

Health Committee Report

Holter Proposal Update:

The Holter Committee has been formed and will be made up of the following BCOA members:

Leslie Walenta – Chair

Barb Ewing

Jenny Coomler

This committee will oversee the complete development of the BCOA Holter Program. And if the program is approved by the board, they will manage the Holter program.

My deepest thanks to all those who volunteered to serve on this committee but were not selected. Your obvious dedication to the breed is appreciated.

Leslie Walenta is a vet tech with experience Holter testing Borzoi. She also has experience working with Alba Medical. She has submitted Holter test results both to the company and to the company's cardiologist.

Barb Ewing brings with her not only knowledge of how Holter testing is used to identify specific cardiac diseases in dogs but also the ability to create fillable forms for websites and email.

Jenny Coomler has an interest in screening for cardiac diseases in borzoi and as a nurse, can bring us information from human medicine that can broaden our understanding of cardiac diseases and screening practices.

I thank each of these women for their willingness to work on the Holter project.

I submit three revised forms to be used for individual rental of the Holter monitor. We are still planning to offer the ability for clubs or a group of individuals who live close to one another to rent the Holter using the "Agent Rental" system. In such cases, one individual would be selected to act as the Agent to oversee the rental process within the group. However, we decided it was important to start with individual rentals to give us time to improve the process before expanding the options for the Holter Program.

Leslie Walenta has recommended that we purchase two vests. In the original proposal, I had recommended the purchase of a large vest with the Holter equipment. However, Leslie has found that small bitches need a smaller sized vest. The cost of the vest will be partially compensated for by a discount I have been able to secure from Alba Medical for a new Holter package (thanks to a contact provided by Leslie). The cost breakdown is:

| Item Name | Description | Dollar Value |
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| Holter Heart Monitor | Model DR200 – this new model comes with a 3 yr. Warranty. | \$1,295.00 without discount \$1,230.00 with discount |
| Holter Leads | 5 Lead | \$65.00 |
| Holter Vest w/ Pocket | Black | Large - \$186.00 Medium/Large - \$186.00 |
| Flash Card | SanDisk 32MB | \$15.00 |
| USB card reader and connector | Black | \$30.00 |
| Tape/ misc. supplies | | \$30.00 |

Total cost with discount: \$1742.00

By purchasing these two vests we should be able to accommodate all but the largest borzoi. This total is well within the total monies raised by the Health Fund Calendar last year.

I thank the BCOA Board for the time they have spent helping the Health Committee develop the Holter Proposal.

BCOA 2017 National Specialty

This year the Health Committee will be offering a Thyroid and Cardiac (auscultation and echo) clinic at the 2017 National Specialty in Hunt Valley, MD. We will also offer a Health Seminar. Clinic vets and Health Seminar speaker to be announced.

Borzoi Health Research

Ginger received a summary on the Osteosarcoma vaccine research BCOA supported. While the research is ongoing, they have seen evidence that suggests the vaccine plus chemotherapy is impacting the pattern of metastasis. The summary is attached.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hopkins, BCOA Health Committee Chair.