

BCOA 2019 National Specialty Judge Biographies Conformation

Jane Bishop ~ Korsakov ~ Bridgeport, WV

In 2018 Korsakov Borzoi will celebrate its 50th anniversary since beginning in 1968. Fifty years in the breed with a small breeding program producing 50+ champions, group winners, Top Ten winners, #1 Borzoi in Canada, Best in Field Winners, and Top BCOA Obedience Borzoi. I've been judging Borzoi for 27 years, and have judged throughout the US, Canada and Internationally. The opportunity to celebrate a long, very successful breeding, showing and judging career by judging the BCOA National Specialty is a dream come true. Thank you for considering me as your judge for the 2019 National Specialty in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Kalen Dumke ~ Nonsuch ~ Redgranite, WI

I started in Borzoi in 1982 after seeing three lovely Borzoi being walked at a dog show. They took my breath away. My successful breeding program under the Nonsuch preface, has included a variety of lines, importing dogs from Sweden, England, Switzerland and Russia. I am a devoted student of our breed and have studied and visited kennels around the world, including an extensive video library of dogs and specialty shows. Judging Borzoi since 1997, I am approved for the entire Hound Group. It would be an honor to be chosen to Judge our National Specialty.

Meghann Lord-Fenn ~ Warwind ~ Thornton, CO

Borzoi have always been a part of my life. Before I could walk, I knew how to hold a newborn puppy. I loved showing our borzoi during my junior showmanship career! I also showed our Warwind-bred and imported borzoi to several Best in Futurity, BISS, Best in Sweeps and group placements - to this day, I continue to enjoy showing our borzoi and whippets. I am now an AKC judge for Juniors, Borzoi, Whippets and Beagles. A long-standing member of BCOA, I am humbled to be considered as a judge for our National Specialty, and if chosen, I will be honored to give back to the sport (and breed) that has given me so much.

F. Gwen Post ~ Mutzko ~ Covington, LA

My husband, Paul and I acquired our first Borzoi in 1972 beginning a lifelong association with the breed. Mutzko Borzoi produced multiple champions and group placers with limited showing and breeding. I have been active in a local all-breed club, a now-defunct local Borzoi club, and BCOA. I obtained my AKC Borzoi license in 1992, judging several Borzoi specialties, including BCOA's Sweepstakes (1991), National (1996) and supported entries in other hound breeds. Because our standard states that a Borzoi should be able to chase, catch, and hold game; I pay special attention to Borzoi movement when I judge. My interests include Borzoi and canine collectibles, antiques, Borzoi history, teaching, Renaissance festivals, and Mardi Gras.

Rita Walker ~ Jantar ~ Morewood, Ontario, Canada

The magic that is Borzoi came into my life when I was a child and very quickly became central in my life. Many notable achievements have been garnered by Jantar owned and /or bred Borzoi. I am especially proud of the legacy achieved through a dedicated, albeit small breeding programme, a legacy still very evident in pedigrees today. I have been judging for over 20 years and have had the honour to judge a number of Borzoi, Sighthounds and numerous other breeds specialties in that time. Always a privilege and a pleasure to see so many outstanding dogs. Thank you for the confidence, you, my peers, have shown me by this nomination.

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Lynne Bennet ~ Avalyn ~ Howell, MI

I have been in Borzoi since 1987. It's the only purebred breed that I'm owned. My kennel name is Avalyn Manor Borzoi. The versatile Borzoi from Avalyn have not only excelled in conformation, but are titled in lure coursing (including 2 BIF), LGRA, GRC, obedience, agility, and rally. They are Therapy dogs, and loving, Intelligent, companions. Among the 56 Champions, three have gone on to win Best In Show. My most memorable moment in Borzoi was when my Owner/Breeder/Handled "Magnum" won an all-breed Best In Show. BIS MSBIS MSBOS GCHS Avalyn's Magnum Force. Before I had Borzoi, I trained horses for 25 years, breeding and showing Appaloosa horses. It would be an honor to judge Sweepstakes at our Nationals.

Barbara Tyler Lord ~ Warwind Farm, Reg'd. ~ Forest Junction, WI

I am honored to be placed in consideration to judge the 2019 BCOA sweepstakes. Warwind, which besides myself includes my husband and 3 grown children, is proud to have produced nearly 30 champions since our first litter in 1984. These have included national specialty best in show, specialty best in show, best in futurity, best in sweepstakes, dual champion, and group-winning Borzoi – primarily owner-handled. With my focus on soundness and structure, a respect for our standard, and an appreciation of many kennel styles, if selected, I would look forward to finding the very best of this newest generation of Borzoi youngsters.

Marilyn Polsfuss ~ Greyhaven Borzoi ~ Cambridge, MN

My first Borzoi arrived in 1973 and I have been "hooked" ever since. My first litter arrived in 1980 and had a BCOA Best in Sweeps winner in it. My breeding has produced a number of specialty and group winning and placing dogs, a number of ROM-Xs and a top producer of 22 champion offspring. My greatest thrill is having bred two multiple Best In Show winning brothers. I love breeding & showing, but most of all, watching others have success with dogs I bred. In judging, I am always looking for that very special youngster holding great promise for the future of the breed.

Kristina Terra ~ Zabava Borzoi ~ Lopez island, WA

I have owned and bred Borzoi under the Zabava prefix together with my mother Irina. Our 12 litters (60 puppies total), resulted in 30 American champions, many specialty winners and two #1 Producing dams. Also, we showed three Top Ten specials. Winning BOB and G3 at the World Show with a Zabava bitch was my most memorable win. I value movement, balance, structural soundness, functionality and breed details. I am the President of the International Borzoi Council and dedicated to learning about the breed's history, function and variety. I am honored to be considered to judge the BCOA sweepstakes.

Patricia Wiseman ~ Ostrrov ~ Lopez Island, WA

I became involved with Borzoi in 2001, quickly becoming enchanted by their elegance, athleticism and personality. Since then I have bred/co-bred 5 litters, producing numerous Champions and Regional Specialty Winners. Some achievements of which I particularly proud include: 2015 Best Bred by Exhibitor & RWD at the BCOA National; BOB & G3 at the 2014 World Show, and BCOA's 2014 Top Female Borzoi. Whether breeding or judging Borzoi, I believe soundness, form, and function are most important while maintaining elegance, type, and temperament – all characteristics that uniquely define this regal breed.