

Standing Committee Reports Winter 2017

Breed Welfare (Dee Jones)

In Home Visit List: As of this writing, I am in the process of updating the BCOA Rescue In-Home Visit list. On the BCOA Website, it is called the Home Visit Network and provides a list of volunteers who will perform a home visit. If you are willing to do a home visit or are already listed and your contact information or location has changed, please contact me with updated information at borzoi@bellsouth.net. Be sure to close up the spaces.

If you have a different email address for me, please use this one, because this account is where I keep those records.

The list is only as good as the information is current, so take a look and let's get it updated.

[http://borzoiclubofamerica.org/rescue/inhome.html?Subject=From the BCOA Rescue Web Site](http://borzoiclubofamerica.org/rescue/inhome.html?Subject=From%20the%20BCOA%20Rescue%20Web%20Site)

If that link does not work, go to borzoiclubofamerica.org, click on Rescue, then on Home Visit Network.

Listing provides name, email, and phone numbers as optional.

Each volunteer is listed by state. If you live near the border, you may be listed under more than one state. Be sure to tell me what state you are in and under what states you should be listed if there are multiples. That will make it easier for Lynn to find you on the list. The list does not provide details, because how far is too far depends on the individual. Requestor is to make private arrangements with the volunteer and definitely should offer to pay for gas.

If you have any questions, contact me at the address given in the first paragraph. Thank you to all who participate.

Costume Contest and Companion Parade: Breed Welfare is once again sponsoring the Costume Contest and Companion Class at the National Specialty. The theme of this year's Costume Contest is *The Russian Hunt – Days of the Czar*. If you haven't started on your costume, get busy. I can imagine some stunning outfits.

Rita Rice has graciously offered to sponsor the Companion Class in honor of Diane Bracuto. Let's all help make it a lovely tribute to Diane by bringing our best Borzoi friend. Any dog not entered in the show is eligible to be in the Companion Parade.

AKC Relief Trailer: The aftermath of the huge flood in this area of Louisiana in September 2016 has made fund raising especially difficult. Several contacts with companies who could have been expected to donate have drawn the response that while their family could make a private donation, the company's charitable fund is completely depleted. This trailer would provide assistance for disasters in the central Gulf region. Any assistance in fund raising will be appreciated, either a personal donation or through contact with a company. For more information, please contact me personally at borzoi@bellsouth.net.

Pet Protection: Recent deaths in our Borzoi community prompts me to remind everyone to make arrangements for your pets in the event you are no longer able to care for them. This is especially true for those who live alone. An emergency may not give you time to phone a friend. Put your wishes in writing and put that document where it can be easily found. Make arrangements now, while you are thinking of it. If you can leave some financial resources to underwrite your pets' expenses, it is a good idea to do so. Be sure those arrangements are set up legally. Do not kid yourself that your children, next of kin, or other heirs know your wishes or will honor them. I have personally taken in 2 adorable cats whose owners died and were sent to be put to death by the heirs. Once you are gone, your heirs do not have to face your wrath and your beloved pets are at their mercy.

Liz Duncan-Burge (NBRF) was thinking along these same lines and her document explaining what the police or other emergency responders will need in order to make sure your pets are taken care of immediately. Please take the time to read it and follow her suggestions. Liz's document is at the end of this report, following the NBRF Report.

BR-NC (Nancy Joeckel)

Rescue Report – Fourth Quarter 2016 & Annual Summary

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Fourth Quarter Dogs in Rescue

All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm/lyme tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done.

One Borzoi was in Rescue this quarter and will be going to her new home in early January.

Fourth Quarter Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program

BR-NC's Referral Program gives owners/breeders access to excellent pet homes while retaining full control over all aspects of placing their dogs. In return, BR-NC receives a \$100 donation to help cover the expenses of the Borzoi we take into Rescue.

One Borzoi was in our Referral Program as of late December.

2016 News and Activity

Both our Rescue and Referral Programs had another remarkably quiet year. Throughout the year, however, nearly a dozen dogs needed to be rehomed by their owners — but without coming into our programs. We were able to provide various types of support to these owners and dogs without using our funds. Our role in cases like these is to help insure each dog's lifetime success in its new home.

We were grateful to receive a \$7564 contribution from the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund early this year. This funding, along with private donations throughout the year, has restored our treasury after the very high costs of caring for BR-NC dogs in 2013 and 2014. We thank all our donors and supporters for their help over the course of this year. You are the ones who make it possible for BR-NC to help Borzoi in need.

NBRF (Liz Duncan-Burge)

2016 Annual Summary

Dogs Rescued = 42

At the year's end we still had multiple dogs that were in foster homes in rescue and are still looking for the forever homes for three of the dogs turned over to NBRF by the Sue Breaz Estate.

NBRF appreciates and thanks all of the individuals who donate their time to foster and transport, and those that make donations to NBRF, including the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund. All borzoi placed by NBRF are spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, heartworm/4DX tested and are current on all vet care before being placed. Our adoption fees of \$400 for a borzoi under the age of 7 years old and \$200 for borzoi over the age of 7 years, generally does not begin to cover veterinary care for each borzoi we receive. Prices vary widely across the USA and many veterinary facilities no longer give discounts to 501c3 Foundations. As NBRF covers such a vast area of the USA, we are unable to use a select few veterinarians and are at the mercy of our Fosters' vets of choice for care and pricing.

NBRF had multiple dogs come into rescue in 2016 that had Lymes, as well as many senior borzoi that required dentals and multiple teeth extractions.

International Summary

Dogs Rescued and brought to the USA = 7

Countries rescued from: Russia, Korea, Ukraine, and Japan

Dogs are rescued internationally and brought to the United States ONLY when no home can be found in the borzoi's country of origin. No Beverly Taylor Trust Funds are used for International dogs, nor are any NBRF funds used. Our International Branch is funded separately, with separate accounting, and we thank those donors who specify they wish their donations to go towards International Rescue efforts. We have a few wonderful contacts and advocates in several countries, and without their tireless dedication, we could not rescue and assist the borzoi that we have.

Our 2016 Income Statement should be posted to our website, www.nbrf.org, by February, 2017.

In Case of Emergency (ICE)

Written and Submitted by Liz Duncan-Burge

This article was recently included in our Newsletter that is sent to all of our adopters, and with the recent deaths of several BCOA members, thought it would be good to add to our 2016 Year End Report to BCOA.

Who Will Care for Your Dogs?

by Liz A. Duncan-Burge NBRF Secretary/Treasurer

I have been a deputy sheriff in southern Illinois for nearly twenty-two years and have also been the executor or co-executor of several estates that have included animals. I am also the emergency contact for several people who have animals. I am not an attorney, but I have experience on how to get help to your animals in the most expeditious way.

Who Are Your Emergency Contacts?

Many people have ICE (In Case of Emergency) contacts in their phones. The problem is that nowadays, most phones require a PIN number or passcode to open the phone up. Police do not have super-secret ninja powers to figure out your passcode if you can-not tell it to them. If you are involved in a vehicle wreck or medical emergency, police will always look for your driver's license and your automobile insurance card.

Here is a low-tech way to get them the information they need to help your pets at home.

To help them know that there are animals in need of assistance at home, tape a laminated card to your driver's license and your automobile insurance card that says:

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY I have animals inside my home. Each of the contacts listed on the back of this card needs to be called to make arrangements to care for my animals if I am incapacitated.

Do Your ICE Contacts Know What to Do?

Ensure that your contacts also have access to your home with a key you have given them or they know where you hide a key as these are the people that will be getting your pets immediately, or at the very least coming and going from your house daily to care for your pets in your home.

Are Your Pet Care Instructions Current and Accessible?

Create an emergency animal care information packet today. It should include: all current vaccination certificates; list of medications with dosages; feeding instructions; a print out with photos of each animal and his or her name; your Letter of Instruction (see below); and a small amount of cash (enough for some gas and a few bags of dog food). Label the envelope "In Case of Emergency: Information on My Animals" and place it on your refrigerator.

Do You Have a Pet Pay on Death (POD)?

Consider having a separate savings account as a Pay on Death (POD) account for your animals' welfare. Many people think their estate will handle the expenses of their pets, however, it may take up to sixty days for an executor to be acknowledged by the court system and the executor to have access to funds to care for your animals. Have a savings account that is listed with one other person as Pay on Death. They will not have access to the account or your money while you are alive, but this will allow them immediate access to the POD account upon confirmation of your death. Make sure this person is aware of the account and where the account is held. This account should have enough money in it to care for your animals for at least three months.

Is Your Letter of Instruction Ready?

Consider a Letter of Instruction (LOI) on the animals themselves. This is separate from your will so you are able to update it frequently and at little to no expense. A Letter of Instruction is your guideline on what you want done with each animal. It can easily be updated as often as necessary to reflect any changes in your animal family or their medical needs. Your LOI should also stipulate who you do (or do not) want to get a specific animal upon your death. A copy of this letter should be on your refrigerator in your "In Case of Emergency" envelope and the original should be kept with your will.

Is Your Information Current?

Mark your calendar to remind yourself to update your ICE cards, LOI, and other information. Make sure the contact numbers are correct, that the people you will be depending on know how to get in your house and where to look for information on your animals. Do not count on your spouse or partner to be your only back-up plan in case your spouse is with you when an emergency occurs and is incapacitated too!

Now go hug your hounds!

Championship Medals (Chris Danker)

A total of 146 Borzoi completed their Championships, 103 of these Borzoi have BCOA members are listed as first owners and are eligible for a medal. There are 3 Borzoi with multiple owners, none of which have BCOA members listed as first owners. I have written to these owners to verify that the listing is incorrect and for them to send me the registration form for the dog so I can follow BCOA guidelines for medals. Will update if things change.

Gazette (Jon Steele)

All submissions are up to date with the *Gazette*. Received a request to use one of my columns in the next AKC breeder publication and also sent in a few pictures of borzoi puppies for them add to the article. I have been remiss in updating the columns on the BCOA web page. I have to wait until the *Gazette* is released on line which is sometimes as much as 6 months from the time I write the column and just forget to forward to the web master. Will try to a better a job in the future. As a side note I have sent older columns relating to judging or breed type to judges that requested mentoring or have had discussions ringside. These are usually people that have already been to Patti's seminars and have the illustrated standard but need clarification or are in need of more elements before applying for our breed.

Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata)

Activities:

October 18 2016	Birthday card to W. Brumlow
November 5, 2016	Birthday card to B. Todd
November 5, 2016	Birthday card to G. Pinetti
November 24, 2016	Get well to J. Anderson
December 3, 2016	Birthday card to E. Thompson

Lure Coursing (Sandra Moore)

To: **All Clubs Licensed to Hold Lure Coursing**

Subject: **Two Recent Changes to Lure Coursing Regulations**

This communication is to inform your club of two recent changes to the Lure Coursing Regulations.

1. Italian Greyhounds are allowed to run in Best In Field, effective February 1, 2017.
2. An ASFA Certification Course certificate can be used to qualify a dog to run in an AKC Open stake, effective February 1, 2017.

Specific changes are:

Chapter VIII. Section 2. Open Stake. Open to all hounds that have obtained an AKC Qualified Courser certificate or an ASFA Certification Course certificate.

Chapter XII. Section 1B. Qualified Courser (QC) Certificate. *Paragraph #3.* Upon the successful completion of the Qualified Courser test, the judge completes the certificate and awards it to the handler. This certificate must be submitted to the host club with the hound's first entry in an Open stake. An ASFA Certification Course certificate may be submitted in lieu of the AKC

Qualified Courser certificate. The certificate must be included when the results of the trial are sent to the AKC.

Both these changes will be reflected in the next reprinting of the Lure Coursing Regulations book. This e-mail is being sent to the President and Secretary of all clubs licensed to hold Lure Coursing Tests/Trials and will be posted on the AKC Lure Coursing website. Comments can be e-mailed to the AKC at Coursing@akc.org.

MEET THE BREEDS: NYC 2017 (Ron Williams)

The Meet & Compete event in NYC took place on February 11, 2017 on Piers 92 & 94. Once the event included the Masters Agility Championships it was changed from Meet the Breeds. Not only was Agility going on in two rings, they also brought back "Meet the Cats" this year. There was a demo of cat agility, which I regretfully missed!

This year my onsite people team consisted of Lorene Connolly, Melissa Kucmierczyk, Malory Ferguson, Guy Tarsitano and first year for Renee McCartin and Kari McCloskey and Kari's daughters, Raina and Hannah and her mother Linda Day. The dogs for the "meet and greet" were Porter (Malory), Briar, Duckie, Ziva (Kari & Renee) and Sunni (Ron & Guy). Thanks to all of them for their hard work.

It all started on Friday evening when Melissa and I erected the Borzoi Photo backdrop from Patti and arranging our space. Saturday the tables were dressed with the Borzoi information AKC supplies (An Introduction to the Borzoi), BCOA magnets, BCOA pamphlets and more photos (framed). We once again used the coloring pages and crayons.

Agility started early in the morning in Pier 92. The ribbon was cut to open the two story Pier 94 at 10:00. They didn't disappoint in the number of attendees that came through until closing at 5:00. As usual, the Borzoi booth had a lot of visitors. Sometimes standing in line to have their one on one visit with the dogs. Borzoi are always popular. In addition, we're fortunate to always have dogs that represent the breeds' best qualities in greeting people of all ages and conditions. Melissa, the booth photographer, will have photos available soon.

Inventory

BCOA Magnets.....	2016 33 used	2017 28 used	50 remain
"So You Want a Borzoi"	2016 37 used	2017 42 used	8 remain
Crayons	2016 38 used	2017 86 used	over 1 case remain
9 Coloring Pages.....	2016 46 used	2017 86 used	N/A

- Should we purchase more BCOA magnets? Yes, 250 JW/JK
- Should we reorder more pamphlets?
- We have crayons coming out of our ears!
- We should move toward an official coloring book. Giving out single or stapled pages looks sloppy!
- I would like to investigate "I'm a Borzoi fan" stickers.

The board approved a listing in the "Meet the Clubs" section of the program. I attached to my report a copy of the page BCOA is listed. All together there were 66 clubs listed.

National Owner-Handler Series (Deb Vidaver-Cohen)

Below are the top ten NOHS ranked Borzoi for the 2016 Event Year, with AKC titles, Date of Birth, Sire/Dam, and breeder information included. I'm happy to report that, unlike last year, all Borzoi receiving an invitation to this year's NOHS finals in Orlando were owned and handled by BCOA members. The forthcoming issue of the Aristocrat will include a special supplement highlighting the five Borzoi present for the competition, noted by ** on the following list. They all looked terrific!

No. 1 GCHS Sylvan Silver Springbok 650 Points. Owners Patti & Christopher Neale. DOB 04/11/2010 . By CH Steppelands Final Mikhail Of Abidjan -GCH Sylvan Vitrina Finian's Rainbow JC. Bred by Patti & Christopher Neale.

No. 2 GCH Lagniappe Cajun Zydeco Bon-Ton 340 Points. Owners Cynthia & Michael Michalak DOB 02/03/2014. By GCH Jubilee Tadbite O'Brindle Mist - GCHB Golightly Beau Soleil Lagniappe JC. Bred by Dedra & Gregory Jones.

No. 3 GCH Roscommon Landslide. 335 Points. Owners Colleen Boyle & Pauline Coe. DOB 02/05/2009. By CH Abidjan's Q Ladavaz Ferlinka SC - CH Roscommon Mustang Sally Bred by Colleen Boyle & Pauline Coe.

No. 4 GCH Aashtoria Svora Taiga Ice Queen. 280 Points. Owner Shirley McFadden. DOB 1/26/10. By CH Zabava Mercury – CH Savora's Secret Rendezvous. Bred by Robin Riel, Ariel Duncan & Victoria Newbill.

No. 5 GCH Morozova Rey's Sierra Moonlight BN RN SC CGCA. 260 Points. Owners Kathleen Novotny & Janet Adams. DOB 3/25/2014. By GCH Aruzia Priority One JC -- GCH Morozova Sierra Sunrise At Rey, JC Bred by Kathleen Novotny & Janet Adams

No. 6 GCHB Resolute's Rafe Baudeen Jedawn 235 Points. Owners Mark, Trestina & Madison Gilbert. DOB 6/22/2013. By GCH DC Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart SC CGC - GCH DC Jedawn's Princess. Bred by Leslie Walenta, Charlotte Hunt & Dawn Hall.

No. 7 GCHB Phaedra Udo Have The Key To My Heart JC CGC. 200 Points. Owner Jill Venturo. DOB 04-25-12. By Ch Phaedra Tamerlane - Ch Phaedra Esperanza. Bred by Carol Kubiak-Zamora & Kevin Shimel DVM.

No. 8 GCHB DC Chihawk Maschas Dream Of The Wildhunt BN RA SC CGCA. 185 Points. Owners Valerie Holmes, Ralph Jamison & Ariel Duncan. DOB 03/25/2011. By GCHS Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 Your I's Only CGC RA -CH Chihawk Stealing Home JC. Bred by Tami & Peggy Marshall.

No. 9 GCH Konza-Plum Creek Alfa Romeo At Aruzia. 175 Points. Owners Lorrie & John Scott. DOB 10/30/2012. By GCH Aruzia Priority One JC, CGC, ROM-C x GCH Katz Fashion Finesse At Konza. Bred by Kay Casella & Robert Bates.

No. 10 GCHB Laureate Adrienne Executive Decision At Mystique . 155 Points. Owners AmeeraFinkelstein Hoffman & Raphael Finkelstein. DOB 04/06/09. By CH Blackmoor Dust In The Wind - CH Laureate Adrienne Learning To Fly Bred by Monica Barry & Janis Leikam.

Specialty-Related (Barbara O'Neill)

January 29, 2017

Futurity

The 2017 ended November 16, 2016. There are 41 new Litter nominations for a total of 53 litters. Currently there is \$3,705 in the 2017 Futurity account. The 2018 Futurity began November 16, 2016 and there are 4 new Litters and \$490 in the 2018 Futurity account.

National Specialty Guidelines (Barbara O'Neill)

Guidelines are currently up-to-date.

2017 National Specialty – Hunt Valley, Maryland

The premium list packet is in the mail and we continue with plans for an outstanding specialty. We have had to ask hotel to open more rooms for our block. The last Rooming List I received had us with over 800 guest rooms reserved. Grooming room space is limited and Kari McCloskey, Chairman, is working on ways to open more space.

Club Inventory & Medals

Inventory up-to-date.

TOP 5 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Deb Vidaver-Cohen)

In 2017, we enter the second year of the BCOA Top 5 Achievement Awards -- a program that met with great success during its inaugural debut at last year's National. Everyone who received an award was thrilled with the elegant Rosettes and Award Certificates, and a number of members commented that they planned to compete hard in the coming year so they could win one for themselves! New for this year -- we are including Rally as the 11th Award Category, with "Peach" as the rosette center streamer color (Luckily the vendor still had one color left we hadn't already used!)

Costs for this year's Awards will be approximately 150.00 higher than last year due to

(a) Removal of 1st time Rosette discount of 46.00, (b) Addition of Rally Awards, (c) Printing costs we did not have to pay last year and (d) Vendor rate increases. **Last year the Show Chair chose not to solicit member sponsorship of any Top 5 Awards so as not to cannibalize sponsorship for the other Trophies.** However due to the increased costs, the Board may want to revisit that decision and open the Top 5 up for sponsorship this year and going forward.

A problem arose last year due to miscalculation of scores for the OFC events. Specifically, two OFC rankings and their respective awards had to be reversed after they'd already been presented, causing one recipient considerable annoyance. Unlike most other rankings, which are fairly straightforward, OFC rankings are determined by consolidating several sets of "dogs defeated" scores. To avoid a repeat of last year's situation, I've asked OFC coordinator to provide me with all raw scores so I can double check the rankings for OFC as I did last year with the other events.

Another issue from last year -- some Top 5 recipients were disappointed not to be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet. I'd like to propose for this year, we consider incorporating Top 5 recognition into the Banquet if at all possible. The idea of reading 55 names sounds tedious and time-consuming but actually would probably add only 2-3 minutes to the program.

Note that although last year's rankings were all listed individually in the *Aristocrat* and although Rebecca posted a message to BCOA Members Email List, BNL and the BCOA Facebook pages about the new Top 5 program, many folks at the National said they didn't know about the program and others said they couldn't figure out if they were receiving an award. To address that problem, as soon as I receive year-end rankings from the statistics coordinators I'll prepare a separate list of Top 5 recipients for all events to be posted in our communication channels and published in the *Aristocrat* issue preceding the National Specialty.

Finally, I'd like to find a Co-Chair for this Committee - both for distributing Awards if I can't attend the National and to help with certificate printing and as-needed mailing of Awards. Rebecca did it last year but considering all her other duties as President it would be preferable to officially appoint a Co-Chair to assist.

Versatility (Kay Novotny)

Reporting year: 2016

I am happy to report that BCOA had 8 dogs submitted for consideration for the Annual Versatility Award! This is the largest number of applicants since I started tabulating.

The overall winner for 2016 was:

CH Hemlock Hollow's Journey to Rule Sixty-Two BN RN JC OA OAJ CGCA, call name Whimsy. HP 48679406

Whimsy road her skill with agility titles to the versatility award, garnering 128.45 points along the way. Hearty congratulations to owners Lou Avant DVM and Colleen Allen, breeders Christine Danker and Lorrie Scott!

The other applicants and their scores in order:

2. Score 111.6: CH Avalon Dolce Tigrecilla Willowind FCh BN RA SC THDA CGCA CGCU, HP 44574106, Owner Javier Ocasio, breeders Sandra Moore, Diane Embry, Dr. Susan Van De Water, and Shelby Bergstresser.
3. Score 64.35: DC Starswift Let Freedom Ring SC THDA CGC RN, HP 44209802, Owners Martine and Stewart Burton, breeder Jamie Lynne Bobrowski.
4. Score 62.3331: DC WildHunt Savoir Faire BN RA SC CGCA, HP 42278207, Owner G. Ariel Duncan, breeder G. Ariel Duncan.
5. Score 56.025: CH Avalon Dark Knight Willowind Delsol FCh BN RN SC THD CGCU, HP 44574103, Owners Archie Doby, Sandra Moore, and Javier Ocasio, breeders Sandra Moore, Dr. Susan Van De Water, Diana Embry, and Shelby Bergstresser.
6. Score 50.65: GCHS Raynbo's Foolish Pleasure RN SC, HP 44194003, Owners Justine Spears, Roni Zucker, Jennifer Zucker, and Stuart McGraw, breeders Roni Zucker, Jennifer Zucker, and Karen Roberson.
7. Score 35.15: CH Hemlock Hollow Aruzia Journey to Tahoe CGC RN JC, HP 48679408, Owners Steven and K. Carol Artley, breeders Christine Danker and Lorrie Scott.
8. Score 35.05: Starswift FV Kodiak SC THDA CGC RN, HP 46526303, Owners Martine Burton and Jamie Lynn Bobrowski, breeder Jamie Lynn Bobrowski.

Congratulations to all these wonderful dogs for having a great 2016!

Also, I would like to report that 2 dogs have been submitted for life-time achievement versatility awards. They are:

1. DC GCH Oxota Avalon Switchblade CGC, TT, FCh, DCh, SC, RN. HP 40594902. Owner Lenore Abordo, breeders Lenore Abordo and Sandra Moore.
2. DC Wild Hunt Savoir Faire BN RA SC CGCA FCh. HP 42278207. Owner G. Ariel Duncan, breeder G. Ariel Duncan.

Congratulations to these two dogs and their owners for their lifetime achievements in many disciplines!

I would also like to remind the membership that when sending in tally sheets for the annual award, they need to include ONLY awards and points achieved in the current award year.