



Borzoi Club of America

The Aristocrat

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Message from the President

The National is over and it was wonderful. The hotel and view from the ring was beautiful and our volunteers were exceptional. At the risk of forgetting someone who did an outstanding job, I feel compelled to mention a few unsung heroes that stand out in my mind and probably were not thanked enough.

First would have to be **Jim and Lauri Anderson** who not only pulled the U-Haul trailer from Seattle to Portland with all the necessary goods but continued to help throughout the week with Specialty Sales, Registration Table, Announcer and set-up of the ballroom. In the Announcer category, I need to include **Joe and Maggie Michaels** and **Todd Brandtman**. Thank you for a great job. **Kim Horn** is to be commended for her wonderful assistance with the Show Secretary duties as well as a step-in Ring Steward. Of course, **Kathleen Kapaun** and **Barbara Yoon**, thank you for all your hard work in pulling this off. **Tom Kasowski** and **LeeAnn Shank**, your effort at the Registration Table and Specialty Sales were appreciated. **Melissa Pearce**, thanks for your wonderful ring placements with the specialty logo. They looked great!

Kalen Dumke, thank you for your expertise in handling the Canine First Aid seminar. **Barbara Binder**, thanks for taking care of a tough job of keeping all the health clinics organized, especially with the unexpected turnout. **Michelle and John Rowton**, thanks for being there to help throughout, especially in building the posts for the ring chain. (For those who were not aware, only the ring chain and post bottoms and tops made it to Portland. Our innovative staff, which also included **Suzanne Godchild** and **Cherie Hunchak**, went to the Home Depot, purchased PVC and MADE the posts for the ring in time for the Futurity, the first event on Sunday.) I was impressed.

Vic Harrison, thank you for getting up two hours early to help clean up the ballroom on Sunday after everything was done. **K.C. Artley**, **Karen Ackerman** and **Carol Enz**, thanks for organizing and taking care of the field events and thanks also to the **Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club** for sponsoring the hospitality for the LGRA race meet. **Mike and Robin Clifford**, **Jan Leikam**, **Wayne and Lucy Garcia**, thank you for your week-long contribution to the Specialty. A very

special thank you to the **Borzoi Club of New England**, the **Borzoi Club of Greater New York**, **Borzoi Club of Northern California** and the **Iams Company** for their generous financial support. **Sheri Morant**, thank you for obtaining Iams Company support for this National.

What makes a great Specialty is not necessarily the judge or the judging, who won or lost. It is the members who have worked together to make it so, with ideas and implementation. The worst of venues can become a great experience when there is a committee that cares about the outcome. Of course, it doesn't hurt that we have the most gorgeous dogs on earth to make for a beautiful Specialty under any condition! It takes a lot of people working together to make a great specialty and I think we did it in Portland!

Another issue I need to address is the 2000 Yearbook. We were not able to have it

available at the National and it is currently in the correction stage from the first proofreading. It will have a second proofreading and then off to the printer. It will be printed in Michigan at the same printer that does the *Borzoi Connection* and mailed from there. Thank you for your patience.

Last but not least, I announced at the Annual Membership Meeting that I would not be seeking another term as President. I'm not going to disappear, just cut back on some of the responsibilities I have taken on. I can't thank you enough for your support these past five years. The Nominating Committee is working hard to bring you a slate that will continue with the wonderful strides we have made. I hope you will support their well-thought-out choices for the Board positions. §

BCOA ARCHIVES

A BIG THANK YOU to Chris & Patti Neale for donating the 1979 and 1983 BCOA National Specialty Catalogues.

The Archives is still in need of National Catalogues prior 1991. Please help to fill in the gaps.

Also, anyone willing to donate old Annual Meeting Minutes would be greatly appreciated. A great chance to clean out those closets and go through those many boxes of Borzoi artifacts.

Barbara Yoon - Baryoon

Borzoi Club of America Junior Handler Stats for Jan 1, 2000 - April 2000

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|---------------------|----|
| 1. Karsten Roselund | 13 |
| 2. Alyssa Brandtman | 6 |
| 3. James Heath | 2 |
| 4. Wyatt Delfino | 1 |
| 5. Nicholas Lara | 1 |
| 6. Naomi Denning | 1 |



BCOA Health Committee Report

from Barbara Yoon

WAHOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!! YOU did it! YOU did it!
 YOU donated \$2,839.24 to Borzoi Health through the Silent Auction and
 Chinese Raffle at the Portland 2000 National!

WAHOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

A very special Thank You to the following most generous donors of
 beautiful items to this enormous success:

Karen Staudt-Cartabona	Shen Smith
Fred & Carol Vogel	Richard & Ora Lee Blodgett
Jaye Nilsson	Willi Miller
Greg & Prudence Hlatky	Mary Vile
Pat Click	Lee Pryor
Cricket Murray	Jessica Baker
Kathleen Kapaun	Lori Scott
Janice Butkowsky	Sharon Osborn
Susan Caulkins	Bob & Larissa MacDonald
Maureen Bardwell	

Please, if I have forgotten anyone, it was not intentional and I will publicize it in the next BC.

In particular, I would like to thank Jim and Lauri Anderson on their selfless help all week, not only with the Health Fundraisers, but with the BCOA table, Specialty Sales, Hospitality, and Registration. Thank you. And to Tom Kasowski and Wayne Garcia, without you the first morning, I would have "drowned". Thank you.

Remember, only YOU will make the future Health of our beloved Borzoi a reality!!

Club Education Report

Submitted by Jennifer Beach-Buda, Club Education Chair

Thanks to the generous financial support of the Puget Sound Borzoi Club, the BCOA Club Education committee presented a seminar on Canine First Aid at the National Specialty in Portland, Oregon. Kelly Janes from the Portland Red Cross and Kalen Dumke facilitated the seminar, assisted by Karen Dumke. A warm thank you to PSBC members and Kalen and Karen for bringing this seminar to BCOA members and friends. There were many compliments and positive comments on the presentation. Complimentary books on Pet First Aid

were distributed to attendees. The LGRA race meet went on well into the evening hours and several people who had pre-registered for the seminar could not attend but were given the opportunity to pick up their books at a later time. A bloat tube and large gauge needle were shown to the group and who would have guessed that a member's dog would need a bloat tube that very evening. Thankfully, he has made a complete recovery!

Basic pet first aid kits were also available, nicely packaged and in a plastic carrier. They were offered to attendees at a dis-

count and several people bought one.

The BCOA web site has had a long-overdue update. Dr. Lou Avant continues to put many hours into the invaluable online voluntary Health Registry. New features include the popular Photo of the Day and Photo Archive. The BCOA Shop has been expanded. Membership and sponsor forms, as well as futurity and versatility award information can be found on the site. Additional BCOA educational material will be added in the future.§



BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics – All-Breed points as of June 30, 2000

Table with 6 columns: Rank, Name, BIS, Gp 1, Gp 2, Gp 3, Gp 4, Points. Lists 10 Borzoi dogs and their respective scores.

BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics - Borzoi defeated through June 30, 2000

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Name, Points. Lists 10 Borzoi dogs that were defeated through June 30, 2000.

If you have questions or comments regarding these statistics, please contact Patti Widick Neale, 11122 NW CR 236, Alachua, FL 32615, zoisrus@gator.net

AKC CONFORMATION CHAMPIONS

Published in the AKC Gazette, January to March 2000 • The date listed is the date the title was awarded

Large table listing AKC Conformation Champions. Columns include dog name, breeder, and award date. Entries include Adair'n'hug Chanel CD, Adrienne Elderberry Wine, Aspenglo All That Glitters, etc.

Regional Directors' Reports

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Region I—Wayne Garcia

This region has been very busy this spring with BCGNY and BCDV specialties being held the first weekend in May. These clubs have voiced concerns with BCOA approving supported entries in other areas of the country the same weekend their specialties are being held.

BCCNJ is continuing to grow and is very active. They held their match on April 29th with a nice entry. They are looking forward to sanctioning from the AKC. They will be holding a match with Plainfield KC on Sept. 23, 2000 and a separate match on Nov. 15, 2000.

BCGNY is planning two fall supported entries, with Ramapo and Windham County Kennel Clubs.

BCNE is planning a fun group activity to kick off their 10th-year anniversary in June. Supported entries are July 8, 2000 with Farmington Valley KC with an all-breed entry of 3,000 dogs and an all-female panel; Sept. with Northwestern KC and Nov. with South Windsor KC. The specialty is in November with Springfield KC.

New England had its first fun activity day with an agility demonstration and microchipping clinic.

There have not been rescues of Borzoi in the area to my knowledge. This region is very busy with four large clubs that are very active in all areas of competition.

The national is scheduled for May 2001; Andy Knapp is doing a great job getting everything prepared.

Region II—Alice M. Reese

Spring has been a busy time here in Region II. Potomac Valley Borzoi Club had their Spring specialty on April 22, 2000. They will be having a picnic and fun match on Memorial Day Weekend.

Borzoi Club of Greater Atlanta had a very successful weekend of supported shows in May. Their BCOA Supported Entry on Saturday, judge Audrey Benbow, sweeps Judge Prewitt Owen, was a record breaking entry...over 90+ Borzoi entered. The club held a picnic lunch for all exhibitors. The next day that the BCGA supported was also one of their largest, judge Barbara O'Neill. The Atlanta club is considering a proposal for the national; it was discussed with President B. O'Neill when she was there. No firm proposal has yet been made however.

The Borzoi Club of Greater Atlanta

will have their 2nd ASFA Fun Run on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. This is the all-breed run they are required to have; they had the Specialty Fun Run last fall. After that, if all goes well, the BCGA will be able to hold field trials for points. Next B Match will be held in August.

Region III—Steve Gross

The American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) will hold its International Invitational Lure Course on June 3 and 4, in Colorado Springs. The event will be hosted by the Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA). One of the additional items of note at the Invitational will be the Wild Hog Barbecue Dinner on Saturday, June 3. Head Chef Steve Gross (hey! I know him!) will be preparing the feast.

There will be things for everyone on that weekend. Also happening are the Flatirons and Evergreen shows in Longmont for conformation and obedience folks. Unfortunately, there will be no hog barbecue served there and it's two and a half hours north of Colorado Springs.

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club will be holding its fall independent specialty on Labor Day, September 4th, in Longmont. This will allow folks to hit the Cheyenne, Wyoming weekend (September 2 and 3) and make our specialty on Monday. The show will be held outdoors and food will be available.

If you need information on region happenings and don't have e-mail, you can call me for details and I'll get you contact names.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at upcoming shows!

Region IV—Laurie Kasowski

Since my last report on February 23, there has been one regional specialty held in Region IV. BCNC held their spring specialty on April 15, 2000 in Elk Grove, CA. The regular classes were judged by Karen Dumke and sweepstakes were judged by Dottie Trulock. It was well attended and everyone had a wonderful time.

BCOC will be holding their summer specialty on July 27 in Lompoc, CA. The regular classes will be judged by Patricia Ellis and sweepstakes by Barbara O'Neill.

Borzoi Rescue continues to be busy here in Region IV. Lorrie Scott is now the Chair of So. California Rescue as well as BCOA Delegate to NBRF. Judy Lofgren will continue to work with rescue as well. At the current time, they have a 3-year-old spayed female to place.

Region V—Kathleen Kapaun

All my time has been taken up working on the national specialty. I have no report at this time.

Region 6—K.C. Artley

Midwest Borzoi Club got an entry of over 130 Borzoi for their first independent specialty show March 17. The following 2 days were all-breed shows at Detroit and MBC & BCOA trophy supported shows. Thanks to the show committee for an outstanding job and a great 3-show weekend: Shen Smith, Prudence Hlatky, Camelle Chaney, Jon & Jenni Steele, Bonnie Nichols, Barbara O'Neill, Rhonda Burnes, Marjorie Fromm and Joan Tierney.

At Racine WI on Saturday August 12 there will be a BCOA TSE with judge Mrs. Myron and puppy & veteran sweepstakes judged by Mrs. Jill Edmeades, Dymmer Borzoi, Haylings Island, England. On Sunday August 13, there will be a MBC TSE with judge Mrs. Judy Webb and puppy & veteran sweepstakes judged by Mrs. Jean Rampley, Swiftcroft Borzoi, Suffolk, England. The site for the shows is on the shores of Lake Michigan. The Cudahy and Greater Racine Kennel Clubs will, once again, give the Borzoi exhibitors a reserved parking area with shade. Penny Keiffer is the trophy chairperson and is also in charge of the picnics that will be held both days for the Borzoi exhibitors.

Also coming up this summer is the June 9 Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club specialty & sweepstakes in Minnesota. September 16 & 17 will be MBC and BCOA trophy sponsored shows in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

The MBC specialty will be held December 16 with the Skokie Valley KC all-breed show. Dr. Richard Meen (Kishniga) is the Borzoi judge for the regular classes. Jennifer Beach-Buda (Rusalka) will judge puppy sweepstakes. The site at the Rosemont convention center in Chicago is easy to get to. The rings are large with plenty of room to watch the judging. The trophies will be lovely Borzoi artwork offered by the MBC members. Entry fee is \$23. Superintendent is Roy Jones Dog Shows, PO Box 828, Auburn IN 46706. There are also all-breed shows Thursday through Monday in the same area. §



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2000 Obedience Report

Results are based on the AKC Gazette Show and Trial Results covering events to May 31, 2000 (inclusive)

NOVICE	AVERAGE	NO. TRIALS
CAERLIN BELLE KALAKIRYAHOWFF - L. Harbertson	194.5	2
CH. KYROV'S STORM OF WOLF CREEK, C.D. - T. & T. Brandtman	194.0	2
VIRSHINA ROSE OF PARADISE - T. Brandtman	189.5	1
FC SILKENSWIFT BLAZE OF CHAOS - B. Dalzell & J. Sakalad	180.0	1
CH. ORONZOVA VIRSHINA PLAY WITH FIRE, JC, OAJ, AX, AXJ, C.D. - S. Deghi	179.0	1
VERA'S LORD HAVE MERCY - J. Brauner & K. Boro	178.5	1
VIRSHINA SWEET PEA - C. Bradley & S. Neigum	175.8	1
CH. ABIDJAN'S MYCHTAR OF FERLINKA, NA, NAJ - D. West	173.0	1
OPEN		
NICKOLAI CHARA ZEDOARY, U.D., JC - Sandra (Hilbert) Noesner	195.0	1
SWEETBRIARS STERLING GAZELLE, UDX, NA - C. Cordtz	187.5	1
NICKOLAI GAVRIK HIGH STAKES, C.D.X. - B. Nichols	180.5	1
UTILITY		
NICKOLAI CHARA ZEDOARY, U.D., J.C. - Sandra (Hilbert) Noesner	186.6	4*
KONSTANTIN'S GALLANT FINNEY, U.D. - K. Haberkorn & P. Pempek	182.3	4*

*Eligible to compete for BCOA Annual Obedience Award. Eligibility to compete is by receiving qualifying scores in three or more trials during the year and by being a member, officially, before the qualifying scores are received. The average score will be determined by totalling the points earned in the shows, as specified, and dividing the total by the number of classes specified.

Please, whenever your dog receives a qualifying score, would you drop a postcard in the mail to Edna Ogata at 579 Cotton Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025 or e-mail to eogata@seq.org. This would help me keep on track.



2001: A Borzoi Odyssey

A Celebration of the Future of Borzoi

The 2001 BCOA National Specialty

May 13-19, 2001 at the
Fallsview-Nevele Grande Resort and Country Club
Ellenville, New York

JUDGES — *pending AKC approval*

Breed: PATRICIA CRAIG TROTTER

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes: PETER SAN PAOLO

Obedience: PAT SCULLY

Junior Showmanship: RACHEL REHBERG GONGRE

ASFA Lure Coursing Trial and AKC Junior Coursing Tests: DENISE COMO & SHIRLEY REHBERG

Agility: PAMELA STURTZ

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Auction Chairperson: Joy Windle, 2255 Strasburg Rd., E. Fallowfield, PA 19320-4437 • (610) 380-0850 • joywindle@att.net

Be sure to see the insert in this edition of the Connection for information about trophies and the auction.

visit the 2001 BCOA National site at www.borzoiclubofamerica.com



Open Field Statistics / Open Field Coursing

Submitted by Karen Ackerman

NOFCA Top Ten for 2000

As of this report there were no BCOA member owned Borzoi competing with NOFCA for this time span. With regard to the top ten for open field coursing, these ratings only reflect those BCOA members participating in NOFCA hunts and are not reflective of all Borzoi involved in open field coursing throughout the United States. Results are based on NOFCA Web Page covering hunts held from January 1, 2000, through February 19, 2000, inclusive. Submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

NACA

Since the beginning of 2000, the North American Coursing Association had the following BCOA members and their hounds compete in open field coursing. All of the Borzoi listed below have accumulated points toward their open field titles.

Phoenixx Lady Luck, SC, LCM, Lady, P. and J. Schreiber
 Valeska Wilder Shores of Love, Falco, R. and S. Osborn /R. and Y. McGehee
 FC Klasyx Chulista Blue Angel, CGC, SC, FCH, Sherman, C. Miller/A. Bowers/ L. Cooper
 Valeska Imaginif, Zanoza, R. and Y. McGehee
 Valeska Rendezvous Revealed Revel, R. and Y. McGehee
 Follyqtrs' Kochka Snowgriffin, Kochka, M. Rice / R. Casey
 AGC Paha Sapa Glider, Pavel, W. and K. Ackerman
 Varykino Glider's Legacy, Kara, W. and K. Ackerman
 Varykino Glider's Image, Lena, W. and K. Ackerman
 Rum Rivers Tarantela, Terry D. and J. Skeldon
 Lothlorien Bette Zephyr's Reach, LCM5, Bette, E. Coney / K. Kaltenborn
 NCC FC Téine Mayberry Tesseract, FCh, Tess, A. Midgarden / G. Fugate
 FC Téine Mayberry Tachyon Echo, FCh, Echo, A. Midgarden / G. Fugate

These points were earned at hunts held between January 1, 2000 and April 30, 2000, and the results were submitted to me by Tim Sanders, NACA Recorder. Please submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

The top open field coursing borzoi will be designated each year on the following criteria: (1) The dog will be BCOA member owned. (2) The points will be based on the number of hounds defeated during the calendar year starting January 1st and ending December 31st. The dog gets one point for itself and one point for each dog defeated in its stake. Should a second borzoi stake be run, the hound winning BOB, either by run off or by forfeit, gets extra points equal to the number of dogs defeated in the first stake. Send corrections to Karen Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, WY 82730, or e-mail at adii@trib.com.§

Update on ASFA Lure Coursing

Submitted by K. C. Artley

A lot of information about ASFA lure coursing, including the schedule of events & the rule book is available at <http://www.asfa.org/>

New ASFA Field Champions

Deuterium's Scandium of Ryhka JC FCH (B) - Diana Darling & Paul Anuta.
 Krolik Prakyyatta Minx SC TDI CGC FCH (B) - Amy Balthrop & Mitch Burt.
 Silkenswift Blaze's Darkfire FCH (D) - Bonnie Dalzell.
 FC Silkenswift Flurry's G'Kar SC FCH Robert Maciszewski & Bonnie Dalzell
 Silkenswift Carbonel Redline FCH (B)- Vickie Sharp.
 Tamarzi's Muskrat Love Kanada FCH (B) - Stacey Biggs.
 Virshina Ailanthus SC FCH (D) - Susan & Philip Morawa.
 DC Windrift Tahoe Priscilla SC FCH (B) - Jon Reimer & Nancy Reimer.
 Wind N Satin Kyoti Red River FCH (B) - Liz Green & Mary Childs.

New Lure Courser of Merit

FC Kristull Neodymium of Ryhka SC LCM Can FCH -Diana Darling Paul Anuta
 FC Mayberry's Savannah LCM (B) - Pamela Mayberry DVM
 Rokara's Domovoy Of Calle Del LCM - Vickie Sharp.

New Lure Courser of Merit 2

FC Mayberry's Acacia of Ryhka SC LCM2 -Diana Darling & Pam Mayberry DVM.

New Lure Courser of Merit 3

DC Gavril Blonde Ambition SC LCM3 - Michael & Shirley Rehberg & Rachel Gongre.

New Lure Courser of Merit 4

DC Ksar Po Dusham French Kiss SC LCM4 - Susan Pennington & Longlesson Kennels.§



This is what she finds ...

BCOA Certificates of Good Health Registry

Your Search Results

Dog's Name	AKC Reg#	Sire	Dam	Owners	Eyes	Hips	Thyroid	Heart	Additional Testing	Certificates	Year of Certification
Po Dusham Writer's On The Wing	HM741604/3	Secret Garden Song of Songs	Po Dusham Heart of Angels	Lou Avant, DVM & Alice Reese			B2-T11/1 197/11/1 199	B2-CA4119F/C T 1/09/03/0		None	2006

Results 1 - 1 of 1

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BCOA HEALTH REGISTRY
Registry Coordinator: Lou Avant, DVM E-mail: L.Avant@bcopa.com
Web Site Coordinator: Jennifer Beach-Buda

Well, not exactly what she had in mind, but at least she does know that ONE of my dogs has received a Certificate of Good Health and it is related to the dog to which she is considering breeding. Wanting to know more about the presence or absence of hypothyroidism in my lines, Ms. Breed checks into the OFA Thyroid Database. She simply types the first two letters of my dog's registered name (in this case 'po') into the first blank and clicks 'search'

Why should I Participate?

The Borzoi Club of America's Health Registry rewards both owners and breeders whose dogs have been certified to be free from specific heritable diseases. The Health Registry provides reliable information which can be used to decrease the risk of passing on a genetic problem to another generation. Rather than relying on 'word of mouth', the BCOA Certificates of Good Health provide documentation that an animal has passed the tests and is free from the stated disease. As the program continues to grow, many breeders are now using the Certificates of Good Health as an eligibility requirement for selecting mates. For potential buyers, the Certificates provide another layer of confidence that they are purchasing a healthy animal.

Using the On-Line Registry

Once you've decided to participate and register your dogs in the Registry, you should become familiar with the website. Searching the Internet site is quite easy. I'll use a made up scenario with one of my own dogs as an example:

Ms. I Wanna Breed is considering breeding to my dog Cayleb (Ch. Po Dusham Ghost of a Chance, FCh). She hasn't spoken to me about it yet but is just beginning to do her research, attempting to determine if this is really the direction she wants to go. One of Ms. Breed's biggest phobias is thyroid problems. She has read so much about it that she is determined not to breed to any dog that might have this problem. She has 'heard' that my dogs are free of this disease but how can she be certain of this? How can she 'know'?

On to the Internet

Ms. Breed logs onto the Internet and heads to the BCOA home page—<http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.com/>—easily finds the link for the Health Registry and gets ready to search the databases. She decides to first see if I have received any recognition from the BCOA for having my dogs tested. She goes to the Certificates of Good Health Registry and simply types my last name (Avant) into the blank where it says 'owner' and then clicks 'search.'



This is what she finds...

BCOA HEALTH REGISTRY

OFA Thyroid Health Database

Your Search Results

Dog's Name	AKC Reg#	DOB	Report Date	OFA Number	Test Age (mos.)	Rating
Kear Po Dusham Anuba	HM50311/04	12/8/1993	3/17/2000	B2-T1-23/74-T	74	Normal
Po Dusham Ceila Lily	HM741910/04	12/7/1997	6/19/1999	B2-T1-15/19F	19	Normal
Po Dusham Heartfire	HM703645/01	6/7/1997	6/18/1999	B2-T1-12/25F	25	Normal
Po Dusham Heartthrob	HM703645/03	6/7/1997	6/18/1999	B2-T1-18/25F	25	Normal
Po Dusham Here Comes The Sun	HM741910/05	12/7/1997	6/18/1999	B2-T1-19/19M	19	Normal
Po Dusham Irresistible Joy	HM741910/01	12/7/1997	6/18/1999	B2-T1-13/19F	19	Normal
Po Dusham Keepease	HM65931/01	6/13/1993	6/18/1999	B2-T1-7/73F	73	Normal
Po Dusham Out Out Damiid Spot	HM694968/01	3/25/1997	6/19/1999	B2-T1-5/27F	27	Normal
Po Dusham Prime Design	HM741910/02	12/7/1997	6/18/1999	B2-T1-10/19M	19	Normal
Po Dusham Writer's On The Wing	HM741604/03	12/19/1997	6/18/1999	B2-T1-11/19F	19	Normal

Since she is not able to locate Cayleb via this approach either, Ms. Breed decides against using Cayleb because after all she is a highly ethical and concerned breeder who will ONLY breed to tested stock. Now go hug your Borzoi!!§