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2001 Conformation Statistics Compiled by Patti Widick Neale

BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics – All-Breed points as of September 30, 2001

Table with 7 columns: Dog Name, BIS, Gp 1, Gp 2, Gp 3, Gp 4, Points. Lists 11 dogs and their respective scores.

BCOA member-owned Borzoi statistics - Borzoi defeated through September 30, 2001

Table with 2 columns: Dog Name, Points. Lists 11 dogs and their points.

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

BCOA Agility – January 1 to June 30, 2001 As reported in the AKC AWARDS, submitted by Gale Snoddy

Table with 3 columns: Dog Name, Avg. Score, # of Scores. Lists dogs in NOV. STANDARD, NOV. JUMPERS, and OPEN JUMPERS categories.

By the end of the first six months of the year, 10 agility titles have been earned by borzoi -- all of them owned by BCOA members. Congratulations to all the titlists! Special note should be made of Susan Deghi and her boy Cody. Cody became the first borzoi to earn a Masters Agility title. We wish everyone more fun and success on the agility course.§

Open Field Statistics / Open Field Coursing

Submitted by Karen Ackerman

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NOFCA Top Ten for 2001

1. Aragorn's Sandra Day O'Connor CC, CM, Sandy, S. Barron and C. Gower	103
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2. Kristull Ruthenium of Ryhka, Topaz Owners: S. Barron and D. Darling	40
3. Aragorn Claire Boothe Luce, Lucy Owners: S. Barron and D. Darling	20
4. Psovoi Anna Pawlowa CC, CM, Anna Owners: L. Turner and K. Henderson	18.5
5. Aragorn's Colin Powell CC, CM, Colin Powel Owner: C. Gowe	13.5

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

New Title Holders:

Coursing Champion:

Aragorn's Sandra Day O'Connor CC, CM, Sandy, Owners: Barron and Gower, TD: 1-4-01
Aragorn's Colin Powell, Colin Powel, CC, CM, Owner: Gower, TD: 1-5-01

Courser of Merit:

Aragorn's Sandra Day O'Connor CC, CM, Sandy, Owners: Barron and Gower, TD: 1-4-01
Aragorn's Colin Powell, Colin Powel, CC, CM, Owner: Gower, TD: 1-5-01

NACA

Since the beginning of 2001, 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 title:

Valeska Rendezvous Revealed, Revel, R. and Y. McGehee
CH. Valeska Sailor Ripley, Sailor, R. and Y. McGehee
Renaissance Juno Beach, Juno, R. and Y. McGehee
Snowgriffen Zima Vissalace, FCH., Zoya, M. Rice and R. Casey

AGC Paha Sapa Glider, Pavel, W. and K. Ackerman
Varykino's Glider's Legacy, Lena, W. and K. Ackerman
Majenkir Imprabella, Mira, W. and K. Ackerman

These points were earned at hunts held between January 1, 2001 and October 30, 2001. These results were submitted to me by Tim Sanders, NACA Recorder. Please submit any corrections to Karen M. Ackerman, PO Box 507, Upton, Wyoming 82730

2001 TOP TEN RACING BORZOI – BCOA MEMBER-OWNED

Based on year-to-date National Points earned. For all meets run in 2001 through October 1.

LARGE GAZEHOUD RACING ASSOCIATION (LGRA)

#	CALL NAME	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER	Pts.
1	Neechee	Silkenswift Camus Dark Realm, LCM, GRC	Moore/Dalzell	20
2	Rosie	Kirov Monoceros, SC, FCh, GR	C Ewing	17
3	Miss T	Nickolai Misty Clairidge, GRC	Shell	12.5
4	Anya	Meadowcreek's Breath of Life, GR	C Clifford	11
5	Ritzar	Zanosa Puttin on the Ritzar	L. Duncan	10
6	Roma	Rome Cantar of the Wild Hunt SGRC	A. Duncan	9
7	Arthur	Gryffyn's Once n Future King SGRC	Shell	7
8	Eskarina	Silkenswift Eskarina	Dalzell	6
9	Devon	Dar Morev's Torch the Sky, JC	Ose	5.5
10	Buddy	Kirov Muliphein of Highpoint	Ford	3.5

NATIONAL OVAL TRACK RACING ASSOCIATION (NOTRA)

#	CALL NAME	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER	Pts.
1	Midnight	Mufasa Midnight o' Silkenswift, ORC	Dalzell	11
2	Eskarina	Silkenswift Eskarina	Dalzell	4.5
3-5	Bullet	Viktor's Bullet the Blue Sky	Whitlock/Heise/Whittington	2
3-5	Chino	Oaklara Cappuccino	James/Murphy	2
3-5	Gareth	Carbonel Gareth of Avalon	Sharp	2
6	Sparkle	Silkenswift Sparkle of Chaos	Dalzell	1.5
7	Aatis	Silkenswift Captain Chaos, SC, LCM2, ORC	Dalzell	1
7	Topaz	Kristull Ruthenium of Ryhka	Barron/Darling	1
7	Amberle	Wind'n Satin Au Amberle of Ryhka, FCX	Darling	1
7	Allie	Aureus Altair	James	1
7	Blaze	Silkenswift Blaze of Chaos, SC, LCM3, SOR	Dalzell/Saklad	1
7	Silver FC	Digitalis Black Silver of Ryhka, FCh	Darling	1
7	Stripe	Silkenswift Carbonel Redline, LCM	Sharp	1



BCOA Member-owned Obedience Competitor Rankings for 2001

Utility

- 1st. Nickolai Chara Zedoary UDX, JC, owned - S Hilbert - 189.5 (4)
2nd. Ch Konstantine's Gallant Finney UD, owned - K Haberkorn/P Pempek - 184 (3)

Open

- 1st. Nickolai Chara Zedoary UDX, JC, owned - S Hilbert - 194.1 (4)
2nd. Ch Konstantine's Gallant Finney UD, owned - K Haberkorn/P Pempek - 187 (1)
3rd. Nonsuch Legendary Lawrence CDX, owned - D Sharp - 186 (1)

Novice

- 1st. Ch Virshina Rose Of Paradise CD, SC, owned - T Brandtman - 193.6 (4)
2nd. FC Riju Hrts Desire Of Woronzova CD, SC, owned - R & J Mintchell - 193 (1)
3rd. Krilat Alpinskaja Rosa, owned - C Cordtz - 190 (1)
4th. Blackmoor Just Visualize CD, owned - S Kroeger - 188.3 (2)
5th. Phoenix Maxxim Double Sixes CD, SC, owned - J & S Woith - 187.5 (1)
6th. Nickolai Yenoty Schlaeger CD, JC, owned - B Nichols - 185.3 (2)
7th. Windsatin Secretive Caller, owned - M Childs/K Murray - 185 (3)
8th. Ch Sky Run Catera CD, NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, owned - P&C Danker/B Skinner - 184.6 (5)
9th. Ch Belarus The Rapture JC, owned - C Cordtz - 184.5 (2)
10th. Ch Renaissance General Patton, owned - C&P Gredys - 182.5 (1)

These results are from January 1, 2001 thru July 31, 2001, taken from the AKC AWARDS and indicating average scores and in parenthesis the number of scores in the average. Submitted by Bonnie Nichols, Nickolai Borzoi, iozrob49@aol.com

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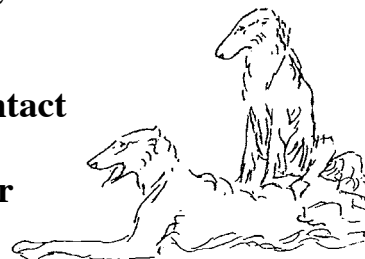
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One highlight of the 2001 BCOA National Specialty was the Borzoi Companions Parade sponsored by the BCGNY. Because of the parade's overwhelming success, BCOA will sponsor a Parade of Companions prior to the judging of BOB. This parade is for retired veterans, pets, and/or rescues who (currently) do not participate in dog show events but who are the "champions" of our homes and hearts. All Borzoi who are not entered in a conformation event at the National Specialty are eligible to participate. The entry fee is \$12 and proceeds will be donated to the BCOA Rescue Fund. Participants will each receive a specialty medallion and a rosette as a memento of their entry.

For further information, please contact
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**Please celebrate your beloved friends with the rest of the Borzoi Community
and join us in Atlanta for this heart warming class of "special champions"!**



BCOA Health Committee

Ginger Jones, BCOA Executive Health Chairman

As the holiday seasons approach I thought it might be wise to remind all of our subscribers to take extra precautions with their holiday decorations, plants and sweets. Items that can be ingested like small plastic or glass decorations, tinsel and the cords to tree lights all present serious hazards to the health of our borzoi as do some of the more popular holiday plants like poinsettias and holly. Chocolate can be especially toxic to dogs so keep those stockings hung extra high and out of reach of your borzoi family. I guess that means hanging them on the chimney instead of the mantel

Barbara Yoon, our Ways and Means Chairman, has decided to step down from her assignments with the Health Committee and try a different avenue of support to BCOA for a change of pace. The health committee would like to extend our sincere appreciation for her dedication and hard work in the past and wish her well on her new assignment of National Trophy Chairman. The Ways and Means Chairman position is the very backbone of the Health Committee and we will certainly need a very dedicated and dependable replacement for this position. If you're interested in this very rewarding position, please contact me at: veniceshores@peoplepc.com or by phone at 810-463-3345.

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Holiday donations can be made In Memory of a beloved Borzoi, or in celebration of a Special Win and will be published her in the BC. Please make checks payable to BCOA HEALTH and send to:

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Warm Borzoi hugs & kisses for all your support of Borzoi Health.

******* THANK YOU *******

The plans have been laid out for our Atlanta National's Seminar and Clinics thanks to Dr. Bill Norelli's hard work. I'm excited about the venue and the wonderful support we received from the local Atlanta area veterinarian specialists. We have a tentative schedule laid out in

conjunction with the current tentative judging schedule. We've made every attempt to provide as accommodating a schedule to as many people as possible. The seminar speaker this year will be Board Certified Reproductive Specialist, Dr. Fayer-Hosken, who will cover many areas of interest and new techniques on this subject on Thursday evening. We plan to offer health clinics on both Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in hopes of providing a better opportunity for more participation. Board Certified Cardiologist, Dr. Gilbert Jacobs will be providing the heart clinics. Board Certified Ophthalmologist, Dr. Victoria Pentlrag will be providing the eye clinics. Dr. Bill Norelli, Dr. Gary Nash, Dr. Beth Coney and Dr. Lou Avant will be providing the microchip, thyroid and DNA swab clinics. Special thanks to our BCOA veterinarian Health Committee members for their generous offer of their time and expertise and

also to Dr. Lou for offering her clinic's facilities to accommodate the storage and shipping requirements of the thyroid samples! Your support and generosity is genuinely appreciated.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation Conference (CHF) date is scheduled for the weekend of October 15 & 16, unfortunately just two weeks to late to include the outcome for this publication of the BC. Dr. Gary Nash will be the representative for our National Breed Club attending this very informative conference in St. Louis. We look forward to publishing the highlights and other pertinent CHF information in the next BC publication.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to extend my sincere sympathies to those whose lives have been directly affected by the recent terrorist activities in New York and Washington. In light of the recent upheaval we've all experienced in our lives, it's given me great pause to truly ponder those things of significant importance to me and to be so very thankful of just how fortunate and blessed I really am. May the New Year bring good health, safe keeping, and peace to you, your family, your friends and loved ones, two and four legged alike. Peace on Earth. Good will to



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Canine Hypothyroidism: Prevalence of Positive TgAA in 57 Laboratory Samples From Borzois

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Hypothyroidism is the most common endocrine disease in dogs. The thyroid gland controls the speed of metabolism of almost all body cells. When thyroid hormones are subnormal, many different body systems can be affected; so the clinical appearance of the disease can vary. The most common clinical signs include: weight gain, sluggishness, skin and hair coat problems (including hair loss), weakness, cold intolerance, and infertility. Although hypothyroidism is not life threatening, the quality of life is subnormal. Veterinary testing procedures have improved over the past 25 years, and hypothyroidism and its therapy are well understood by most practitioners. Breeders, however, are faced with a dilemma. The disease seldom demonstrates clinical signs before 3 to 5 years of age, well into the showing and breeding years for many dogs. An economical and early detection procedure is needed. Progress is being made toward this objective.

The 1997 AKC Parent Club Survey¹ found that breeders are quite concerned about this disease. In fact, it was ranked first, with hip dysplasia and epilepsy close behind. Borzoi breeders were among the breeders identifying thyroid disease as a major problem. As a result of breeder and veterinary interest, a number of progressive changes have occurred in the past few years. AKC and other groups sponsored an International Symposium on Canine Hypothyroidism². Participants agreed that breeders should test their dogs for thyroid disease and this test profile should include Total Thyroxine (T4), Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH),

Free T4 by Dialysis, and Thyroglobulin Auto antibody (TgAA). The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA)³ started a Canine Thyroid Registry and has certified a number of regional veterinary laboratories in the US and Canada qualified to perform the thyroid profile for registry purposes. Oxford Laboratories⁴ began producing a commercially available assay for TgAA so all reagents for the OFA profile are standard among certified laboratories.

About half of canine hypothyroidism has been reported to be associated with autoimmune thyroiditis (positive TgAA).⁵ The majority of the remaining hypothyroidism is idiopathic (without apparent cause and TgAA negative), while a small

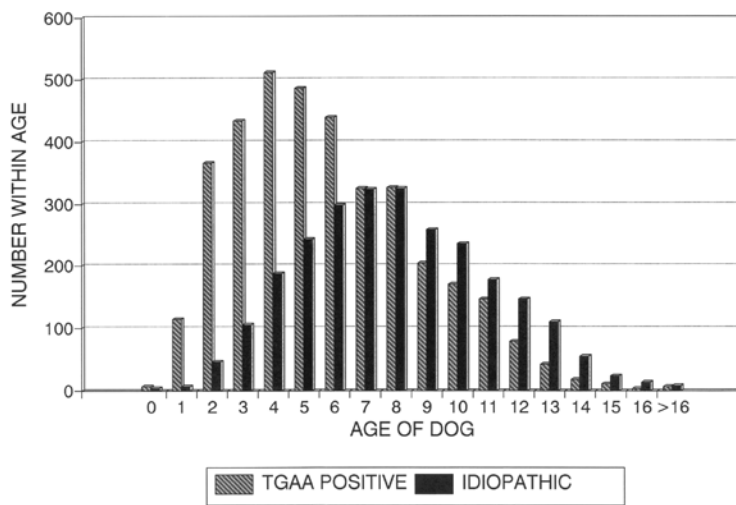
Assuming a single gene disorder and recessive trait, TgAA will be positive only in dogs having both genes for thyroiditis. TgAA will not be positive in the carriers (having only one gene for the trait) and may not be positive early in the life of some dogs that become affected later.

A number of scientific publications have presented data to support the genetic transmission of autoimmune thyroiditis^{7,8}. Others have reported the familial (occurring among relatives) incidence of the disease^{9,10,11,12}. In addition to screening breeding animals, the TgAA assay has been useful for disease diagnosis. In June 1998, the Michigan State

University Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory began running the TgAA assay as part of routine thyroid function testing, making it possible to detect autoimmune thyroid disease long before complete thyroid atrophy and clinical hypothyroidism (when clinical signs are present) occurred. Of course, most of the samples were from dogs with at least one clinical sign suggestive of hypothyroidism.

A study done on the first 51,201 laboratory samples that were tested for thyroid disease using the new TgAA test indicated that 7.9% of samples were positive and 4.0% were inconclusive. There were 4045 dogs positive for TgAA and 2809 classified as having idiopathic hypothyroidism. Dogs less than 2 years of age had few (less than 5%) TgAA positive samples (Figure 1); samples from dogs 2 to 6 years of age were positive 9 to 11.5% of the time, while samples from dogs older than 6 were positive less often. It appears that autoimmune thyroid disease occurs earlier in life

FIGURE 1--AGE OF DOGS POSITIVE FOR AUTOIMMUNE & IDIOPATHIC THYROID DISEASE



fraction is from a pituitary disorder. Recent data from Michigan State University have shown that idiopathic hypothyroidism can be the end stage of autoimmune thyroid disease⁶. Hence, the majority of canine hypothyroidism is the result of autoimmune thyroiditis. This makes testing for the disease marker in breeding dogs important for reducing its incidence. The best current marker for this disease is a positive TgAA test result. This is present when there is active thyroid disease (inflammation).



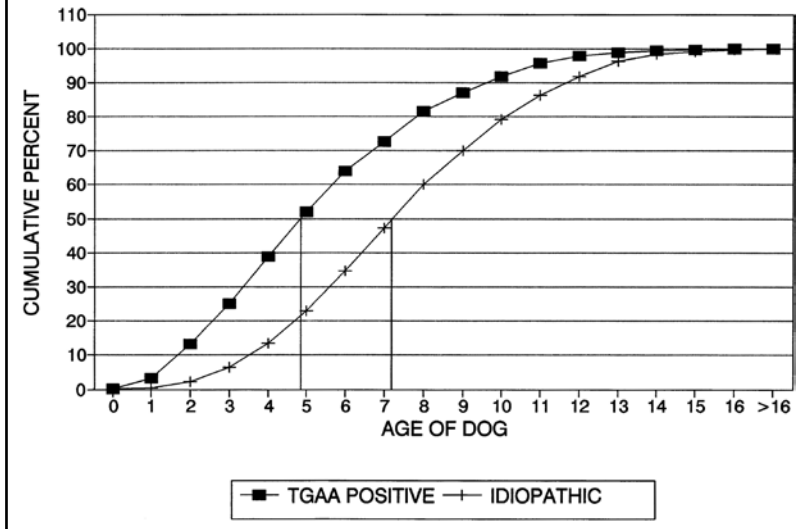
than idiopathic hypothyroidism, supporting the concept that the idiopathic form may result from the autoimmune disease. Semi-annual thyroid biopsy results from a small group of affected dogs at MSU also support the conclusion that idiopathic hypothyroidism is the end stage of autoimmune thyroid disease.

Another way of looking at these data is that over 50% of TgAA positive samples were from dogs less than or equal to 5 years of age, while it took 8 years to obtain more than 50% of the samples from dogs with idiopathic hypothyroidism (Figure 2). Since idiopathic hypothyroidism appears to be the end stage of autoimmune thyroiditis, the majority of primary hypothyroidism in dogs is most likely a result of the autoimmune disease. *An important fact for breeders is that the TgAA test can detect this disease years before clinical signs of hypothyroidism occur.* After 6 years, the TgAA test becomes less relevant, as dogs that were positive can become negative when the thyroid is destroyed, and there is no longer a stimulus for TgAA production. After that time, T4 and TSH become more important indicators of thyroid disease.

As one would expect from a genetically transmitted disease, 16 breeds had significantly higher laboratory prevalence of TgAA compared to the total number of dogs (over-represented) and 27 breeds had a significantly lower prevalence (under-represented) (Table 1). Some additional breeds also had high or low percent positive, but the number of samples from those breeds may have been too small to achieve statistical significance. As additional samples are analyzed, presumably these additional breeds will become statistically significant as well.

As groups, Herding and Sporting dogs were significantly over-represented for TgAA positive samples while Hounds, Non-Sporting dogs,

FIGURE 2--CUMULATIVE PERCENT OF DOGS WITHIN 2 CATEGORIES OF THYROID DISEASE



Terriers, and Toy breeds were under-represented (Figure 3). Within those groups, some breeds were significantly over-represented while others may be under-represented. The Hound group (Table 2) has 3 breeds with over 500 samples, 2 were under-represented (Dachshund and

Greyhound) and 1 is over-represented (Beagle). Since a number of publications have shown that the Beagle breed has a genetic component to autoimmune thyroid disease, it is not surprising that they are on the over-represented list. Some of the sight-hound breeds, such

as the Afghan, have been implicated to have a high incidence of hypothyroidism, but the disease may have been over-diagnosed in those breeds because of the lower normal ranges for T4 and T3 concentrations in sight-hounds compared to other breeds. Breeders should caution veterinarians to this fact when thyroid function testing is performed on sight hounds. The Borzoi had 5.3% of the samples positive for autoimmune thyroid disease. This is lower than the all breed average, but was not statistically significant. As sample numbers increase, statistical significance may be achieved. Although this under-representation is good news for the breed, they are not entirely free from the disease.

Breeders should strive to reduce the prevalence of autoimmune thyroiditis within the breed. Testing breeding animals for TgAA during their early reproductive years and breeding

Table 1--Percentage of TgAA positive samples within breeds which were statistically over-represented and under-represented for prevalence.

HIGHEST PREVALENCE

- English Setter 26.0%
- Dalmatian 16.8%
- Basenji 16.3%
- Rhodesian Ridgeback 16.1%
- Old English Sheepdog 15.0%
- Boxer 13.8%
- Maltese Dog 13.5%
- Chesapeake Bay Ret 13.5%
- Beagle 13.4%
- Cocker Spaniel 12.6%
- Shetland Sheepdog 12.5%
- Siberian Husky 12.3%
- Border Collie 11.9%
- Husky 11.5%
- Akita 10.8%
- Golden Retriever 9.1%

LOWEST PREVALENCE

- German Shepherd Dog 5.4%
- Labrador Retriever 5.1 %
- Collie 5.1%
- Poodle 4.4%
- English Bulldog 3.9%
- Dachshund 3.7%
- English Springer Sp. 3.7%
- Shih Tzu 3.6%
- West Highland White T. 3.5%
- Chihuahua 2.9%
- Lhasa Apso 2.8%
- Pomeranian 2.7%
- Miniature Pinscher 2.5%
- Cairn Terrier 2.5%
- Basset Hound 2.5%
- Schnauzer 2.3%
- Yorkshire Terrier 2.3%
- Boston Terrier 2.1%
- Norwegian Elkhound 2.1 %
- Greyhound 2.0%
- Portuguese Water Dog 2.0%
- Newfoundland 1.9%
- Bichon Frisé 1.4%
- Welsh Corgi 1.3%
- Miniature Schnauzer 1.2%
- Cavalier King Charles Sp. 1.1 %
- Flat-Coated Retriever 0%



Table 2: Prevalence of positive and inconclusive TgAA tests in breeds of the Hound Group.

Afghan Hound	5.5	0.0	73
Basenji#	16.3	4.7	86
Basset Hound*	2.5	3.3	244
Beagle#	13.4	5.4	794
Black And Tan Hound	0.0	0.0	2
Bloodhound	9.1	5.5	55
Borzoi	5.3	5.3	57
Dachshund*	3.7	2.5	1256
Greyhound*	2.0	2.2	503
Irish Wolfhound	3.7	2.5	81
Norwegian Elkhound*	2.1	1.1	95
Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen	7.7	0.0	13
Rhodesian Ridgeback#	16.1	7.5	174
Saluki	11.5	3.8	26
Scottish Deerhound	0.0	4.8	21
Whippet	3.0	6.1	33
All Hounds*	6.6	3.7	3516
All Breeds	7.9	4.0	51201

= Over-represented,

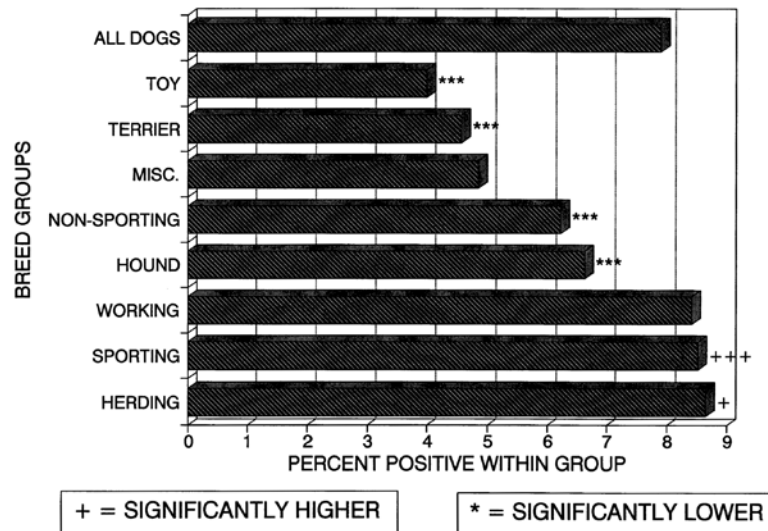
* = Under-represented For Thyroiditis

ine the impact one important but affected male could have on the breed, especially a breed with small numbers. The TgAA portion of the thyroid profile is most important during the first 5 years of life as few dogs are found to have idiopathic hypothyroidism before this age. Since idiopathic hypothyroidism appears to be the end stage of autoimmune thyroiditis, the majority of hypothyroidism in dogs is a result of this inherited autoimmune disease. An increased focus on testing for autoimmune thyroiditis and selective breeding should help decrease the prevalence of canine hypothyroidism. In addition, knowing which are affected dogs within a pedigree will help to identify which dogs have a high probability of being carriers (i.e. one affected

appropriately will help accomplish that objective. The assay can be performed on serum samples at most of the larger veterinary laboratories or on blood spots at Oxford Laboratories.

In conclusion, while there is no DNA based testing procedure at this time, testing with the best available marker, TgAA, can be beneficial. Selective breeding should reduce the prevalence in high incidence breeds and prevent an increasing prevalence in low incidence breeds. Although males were similar to females in prevalence, you can imag-

FIGURE 3-BREED GROUPS OF DOGS POSITIVE FOR AUTOIMMUNE THYROID DISEASE



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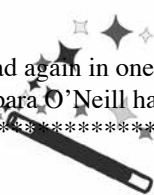
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The Aristocrat

Helen, here is this ad again in one piece. Please ad graphics and check to see if Barbara O'Neill has sent you any corrections.



BELIEVE IN MAGIC!! COSTUME CLASS! 2002 BCOA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Believe in Magic--What could be a better theme for a costume class! The show committee has decided to hold a costume class for willing owners and their dogs at the Atlanta Specialty. "Magic" should be the theme of the costumes, and four awards will be given:

- Best Overall Entry--Judged on originality of costume (s), presentation, and enthusiasm of the handler & dog
- Best Costume--dog, only, is dressed in costume
- Best Costume--dog & handler, are dressed in costume
- Most Humorous Entry



Judging will be done by a distinguished panel of three judges and multiple awards will not be given to the same entry. We hope this will be a fun, light hearted event so NO ENTRY FEE will be charged for the class!! All participants will receive a memento of their participation. It is always a wonder to see how willing our magnificent dogs are to please us---this is a great way to share your dogs and your originality with the rest of the Borzoi World!! Start planning your costume now!

Please add the line---For further information, please contact:
Dr Maureen Bardwell, Costume Class Committee, 2002 BCOA National Specialty, e-mail: gigismom@hotmail.com



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The Aristocrat



**Hilton Atlanta Northeast
March 23 - 30, 2002**

Judges:

Regular & Non Regular: Ms. Donna
Maharan, Midnight Borzoi

Sweepstakes: Ms. Christine Bradley, Virshina Borzoi
Obedience: Mrs. Carol Mett
Junior Showmanship: Mr. Michael Koss
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The Hilton Atlanta Northeast has 272 newly-designed guest rooms including 38 suites. Each room comes with a coffee maker. You may reserve a room refrigerator for a small extra fee. Those with health issues (like diabetics) will be at the top of the list. A large block of rooms has been set aside in our name (BCOA). Please book early!

Standard King & Standard Double - \$50.00 Executive King - \$90.00
A limited number of VIP & Deluxe Suites available at standard rates.

You **MUST** say that it's for the Borzoi Club of America to get these rates.
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Tentative Schedule:

Saturday & Sunday, March 23-24 - Performance Events
Monday, March 25 - Obedience & Futurity
Tuesday, March 26 - Sweepstakes Classes
Wednesday, March 27 - Dog Classes
Thursday, March 28 - Bitch Classes
Friday, March 29 - Non-Regular Classes & Juniors
Saturday, March 30 - Parade of Borzoi Companions & Best of Breed
Agility to be announced.

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P.O. Box 80644, Seattle WA 98108 - 206-439-7543 - sheyash@earthlink.net

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All the above information is pending AKC approval.



Borzoi Club of America Lure Coursing Statistics 2001

To be included in the "Top Ten" lists for AKC trials and for ASFA trials, the first owner's name listed in the publication (FAN or the AKC Awards) must be a member of the Borzoi Club of America as of 1 January 2001. To calculate points: the dog gets one point for itself and one point for each dog defeated in its stake. The dog who wins BOB, by winning the runoff or by forfeit, gets additional points equal to the number of dogs in the other stake. No extra points for BIF. The second set of numbers displayed is the number of Best of Breeds wins. All new AKC & ASFA titles & Best In Field wins are listed (including non-BCOA members' dogs). Send corrections to K.C. Artley, 3706 W. Jackson Rd, Springfield OH 45502-8722, artley@erinet.com.

New ASFA Field Champions

Del Sol Belle Starr FCH - Susan Van De Water
Karenoff Zima FCH - Karen Klein
Kristull Rhenium of Ryhka FCH - Diana Darling & Paul Anuta
Mayberry's Tecumseh Trulion FCH - Stephanie Truelsen & Pam Mayberry DVM
Nickolai Yenoty Schlaeger CD FCH - Bonnie Nichols
Shelmar's Spot On The Elbow FCH - Dawn Tracy
FC Silkenswift Burning Bright SC FCH - Bonnie Dalzell
Silkenswift Flurry's Laneer FCH - Bonnie Dalzell
Tahoe's Bohemian Gypsy SC FCH - KC Artley & Susan Wagener
Twin Elms's Mehta FCH - Suzan Breaz & Hal Cousins
Vitrina Northern Lights FCH - Valori Vig Trantanello
FC WindnSatin Au Amberle of Ryhka SC FCH - Diana Darling & Paul Anuta
WindnSatin Ty BaBa Louis SC FCH - Mary Childs
Windrift Outlaw SC FCH - Jon & Nancy Reimer
Woronzova Zlatovaska SC FCH - David & Inna Russell
Zimistrajia Maestro At Svershin FCH - Terry Ann Doane
CH Zimistrajia Mozart Play For Svershin FCH - Terry Ann Doane

New ASFA Lure Courser of Merit

Silkenswift Camus Dark Realm LCM - Sandra Moore & Bonnie Dalzell
DC Silkenswift Pele's Fire LCM ORC - Bonnie Dalzell
WindnSatin Au Brona Of Ryhka LCM - Liz Green

New ASFA Lure Courser of Merit III

Phoenixx Lady Luck LCM3 - Jane & Peter Schreiber
DC Silkenswift Blaze's Darkfire LCM3 - Bonnie Dalzell
FC Téine Mayberry Light Speed LCM 3 - Pamela Mayberry DVM

ASFA Best In Field winner

4-14-01 DASH - FC Silkenswift Burning Bright FCH - Bonnie Dalzell
4-14-01 NCA - Wintwind Pearl Beyond Price - Susan Caulkins

ASFA Specialty Best of Breed winner

5-14-01 Borzoi Club of America - FC Riju Hrt's Desire of Woronzova FCH - Richard & June Mintchell.
6-2-01 ASFA International Invitational- Wintwind Pearl Beyond Price - Susan Caulkins.
6-3-01 ASFA International Invitational - DC Silkenswift Blaze's Darkfire LCM3 - Bonnie Dalzell.

Two cousins won the points at the AKC Nationals October 6 - 7. Winning a 3 point major in the open stake on Saturday was Entwood Isle of Fury S.C. (F.C. Mufasa Midnite O'Silkenswift S.C. LCM x Entwood Catherina Velikaya), breeder/owner Leslie Carroll. Winning a 4 point major on Sunday in the combined open/special stake was Melockoff's Shot in the Dark S.C. (D.C. Silkenswift Blaze of Chaos S.C. LCM x D.C. Entwood Corona Borealis S.C. FCH), breeder/owner Gale Snoddy. Winning the special stake of 5 Borzoi on Saturday was FC Windnsatin Au Amberle of Ryhka FCH (F.C. Praseodymium of Ryhka S.C. LCM x FC Mayberry's Aurium of Ryhka S.C. LCM), breeder/owner Diana Darling & Paul Anuta. Amberle also won the run-off on Sunday.



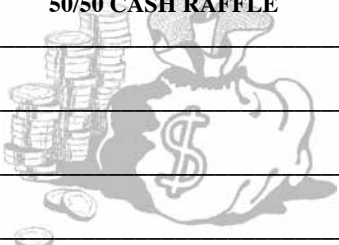
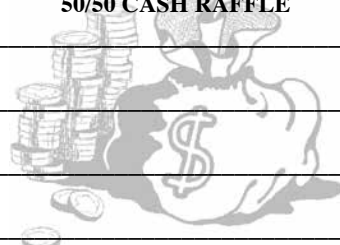
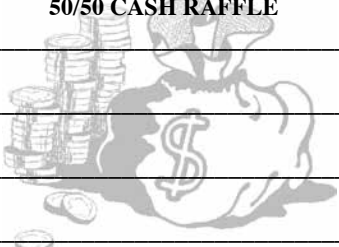
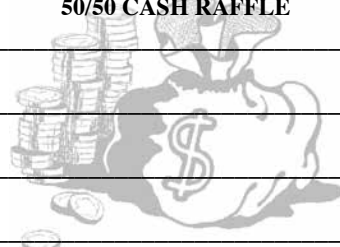
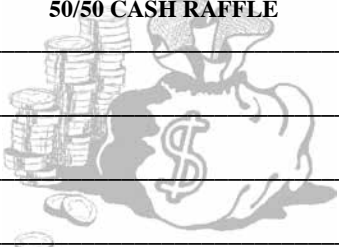




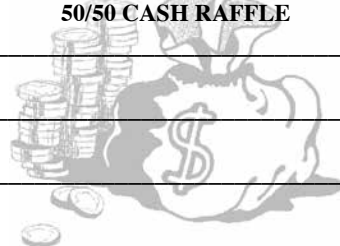
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**Fifty percent of the money raised by the raffle will go to two winners (25 percent each)
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Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10, payable in U.S. funds, to BCOA. Visa & MC accepted with # & exp. date.
Please bring them with you or send before March 15 to: Barbara O'Neill - P.O. Box 80644, Seattle, WA 98108.
Tickets will also be available at the Specialty and you do not have to attend to win.

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VERSATILITY FEEDBACK NEEDED

I have been asked by the Officers and Board of the BCOA to gather feedback regarding the Annual Versatility Award. Several BCOA members have suggested possible changes and I would like those others of you who are interested in Annual Versatility Award to contact me.

The original Committee worked very hard to come up with a system that would encourage our Borzoi to "be all that they can be" and they are to be commended for their efforts. If you feel the system works well as it is, please let me know. If you have changes to recommend, let me know.

The present system requires:

- 1. The Borzoi must be owned by a BCOA member.

- 2. The accomplishments must be completed during a given calendar year.
- 3. The JC title awarded for AKC Lure Coursing is not adequate to qualify for points in the Lure Coursing Area.
- 4. The MX Title in AKC Agility is not eligible for points.
- 5. At present, NADAC titles in Agility are not included in the qualifications.
- 6. The AVA application and all documentation must be submitted to Karen Ackerman no later than March 1st of the previous year's accomplishments.

Please peruse the requirements below, paying special attention to the points awarded for each accomplishment.

Some of the feedback I have received to date, from BCOA members nationwide, are:

- 1. A Specialty BOB should have more points.
- 2. NADAC Agility should be included.
- 3. An All-Breed Best in Show/National Specialty BOB should have more points.
- 4. A JC Title proves that the Borzoi will run and should carry some points.
- 5. An MX Title should carry points, as all qualifying Agility runs are qualified by the dog, not by competing with other dogs.

I encourage all interested Versatility BCOA members to respond to me in writing, with suggestions or recommendations. My address is 145 Wildberry Lane, Cotati, CA 94931. My e-mail address is Virshina@aol.com.

Thank you. Chris Bradley

ANNUAL VERSATILITY AWARD GUIDELINES

Purpose: To acknowledge the achievements of member-owned Borzoi who compete in a minimum of three unrelated areas, one of which must be conformation, during the award year. Entry level requirements are a minimum of one conformation point plus one minimum requirement from each of the following areas:

- 1) Obedience/Tracking/Agility: one qualifying leg or one tracking title.
- 2) Coursing/Racing: one point or a JC.

Borzoi with prior titles in these areas may compete; however, no credit will be given for these prior titles. Dogs with prior titles wishing to compete for the Annual Versatility Award may do so by competing for another title or higher title in the same area. For conformation titled Borzoi, the minimum one point conformation requirement is waived.

CONFORMATION

- AKC Championship: 15 points
- Group 1: 4 points Group 3: 2 points
- Group 2: 3 points Group 4: 1 point
- Specialty Best of Breed: 4 points
- All-Breed Best in Show/National Specialty BOB: 5 points

Credit for each point earned should title not be completed. The maximum number a non-champion may receive will be 14 points.

OBEDIENCE & TRACKING

- Obedience: CD: 15 points UD: 15 points
- CDX: 15 points OTCh: 5 points
- High In Trial: 5 points
- Tracking: TD: 15 points* VST: 15 points*
- TDX: 15 points*

Each qualifying leg towards the above obedience titles will be 5 points (3 x 5 = 15). The maximum number a non-champion may receive will be 14 points. Non-competitive titles such as UDX would not be eligible for any points. *Please note: there are no qualifying legs or points for these titles. The dog either passes the two hour test or it doesn't.

COURSING

- Lure Coursing (AKC or ASFA):
- FC or F.Ch.: 15 points LCM: 15 points
- Best In Field: 5 points

Open Field Coursing (NOFCA or NACA) CC: 15 points CM: 15 points

Each point earned toward a F.Ch., CC or CM would be worth 0.15 (100 x 0.15 = 15). Each point earned toward a LCM(s) would be worth 0.05. LCM titles take an additional 300 points to obtain (300 x 0.05 = 15). The maximum number a non-champion may receive will be 14 points. Non-competitive titles such as JC, SC or MC would not be eligible for points.

AGILITY

- AKC: NA: 15 points OA: 15 points
- AX: 15 points
- USDAA: AD: 15 points AAD: 15 points
- MAD: 15 points

Each qualifying leg towards an agility title would 5 points (3 x 5 = 15). The maximum number a non-champion may receive will be 14 points. Non-competitive titles such as MX would not be eligible for points.

RACING

- Oval Track: ORC: 15 points SORC: 15 points
- Straight Track: GRC: 15 points SGRC: 15 points

Each point earned towards an ORC or GRC will be worth 1.25 points (12 x 1.25 = 15). Each point earned for a SORC or SGRC will be worth 0.5 (30 x 0.5 = 15). The maximum number a non-champion may receive will be 14 points.

DOCUMENTATION: See the BCOA website for acceptable documentation for this award

DEADLINE: To apply for the BCOA Annual Versatility Award, the applicant must fill out application from and submit the proper documentation to the Versatility Award Record Keeper, by March 1 of the year following the award year. The presentation of the Award may be delayed pending verification of the documentation.

Annual Versatility Award, Karen Ackerman, P.O. Box 507, Upton, WY 82703-0507, (307)468-2696 - Fax: (307)468-2365, adii@atrib.com

2002 PRE-SPECIALTY SALE ITEMS



Ladies Scoop Neck T-shirt:
 Sizes: S - XL - \$14; 2XL (White Only) - \$16
 Colors: Azalea Pink, Yellow Haze,
 Blue Spruce, Violet, & White

Scoop Neck Nightshirt: \$16
 One Size Fits Most - 37" long
 Colors: Azalea Pink, Mountain Rose,
 Violet, Yellow Haze, Black



French Terry Crewneck with Box Hem:
 Sizes: S - XL - \$20; 2X - \$24
 Colors: White, Black, Navy, Light Steel,
 Denim Blue, Charcoal Heather



1/4 Zip Pullover Sweatshirt with Cadet Collar:
 Sizes: M - XL - \$33; 2X - \$35
 Colors: Birch, Maroon, Forest Green, Grey Heather

Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt:
 Sizes: S - XL - \$23; 2X - \$27; 3X - \$30
 Colors: Birch, Heather Grey, Maroon,
 Royal Blue, Forest Green, Deep Purple

T-shirts: Sizes: S - XL - \$12; 2X - 3X - \$15
 Colors: Ash, Dusty Rose, Leaf, Tropical Pink,
 Caribbean Blue, Mandarin Orange,
 Lemon Zest, Iris Blue, Black

11 oz. Deep-Engraved Mug - Medium Blue - \$11

2002 Cloisonné Specialty Medallion - \$10

Deadline for pre-Specialty sales is February 28. Not all colors & sizes will be available after this date or at the Specialty. To insure your choice, please order your favorites now. Items will be shipped in March from Atlanta. Visa/MC accepted with 5% handling fee. If ordering multiple sizes & colors, photocopy or attach a separate sheet. Shipping \$3.50 each item, U.S. Priority Mail. No charge for shipping Specialty Medallion if sent with another Specialty Sale item. Canadian & overseas shipping will be additional. Please contact for cost.

Ladies Scoop Neck T-shirt:	#	Size	Color	@ \$	= \$
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French Terry Crewneck:	#	Size	Color	@ \$	= \$
1/4 Zip Pullover Sweatshirt:	#	Size	Color	@ \$	= \$
Crewneck Sweatshirt:	#	Size	Color	@ \$	= \$
T-shirt:	#	Size	Color	@ \$	= \$
Deep-Engraved Mug:	#	@ \$11		@ \$	= \$
Cloisonné Specialty Medallion	#	@ \$10		@ \$	= \$
		Shipping (Priority Mail in U.S.) #		@ \$3.50 each	= \$
Pick up at Specialty: (check here)				Total Amount	= \$

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