

The National Borzoi Rescue Foundation has been working tirelessly for Borzoi in need for two decades. While I was working on the Board of the Borzoi Club of America setting up NBRF as an independent entity was crucial and it has done wonderful work with both large rescues and single borzoi. Recently I was contacted by person who through a divorce needed a home for two borzoi together after the parties left the US. NBRF helped get these dogs a great home. I asked Carol Backers Director to send a few highlights about NBRF and some of its recent activities. Please visit the website for some the great fundraising items available to purchase to help fund the rising cost of rescue. There are also auctions that have offered some great sight hound items were everyone can benefit by placing a bid.

Jon Steele

NBRF, Inc. was first started in December of 1994 but being it was so close to the end of the year, we consider our founding year as 1995. NBRF is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization. In the nineteen years we have been rescuing Borzoi, NBRF has helped over 700 Borzoi. NBRF covers the entire US with the exception of Northern CA and that is covered by Borzoi Rescue Northern CA. Jacqueline Gregory was the founder and is still Director. Our website address is www.nbrf.org. We have recently added a Facebook page which has proven to be a wonderful tool for networking and keeping the Borzoi community informed of the goings on with rescue as well as finding good and loving homes for our Borzoi.

<http://www.facebook.com/nationalborzoirescuefoundation>

For the three years prior to 2013, the economy played a big roll in that most of the Borzoi rescued were from owners having to surrender their Borzoi because they had lost their jobs. In 2011 NBRF rescued 74 Borzoi and in 2012, 47 Borzoi were rescued. 2013 brought 70 Borzoi into rescue.

Although 2013 was a busy year for us with 70 Borzoi rescued, there were to our knowledge none surrendered because of job loss. Of course it is hard to tell if Borzoi placed in shelters were because of jobs lost or not.

What is distressing to NBRF, as well as I am sure other rescue groups. is the steady increasing cost of Veterinarian care for our dogs. In many places in the US the cost to spay a female Borzoi can be \$600 or more. That does not include vaccinations, heart worm testing, dental care as well as a host of other medical conditions which need to be addressed before a dog can be placed into a new home. Further, with the high cost of gas, we have found it necessary to reimburse volunteers who transport our Borzoi to new homes or foster homes. Yet to find good homes, NBRF has not increased the adoption fee of our dogs so, it is rare we ever break even on a dog and usually it costs much more for the medical care

than the adoption fees we can charge. We charge \$300 for a Borzoi under seven years old and \$150 for a Borzoi seven years or older.

Fortunately, we have wonderful volunteers who help with fund-raising which we are constantly doing. But, it is always a battle.

Carol Backers Director NBRF