

Region 2 Winter Report

The Eukanuba show in Orlando in December was quite an experience; both exciting and exhausting. I put together the BCOA Meet the Breed booth which was my first time to take this on for BCOA. The booth in California has always been awesome and I knew that I could not produce that type of production. So, I had a plan, worked on it all summer and along with my husband headed to Florida. He insisted that all the "stuff" would go in our Honda FIT and he managed to do just that.

On Friday, we assembled our exhibit, with Deb Vidaver-Cohen helping with the finishing touches. I have sent a photo to the Region 2 members to show them the finished booth for which we received many compliments. I hoped to show Borzoi in everyday activities, as well as other events they loved to do and with the donations from excellent photographers, we did accomplish what we set out to do. An unnamed artist (at her request) painted a large panel depicting Russian Churches to fit our theme of "From Russia with Love". We also had a slide show and Russian folk music to complete the look.

Most importantly, we had a group of Borzoi owners who helped and stayed at the booth for various amounts of time. They were there to answer questions and provide friendly Borzoi for petting and meeting-the owners and Borzois loved it.

My personal appreciation and thanks from BCOA to the following:

Photographers

Kelly Brunarski
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Barbara Lord
Patti Neale
Rebecca Neal
Dave Mills
KC Thompson

Special thanks to Joy Windle for sharing her slide show photos that we added to our slide show-we had many technical difficulties using her original slide show, so had to improvise.

Helpers

Deb Vidaver-Cohen-helped to man the booth along with her 2 Borzoi, both days as well as assisting with the installation and take down of the exhibit

Cindy Yerger and Michael Gilbrook for their help both days and the time spent with their Borzoi on Sunday, meeting and greeting the public.

Judy Tickner and her husband for manning the booth so that some of us could watch the Borzois showing on Saturday

Harry and Karin Johnson spent lots of time at the booth with their Borzois.

Greg and Dee Jones were at the booth for an exceptional amount of time both days with their girl. Ask Dee about the "Princess and the Pee" (not a typo)

I would also like to thank the many Borzoi folks who stopped by to visit during both days.

There are plans already in progress for next year's booth. Several local Florida BCOA members were "brain storming" while we were there with some great ideas being formulated. Being closer to the site will be helpful producing a more elaborate presentation-much more than will go into a FIT!

Jane Schreiber
Region 2 Governor

