

## **Rescue Report – Dee Jones, Chair**

BCOA Rescue will once again sponsor the Companion Parade and the Costume Contest at the upcoming 2012 National Specialty. Some lovely prizes have been donated to the Costume Contest, so we hope everyone will think of ways to dress their dogs to celebrate. Dress up to celebrate anything – birthdays, holidays, religious or secular festivities, sports games, think of all the reasons to have a party and get your dog ready to participate. Remember, every dog gets a prize.

Please note that the day and time of the Companion Parade have been changed. It will take place on Friday evening back to back with the Costume Contest. Any dog not entered in the show is eligible to participate. Dogs entered only in obedience, coursing, or racing are eligible. Bring your retired show dogs, your best buddies, your rescues, the dogs of your hearts and your beds and let them be a part of the biggest Borzoi party of the year.

There are no entry fees for the Costume Contest or the Companion Parade. Entry forms will be available at the registration table at the specialty and will soon be available on-line for those who would like to complete their entry before arriving in Washington.

**Born to Run** – A new 501(3)(c) Rescue Organization came into being in 2011. Born to Run was created after the Borzoi community came together to rescue Thor, a young Borzoi in a shelter in Korea, and fills a niche that our regional and national Borzoi rescue groups cannot reach, that of helping sighthounds (not exclusively Borzoi), in other countries. (Thor, by the way, is now living with Claudia Cullison, BTR president, and attended the Companion Parade at the 2011 National Specialty.) In 2011, BTR has provided transportation, fostering, and located forever homes for Borzoi and Borzoi mixes. They have worked with other purebred sighthound rescues to provide the same services for other breeds of sighthounds in shelters outside the U.S. They have also provided professional behavioral expertise to assist these dogs in transitioning from a shelter environment to a home life. In addition to regular rescue activities, BTR is also prepared to assist dogs when owners find themselves no longer able to provide proper care.

Currently BTR has the following Borzoi or Borzoi Mixes Available:  
Alexi – dog, 2-3 years. Needs a home. Will arrive in Vancouver BC area on 2/18. Is aggressive with at large stranger dogs, will work with a behaviorist for this issue.

Feliks – dog, borzoi/greyhound mix; neutered and vetted. Needs a home. In Portland, OR area

Borzoi bitch, coming in Spring, appears to be a sister to Thor or Bounder, 2-3 years old.

Ilya – dog, borzoi/husky mix, 2-3 years old; neutered and vetted. Needs a home. Portland area, dog aggressive, appears to be fearful of at large stranger dogs. Working with a behaviorist for this issue.

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“Dogs in BR-NC’s Adoption Program

Stoli 2011 — Placed with a Borzoi-experienced owner in October!  
Stoli, a 9-month-old intact male, was surrendered by his owner. The family had another Borzoi whose leg had been amputated because of cancer. They acquired a puppy hoping the young dog would learn to play safely with their older girl, but after several very serious play injuries to the older dog, their vet advised them to get her a much smaller playmate. Stoli came to us having been loved, well socialized, and well cared for.

Dogs in BR-NC’s Referral Program

Phoenix 2011 — Still available

Phoenix, a 1.5 year-old female Russian import, continued to be listed through our Referral Program due to the owner’s concerns about her playing too hard for their small dogs and being unsafe with cats. Phoenix is in a stable situation and is still available. The owner has been doing an excellent job of screening applicants and is waiting for a good match for this girl.

Other Dogs Assisted

BR-NC assisted the owner of a young male Borzoi who requested our help in rehoming her dog due to family financial circumstances. An appropriate home was located by the owner before the dog was taken into our Referral Program. Several other owners requesting help decided to keep their dogs or else placed them without use of our programs.

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