



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA  
AKC Delegate Report**

October 16, 2010

The AKC Delegate Meeting on September 14, 2010 in Newark, New Jersey, was well attended. Balloting was conducted for the question of term limits for the Directors of AKC and term limits have been retained.

The Group Realignment Committee has been reformed and will make recommendations to the Board.

The AKC has launched the new Breeder of Merit program. To achieve the Breeder of Merit designation, breeders should:

- Certify that applicable health screens are performed on the sire and dam as recommended by the Parent Club.
- Hold membership in an AKC club.
- Have a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.
- Earn Conformation, Companion and/or Performance titles on at least 4 dogs they have bred/co-bred.
- Demonstrate their commitment to ensuring 100% of the puppies they produce are AKC registered.

As part of the Breeder of Merit program, breeders will receive:

- Complimentary access to \$20.00 value per month for free online reports in the AKC online store.
- Access to the AKC Direct toll free number.
- Online Record support to ensure that their records are accurate, complete and easily accessible.
- A frameable certificate of distinction.
- Free Online Breeder Classified listings along with a special Breeder of Merit designation.
- Acknowledgement on a special page of the AKC website and in the AKC Gazette.
- Free or discounted fees on all secondary transactions such as duplicate registration applications, revoke limited status applications, etc.
- Breeder of Merit web banner for display on their website.
- Breeder of Merit lapel pin.
- Breeder of Merit designation and gold border on registration applications and certificates for dogs bred by the Breeder of Merit.

For additional information, visit [www.akc.org/breederofmerit](http://www.akc.org/breederofmerit)

The AKC is continuing to explore many possibilities to enhance dog shows and your participation, such as: a Reserve Best-in Show, expanding the number of group placements from 4 to 6, adding a 4-6 month-old puppy class as a special event, and a separate Amateur-Owner Handler competition. Another exciting special event that may be offered at shows is the Eukanuba sponsored Breeder Group Competition. Breeder will present three examples from at least two litters of an individuals breeding program. The breeders breeding program and not individual dogs will be evaluated. Spayed and neutered dogs may be entered.