	(2987)
Briard	87.3%	(448)
Akita	87.2%	(1501)
German Wire-haired Pointer	87.1%	(373)
Belgian Malinois	87.0%	(833)
Cardigan Welsh Corgi	86.9%	(739)
Havana Silk Dog	86.3%	(461)
Borzoi	86.3%	(1197)

There were 56 breeds with higher numbers of dogs tested during the 2010-2016 period

Breed	Number Examined 2010-2016
Labrador Retriever	55345
Golden Retriever	52268
Australian Shepherd	29626
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	20439
English Springer Spaniel	12277
Poodle	12166
Collie	11061
Portuguese Water Dog	10634
Havanese	9909
Cocker Spaniel	9245
Siberian Husky	8496
Shetland Sheepdog	7948
Miniature Schnauzer	7663
Samoyed	6508
Mini American Mini Australian Shepherd	6106
Border Collie	5140
Bernese Mountain Dog	5027
Labradoodle	4980
Boston Terrier	4656
Pembroke Welsh Corgi	4589
Rottweiler	4198
Whippet	3406
Great Dane	3020
Chesapeake Bay Retriever	2976
Belgian Tervuren	2940
Flat-Coated Retriever	2855
German Shorthaired Pointer	2574
Papillon	2518
Jack Russel Terrier	2474
Border Terrier	2283
French Bulldog	2211
Tibetan Terrier	2189
Bichon Frise	2079
Basenji	2061
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	2035
Rhodesian Ridgeback	1942

Alaskan Malamute		1907
Boykin Spaniel	1786	
Italian Greyhound		1760
Akita	1721	
Mastiff	1657	
Coton De Tulear		1572
Chinese Crested		1538
Belgian Sheepdog		1464
Dachshund	1461	
Doberman Pinscher	1441	
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	1423	
Vizsla	1417	
Shiba Inu	1361	
Old English Sheepdog	1341	
Bouvier Des Flandres	1301	
Cairn Terrier	1278	
Norwich Terrier		1256
Dalmatian	1230	
German Shepherd Dog	1211	
Icelandic Sheepdog	1207	
Borzo	1197	

Keeping In Touch (Edna Ogata)

Activities:

March 24, 2018	Sympathy Card to L. Scott	May 11, 2018	Get well card to G. Hlatky
March 24, 2018	Sympathy card to J. Hamersma	May 11, 2018	Get well card to R. Smith
April 14 2018	Birthday card to K. Kostishack	June 4, 2018	Birthday card to J. Clark
April 16, 2018	Birthday card to L. Cooper		
April 27, 2018	Birthday card to G. Hinkle		
May 24, 2018	Birthday card to R. Barg		

Meet the Breeds NYC (Ron Williams)

I've spoken to Chuck Grabosky about putting out a search for my replacement in coordinating the Meet the Breeds event in NYC. I sent out an email to all the Region 1 members requesting a replacement. Updates to follow.

Registry of Merit (KC Artley) BJO/KAK pending correction of titles

1. New ROM titles for Dams:

CH Calaron's Dreamsicle: ROM-C

CH Kirov Aglaia of Kalinka CD: ROM-X

GCH Kirov Embrujada RN FCH CC CM: ROM-X (change from a ROM)

Natalia of Kalinka UD LCM: ROM-C

CH Virshina Oronzova Sweet Sizzle JC RA OAP OJP: ROM-C

GCH Windrift Katlyn of Pine Oaks: ROM-C

2. Request to add these AKC obedience and rally titles. BJO/KAv

For Obedience titles, add Beginner Novice (BN) as 3 points, Graduate Novice (GN) as 5 points and Graduate Open (GO) as 7 points. The points for the other obedience titles are not changed. For Rally titles, add Rally Intermediate (RI) as 3 points. Increase Rally Advanced from 3 points to 4 points, Rally Excellent from 4 points to 5 points, Rally Advanced-Excellent (RAE) from 5 points to 6 points. Add Rally Master (RM) as 7 points. Add Rally Champion (RACH) as 8 points.

AKC Obedience Titles	Points	Comments
Beginner Novice (BN)	3	Maximum of 10 points per dog for obedience titles. A dog gets the points for the highest obedience title he has earned. A dog who earns an CD, and then a CDX gets a total of 6 points.
Companion Dog (CD)	4	
Graduate Novice (GN)	5	
Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)	6	
Graduate Open (GO)	7	
Utility Dog (UD)	8	
Utility Dog Excellent (UDX)	9	
Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)	10	

AKC Rally Titles	Points	Comments
Rally Novice (RN)	2	Maximum of 8 points per dog for Rally obedience titles. A dog gets the points for the highest Rally obedience title he has earned. A dog who earns an RN, and then an RI gets a total of 3 points.
Rally Intermediate (RI)	3	
Rally Advanced (RA)	4	
Rally Excellent (RE)	5	
Rally Advanced/Excellent (RAE)	6	
Rally Master (RM)	7	
Rally Champion (RACH)	8	

Note: when the AKC rally titles were first added to the ROM program, the RN was 4 points, the RA 6 points and the RE 8 points (Reference board minutes February 9, 2005.) Some time after 2005, the values were reduced to RN 2 points, RA 3 points and RE 4 points. In 2017, the AKC approved changes to make the RN, RA and RE titles harder, and also made the CD and CDX titles easier. (The group exercises for a CD were changed from off-lead to on-lead, and the out-of-sight group exercises for the CDX were eliminated.) As a current exhibitor in obedience and in rally, I made the values for my recommended point tables (above) as "fair" as I could. One is comparing "apples to oranges" to try and rate the difficulty of earning a CDX title to a RM title to a Conformation Champion title.

Specialty-Related (Barbara O'Neill)

Club Inventory & Medals

Approve purchase of JW/KAv

Double Eagle medallions will need to be purchased for the 2019 National.

Futurity

The 2019 Futurity account currently has \$1285.00 to date with 21 new Bitch nomination with 14 new Litter nominations. There are 14 litters from 2018 that are eligible to forward to 2019. The 2019 Futurity will be the 30th Anniversary and the first year that all entries must have a microchip.

30th anniversary Having trouble choosing a favor which may or may not be also for sale

National Specialty Guidelines

Guidelines are in the process of being brought up-to-date and any changes will be distributed to website and current specialty committee members.