

MAY, 2012 HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

BORZOI HEALTH SURVEY AND TEST STATISTICS:

The total number of respondents in our OFA Borzoi health survey is now 918 participants only 3 dogs more than in my February report. With the recent grant proposal for borzoi specific heart research submitted to the CHF from Dr. Meurs, I plan to campaign heavily to our membership how important it will be for them to submit heart related issues to this survey.

There have been no additional submissions of dogs into the OFA DNA test database for Degenerative Myelopathy since my February report of 555 dogs.

There are now 985 dogs in the open OFA heart database. Of these, 972 have normal results. This data represents only those record submissions to OFA where the owner has agreed to release abnormal or equivocal results.

There are 694 dogs in the open OFA thyroid database. Of these, 647 have normal results. Again, this data represents only those record submissions to OFA where the owner has agreed to release abnormal or equivocal results.

I received the first quarter reports from OFA for test submissions. I also received the first quarter report for CHIC additions and updates.

CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION & MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION GRANT RESEARCH:

I received a personal thank you card from the Morris Animal Foundation for our support of research grant *Identifying Genetic Factors of Bone Cancer* D09CA-402, Dr. Joelle M. Fenger, Ohio State University, Fellowship Training Grant.

I received the latest status updates from the CHF on the research grants we are supporting. See attachments: 01467: *Characterization of Geriatric Onset Laryngeal Paralysis Polyneuropathy in Labrador Retrievers* and 01151: *Molecular Basis of Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia*. I would like to request that RLynn Shell uploaded these two pdf files to our health website since the CHF has given permission for this specific information to be shared with our members at will.

CHF also sent a request for each of the club's liaisons for a poll of our top health priorities. I submitted our list of health issues based on our survey statistics.

CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION DONOR ADVISED FUND:

Samantha Wright, CHF, has been in regular contact with me over the past several months. She has provided me with a historical report of all BCOA contributed grant studies, which I will provide copies to our membership. I think this report will really impress our membership with how much we've done over the last 10 years! See attached report. Samantha has also recommended that I submit a letter to the CHF showing our clubs keen support and interest in Dr. Meurs submitted research grant proposal as well as including the fundraising activity that has transpired to support this grant(s).

HEALTH FUND RAISING:

I am incredibly please with the efforts and the outcome of the calendar fundraiser organized by Renee McCartin. We expect to earn just over \$2000 for our CHF Borzoi Donor Advised Fund! A thank you card was sent to PVBC secretary for their financial support in helping to see the project. Individual thank you cards have been sent to the people involved in the project.

I would like the board's approval to continue this as an annual project as long as it remains profitable. This would mean that the costs for printing would come out of the health fund, the advertising would be done on our website, we would like to include orders for the next calendar on the One-Stop-Shopping form for the 2013 nationals – this calendar would be for the year 2014. Renee and her helpers are willing to continue managing this project with a few improvements learned from this first go around. I would request that the board confirm with Barbara O'Neill that this can be included on the Nationals One-Stop-Shopping form for 2014 and each continuing year that the project proves to be profitable.

Now that the 2012 National's work is behind me, I will begin photographing the donated items I have in my possession and working with Shen Smith to coordinate some on line auctions for fundraising.

I would like to request that I am able to submit 3 pieces of very nice art work for the 2014 and beyond Nationals art auction with the proceeds to go to our CHF Borzoi Donor Advised Fund. I will be happy to work with the auction organizers to assure the separation of funds and identification of the items from the rest designated for the 50/50 auction. I am requesting board approval for this at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Jones – BCOA Health Chairman