

COLOR COMMITTEE

On March 17th, I had a meeting with John Brading at the AKC in Raleigh. He handles all matters to do with color registrations and together we reviewed the file. He assured me that once BCOA makes a formal request to change the registerable colors of Borzoi, that he will work with us to make it happen.

The AKC registration department will allow 30 colors to be designated for each breed as well as 10 markings. Only 18 colors and 9 markings, designated as STANDARD COLORS and STANDARD MARKINGS, can be printed on the registration form. The remaining colors and markings are designated as ALTERNATE COLORS and ALTERNATE MARKINGS, and can be found on the AKC web site at www.akccolors.com. This URL is currently printed on the registration form for anyone to access at present.

The Registration color committee recommends the following colors to be used to register Borzoi. Combined with the 9 markings, virtually every color Borzoi can be adequately described.

1. white
2. cream
3. fawn
4. gold
5. apricot
6. red
7. blue
8. black
9. black & tan
10. black & cream
11. blue & cream
12. black & brindle
13. brindle
14. silver brindle
15. cream brindle
16. gold brindle
17. red brindle
18. mahogany brindle
19. blue brindle
20. sable
21. silver sable
22. cream sable
23. gold sable
24. red sable
25. brindled sable
26. sabled cream
27. sabled gold
28. sabled red
29. mahogany red
30. brown

Markings

1. spotted on white
2. white markings
3. white trim

4. black mask
5. spotted on white, black mask
6. white markings, black mask
7. white trim, black mask
8. spotted on white, ticked
9. white markings, ticked

Bonnie Dalzell feels that we should include #30 brown, as liver colored dogs happen occasionally.

There are two schools of thought on this:

1. To name it does not mean to approve of it, and a dog of this color would have to be registered as SOMETHING.
2. To include chocolate as an official color when is exceedingly rare, may give encouragement to those who might breed from such an animal to have a rare or exotic color. Our standard precludes liver as a proper Borzoi color by specifying “Nose large and BLACK” but there is no penalty, any more than there is for very light eyes in the standard that calls for “eyes dark”.

Therefore, a judge could not be taken to task for putting up a liver colored dog, and liver Champions could eventually result.

There is room on the registration slip for 18 colors and 9 markings. To cover the majority of dogs, the colors below will appear on the registration slip

COLORS TO APPEAR ON REGISTRATION SLIP – STANDARD COLORS

1. white
2. cream
3. gold
4. red
5. black
6. black & tan
7. black & cream
8. black & brindle
9. brindle
10. silver brindle
11. gold brindle
12. red brindle
13. sable
14. silver sable
15. gold sable
16. brindled sable
17. sabled gold
18. sabled red

MARKINGS TO APPEAR ON THE REGISTRATION SLIP – STANDARD COLORS

1. spotted on white
2. white markings
3. white trim
4. black mask
5. spotted on white, black mask

6. white markings, black mask
7. white trim, black mask
8. spotted on white, ticked
9. white markings, ticked

The alternate colors will appear on the AKC website and a list of same will be provided to registrants upon request.

ALTERNATE COLORS

1. fawn
2. apricot
3. blue
4. blue & cream
5. cream brindle
6. mahogany brindle
7. blue brindle
8. cream sable
9. red sable
10. sabled cream
11. mahogany red
12. brown

We did not find the need for a 10th marking. Should we need to add another marking possibility, it would appear on the alternate list.

The list of colors and marking can be printed for distribution at the annual meeting, and input sought for any other reasonable changes. This could be done by e-mail or letter, after posting on the BCOA website. Any revisions would be considered by the committee, changes made if deemed necessary, and a final vote made by a specific date; the next Board meeting, or sooner by mail vote. At that time, the final list will be provided to AKC.

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Addendum 5/7/03

Upon further study, and input from numerous members, we found that silver is a necessary color choice. It will most likely replace cream brindle in the Alternate Colors list. The committee will consider additional comments through June 14. We will submit the final list to the Board by July 1, 2003.

Bonnie Dalzell has created a website for education about Borzoi colors, that is a point of reference for the fancy for the names of Borzoi colors.

Borzoi Coat Color Resource Page <http://borzoi-color.batw.net/index.html>

After the list is finalized and in the AKC registration system, the website can be used in continuing education to help correctly identify dogs for registration. At some point we should provide a link to this page from BCOA's website.

Patti Neale, Chairman