

# BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

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## ANNUAL REPORT – CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

AKC has announced that discounts are now available to any person traveling to or from an AKC event with a 2-night minimum stay. Depending on class of service and how far in advance of the travel date tickets are purchased United Airlines will offer 5% to 15% off published fares. Fanciers may obtain this discount by contacting United's Special Reservations at 800-521-4041 from 8:00 A.M. – 10 P.M. Eastern Time 7 days a week, except major holidays, using the code 515SP. The airline will have records of dates and locations of AKC events. The offer gives a 50% discount off the large and extra large crate rates for dogs traveling as "checked baggage" on the same aircraft as the owner or handler.

Thanks to information received from Suzanne Deghi, "Chassa" a Borzoi from Oregon, will be proposed for an AKC Award for Canine Excellence. Chassa has already been inducted into the Oregon Animal Hall of Fame for helping rescue two Shih Tzus whose owner had died while walking his dogs on a beach and were struggling to stay afloat in a rising tide that was carrying their owner out to sea. Recipients of the ACE Award will be recognized at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show.

The policy of including breed information flyers with each registration packet sent out from AKC had recently been discontinued because of the extra cost of postage. In response to protests from many parent clubs, AKC has re-instituted the inclusion of the breed flyers that will again be included in the registration packets. While maintaining this worthy program, AKC will further enhance it by offering a printable PDF file of the breed flyer on the AKC web site. This additional resource will help parent clubs increase public awareness of its breed's unique characteristics and ultimately give potential breed owners more information to make informed choices. In addition, having the flyer available on the web site will present new opportunities for parent clubs to print the flyers should they need them for distribution at booths or events where the public is seeking information.

The Regional Clubs have been complying with the requirements for submitting applications for BCOA approval of their specialties. However, clubs should be aware that they cannot submit an application for their next specialty until their current specialty has been held. I have received applications for two different "Back-to-Back" Specialties this year and this appears to be a growing trend. It will be interesting to see if this endeavor increases entries for these events.

A call-in vote, similar to the voting on the TV program, American Idol, will be held in conjunction with the televised AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show. Viewers will be able to vote for their favorite representative in each Group as well as for Best in Show. The parent club of each "call-in" Group Winner will receive \$2,000.00 and the Best in Show Winner's

parent club will receive \$10,000.00. This should be fun and a good way to support our breed winner. You are encouraged to vote early and vote often!

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