

Committee Reports

Autumn 2017

Annual Awards (Nancy Katsarelas)

The awards committee is in waiting mode. There is little to do at present other than straighten files and waiting.

The Company that prepares our awards and are so very supportive, say they are standing by for another year of BCIOA awards. They tell me their Staff always enjoys looking at pictures of our top dogs.

Of course, we always hope that there are no mistakes, but the human element always needs to be considered while the dogs are always perfect. The biggest problem seems to be getting all the winners registered names correct, decide if all the owners' names will be include on our awards, if the owners of record are current BCOA members and then the task of getting the titles all correct and in order.

My task, as always, has been much easier due to the many committee people, club members and our officers that have willing help me with information when needed.

I will also sneak a comment in that it has been a pleasure being your Awards Chairperson. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve BCOA.

BTRC (Barbara O'Neill)

The BTRC committee meeting was held on Monday, October 16. I will send committee minutes when they are completed and I review them.

Canine Ambassadors (Susanne Cecere)

I am happy to take up the challenge for the BCOA Canine Ambassador's Program. My research with AKC was very helpful and informative.

My suggestion to the Board is to do an email to members stating that the BCOA is promoting our breed through the AKC Ambassador program. I think this letter should come from the president of the BCOA. Let the members know that if they are interested to contact me personally and I can provide all the details. I have also talked with the education part of AKC and suggested that maybe titles would be an incentive. Maybe the BCOA could do a recognition at the National to recognize the Ambassadors. I have reached out to some Borzoi friends and they have expressed their interest in participating.

Breed Welfare Report: Nov. 3, 2017 (Dee Jones) I did not receive notification that reports were due until a few days before the Board Meeting. I apologize for the lateness of this report. I had received the Third Quarter Report from Nancy Joeckel for BR-NC. When I received a message from BCOA's Recording Secretary, I immediately contacted Liz Duncan-Burge; however, she did not acknowledge the request.

Recent natural disasters (floods, hurricanes, and many wildfires) triggered my concern that I could receive a member's request for assistance with their dogs. The club voted to establish a committee to design such a program at our last annual meeting. To my knowledge, that committee has not been established. Luckily this year, we had no member who needed such assistance. When the topic was first discussed at a BTRC meeting, I posed multiple questions that will require decisions to establish the foundation and guidelines of such a program. Since those were only my own thoughts, I imagine there are other concerns that will need to be addressed. There are pros and cons to each possible choice and the BCOA must make determinations regarding what the rules will be before any help can be distributed. The level of destruction from the floods and fires brought home to me the need for us to start developing this program ASAP.

Borzoi Rescue - North California: (Nancy Joeckel)

Please keep in mind that our charter — and our resources — limit us to helping Borzoi in need. BR-NC has neither the right nor the power to deal with other aspects that are involved in rescue situations.

All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm/lyme tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done.

No Dogs in Rescue - We had no dogs in Rescue this quarter.

We are continuing to support the new owners of the Thurston County 22 with advice, access to pro bono second opinions on vet care when needed, and networking between owners so they can better understand the temperaments, health, and social needs of these Borzoi.

Also this quarter we received word that the sire of nine of our Elma, WA rescues (2012-2017) tested as a DM Carrier. Since we took the dam into rescue this Spring, we were able to DM test her. Fortunately, she tested Clear, meaning none of our Elma Borzoi are At Risk for developing DM. We were also able to notify owners of 10 other Elma dogs, all placed privately, on their possible DM status.

Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program

BR-NC's Referral Program gives owners/breeders access to excellent pet homes while retaining full control over all aspects of placing their dogs. In return, BR-NC receives a \$100 donation to help cover the expenses of the Borzoi we take into Rescue.

We had no dogs in our Referral Program this quarter.

Fundraising

This quarter, we have focused on replenishing our treasury and repaying the \$3,000 graciously loaned to us by the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation to help cover our veterinary bills.

BR-NC's annual expenses for rescue have been thankfully low for the last few years. That allowed us to accumulate a large amount in cash reserves. Even so, the 22 Thurston County rescues in January wiped us out financially. It cost nearly \$35,000 to vet and place these dogs, who were mostly young and all in need of spay/neuter, vaccines, worming, etc. Rescue Kai - 22 months old and critically injured from being hit by a car before rescue - spent a week in the hospital. We are happy to report that after \$5400 in vet care, Kai is thriving and expected to have a long and healthy life.

Our current GoFundMe campaign has raised about half the funds we need. We are also pursuing several grants and smaller online fundraisers so we will have funds for future

Health (Nancy Hopkins)

Excitement about the 2018 National Specialty is building! This time we will be offering both OFA Cardiac and Eye screening at our health clinics. My thanks to Leonore Abordo for her hard work getting such good agreements with the participating veterinary specialists. For the Health Seminar we are very lucky that Dr. Michael H Court, B.V.Sc, Ph.D has enthusiastically offered to give the membership information about his ongoing research into sighthounds and anesthesia. His CHF study is: Understanding the genetics of adverse drug reactions in sighthounds. Dr. Court will also be present during the Health Clinics to obtain DNA swabs to include borzoi into his research. So if members who are going to attend the 2018 National have dogs who have suffered an anesthesia reaction such as slow recovery, malignant hypothermia, or post-operative bleeding, Dr. Court would love to include your dog in the study!

OFA Quarterly Reports

- There were a total of 66 submissions to OFA this quarter. Of those 21 are for CHIC dogs. That is, 15% of submissions went to CHIC dogs.
- Fifty (76%) of these submissions were to the Open Database. Most notably, 100% of abnormal

submissions were placed by the owner into the Open Database. My commendations to these breeders/owners for their deep commitment to the continued health of the breed and to their fellow breeders.

- Thyroid: There were 24 submissions with 2 abnormal and 2 equivocal.
- Eyes: There were 36 submissions and all were normal.
- DNA: 7 people entered the DNA of their dogs, Thank you!
- Dentition: There were 5 submissions, one had missing teeth
- DM: There were 30 submissions with 4 carriers, no at risks.
- Cardiac: OFA is in the process of transitioning from the old cardiac screening system to the ACA (Advanced Cardiac Database). This new system was developed with veterinary cardiologists and is similar to the system used for OFA eye screenings. The new ACA form is in triplicate and one form will always be sent to OFA. This is very important because it guarantees that the data from all OFA cardiac screenings will go into the closed database (unless otherwise specified by the owner). Another change is a shift in the focus from auscultations to echoes. This is an important shift that can only benefit Borzoi in the future.

In this quarter there were 20 submissions to the old cardiac screening scheme and 9 into the new ACA.

ACA: All 9 submissions were normal. Four of these were auscultation only, 5 included an echocardiogram with the auscultation and of these, 2 added an ECG to the evaluation. These more complete cardiac evaluations are so important for the effective screening of breeding animals. I commend the breeders/owners who are making the financial and temporal commitment to the wellbeing of the breed.

Old Cardiac: There were 20 submissions with 1 found to be abnormal. Five of these submissions included an echocardiogram along with the auscultation. Again, commendations for those breeders/owners taking this extra step.

Remember, you must "Opt Into" the open database. If you do not check the box to give OFA the permission to share your dog's results, the information will not be openly shared in abnormal dogs. Also, your dog will be ineligible for a CHIC number. Only dogs whose results (normal or otherwise) are specifically placed into the open database by the owner can get CHIC numbers. Even if your dog has a normal result your dog will NOT get a CHIC number if you did not specifically give OFA permission to place the information into the open database.

BCOA CARDIAC CONFERENCE CALL OF 10/26/2017

Attendees:

Dr. Kate Meurs - NCSU

Dr. Anne Gelzer -UPenn

Diane Brown - Canine Health Foundation

Andrea Fumefreddo - Canine Health Foundation

Nancy Hopkins - Borzoi Club of America

Ginger Jones - Borzoi Club of America

We began discussions with determining if Dr. Meurs was satisfied with the type of data we were collecting with the holter results, the release agreement requirement information which included pedigree submissions along with holter results. She agreed that the criteria and data was good as a start. Dr. Meurs indicated that at some point, she would need DNA in the form of blood samples and we need to make sure that dogs in the holter study submit blood samples to the CHIC DNA repository. BCOA has been collecting and submitting blood sample to our CHIC database during our national specialty health clinic when we offer cardiac

screenings. However, we will need to add this requirement for dogs participating in the holter research to submit blood DNA to the CHIC database. There needs to be at least 6cc of blood and 10cc would be better if possible.

We then discussed at length the interval requirements of testing for dogs participating in the study. Dr. Gelzer has already received 12 reports from borzoi participants. Based on Dr. Gelzer and Dr. Meurs information known at this time, the preliminary testing interval recommendations were as follows:

- Initial test at 6 months (ideal) or 6mo to 1 year.
- Follow up testing at annual intervals for dogs with less than 100 recorded incidences in a 24-hour window.
- Follow up testing at 6 month - to 8 month intervals for dogs over 100 recorded incidences and possibly at 3 month intervals for dogs with recorded incidences of over 250 and/or including multiple VTAC pairs or fast runs or any other significantly identified issues within the 24 hour holter recorded period.

Nancy and Ginger will discuss opportunities to limit expenses as much as possible for the owners of dogs participating that may be required to retest at 3 month intervals. There is also an implant device that can record any VTAC that occurs during sudden death in a dog, which would be an ideal recording, but difficult and expensive to procure. Some follow up discussions would be required for us to establish criteria and financing for this one.

We then discussed the method of data collection and data sharing between Dr. Meurs and Dr. Gelzer and confirmed the following:

Nancy Hopkins will forward the balance of the holter results she has received to date (approximately 40) to Dr. Gelzer once she has received signed Release Agreements from all participants - just a few of these still required. Going forward, holter results will be submitted directly to Dr. Gelzer, pedigrees will be submitted to Dr. Meurs. Dr. Gelzer will forward holter results to Dr. Meurs who will have a student compile these in a spreadsheet for further evaluation.

Lastly, we agreed to proceed with collecting data for 6 months, conduct a follow up meeting in April of 2018 to review data collected to date and then reevaluate follow up requirements for holter testing intervals or any other additional testing requirements such as Echos and/or DNA blood collection for particular participants. This timing will allow us to present our agreed plans, process and status to our membership at our National Specialty Event in Richland, WA the last week of May 2018. Andrea agreed to schedule the follow up meeting.

Judge Education (Patti W. Neale)

Email to JEC

Hi Patti,

> For our Western Washington Winter Cluster on January 13-14th we plan to feature Hounds along with Terriers and Toys, seven of each.

> We'd like to include the Borzoi in our lineup. I looked over the list of breed mentors in the Northwest. Who are parent club approved presenters?

> We'd only need one or two dogs since we aren't doing a hands on portion.

> Can you give me some help in this?

> Thanks in advance.

> Cheers,

> Joan Zielinski

> Judges Ed

Reply:

Hi Joan!

As JEC for the Borzoi Club of America, I would respectfully request that you NOT include a Borzoi seminar this year. Our National Specialty is in Richland, Washington in the Spring.

Six years ago we had the same request from your group. We asked that the group not include Borzoi, and gave the reason. A seminar was held anyway.

When the National came around in Richland, we had only 3 judges for the NATIONAL judges study group, and one was our ring steward who never planned to judge hounds.

The ability to check boxes for a seminar in January, decreases the likelihood that we will have Pacific NW attendees at THE most important educational venue for the year, the 2018 National Specialty. We have history to prove it. The current lax judges approval climate makes it even less likely that people make the effort to attend the National Specialty. As a breeder yourself, I hope you will understand and choose a different hound seminar to fill the slot.

Patti Neale

Judges Education Coordinator

Medals

Club Inventory & Medals (Barbara O'Neill)

Inventory up-to-date.

Conformation (Chris Danker)

107 Borzoi completed their Championships January thru August. Of these, 75 are owned by first listed BCOA member and a medal was sent.

Companion & Performance (Leonore Abordo)

Medals for 2017 are CURRENT through the Summer issue of the Aristocrat

Medals for 2013 have been sent out. 2012 is in research and will be mailed in the next few weeks.

Additional postcards were ordered and reimbursed.

OFC (Karen Ackerman)

1 Medal sent for one borzoi titling in OFC NACC

Meet the Breed (Ron Williams) -

NYC February 2018

I sent an email out to the MTB Team requesting their thoughts on whether to continue with the photo backdrop or organize a booth theme. I'm investigating the possibility of a theme for the upcoming MTB in February 2018.

I will also need the BCOA UPS number to use when shipping the photo backdrop back to Patti Neale.

2018 National Specialty (Carol Enz)

Red Lion Hotel Richland Hanford House - Richland, Washington

Our AKC Application is pending due to a date conflict with the Spokane KC which is within 130 miles. The AKC Lure Trial and JC Tests are waiting for approval. Barb Ewing had to step down from judging because she will be having puppies in May 2018. Tom Golcher and I are looking into a replacement judge.

Members of Region 5 are stepping up and volunteering for the different committees.

2019 Lancaster, PA

There is a lot of very negative comments on social media regarding the Lancaster Host Resort. I have talked with our Sales Representative and she has assured me that the totally renovated hotel will be finished in

May/June of 2018 including the Expo Center. So plenty of time before our National. It will be a Wyndham Hotel. All of the Wyndham Hotels I have stayed at have been wonderful.
2020 will be in Region 4.

National Specialty

Guidelines are currently up-to-date.

Futurity (Barbara O'Neill)

The 2018 Futurity currently has 31 new Bitch and 25 new Litter nominations. There are 71 puppies from 19 litters eligible to forward from 2017 to 2018. Currently there is \$2,080 in the 2018 Futurity account. The 2019 Futurity account has \$140.00 to date. The 2019 Futurity entry forms have been sent to R. Lynn to put on the website. 2019 will be the Futurity's 30th Anniversary.

ROM (KC Artley)

DAMS:

CH Aruzia Joyous Moondance, JC ROM-C.

GCH Konstantin's Summertime, BN RN ROM-C.

GCHB Golightly Beau Soleil Lagniappe, JC ROM-C.

GCH Borscanna Melissa Loveletter, RE BN JC OAJ OJP ROMX-C.

SIRES:

CH Paradise Spirit Me N'Bobby McGee, OM1 UDX RAE ROM

CH Aashtoria Aruzia Java Chip, ROM-C

GCH Rassim's Eric Der Rote At Teine RA, ROM-C

Top Five (Deb Vidaver-Cohen)

1. Top 5 Awards Committee update. Sending this to everyone on the list in the hope of finding volunteers for 2018 National. If no-one here interested please distribute request to membership: I will not be attending the show this year so Top 5 committee needs someone to oversee the distribution of rosettes and certificates onsite and to get the uncollected ones to Jane Malloy in MA for shipping to recipients who could not pick up. I will work with whomever steps up to get everything ready for distribution ahead of time.

2. NOHS update: Event year ends October 11. Hopefully the year-end stats will be out in time for Nov 4meeting. Current stats only through Sept 19 so already out of date and not relevant to report but you can check here to stay apprised: https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/ohs/points_ranking/index.cfm

Welfare

Letter received by Barbara O'Neill

AKC Reunite would like to thank the tremendous response from AKC clubs and individuals across the country who have donated to our Pet Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Harvey. As of Friday, we have received donations from 114 AKC clubs and concerned people totaling \$235,000! The long recovery is just beginning for Texas, and these donations are helping, with over \$70,000 in cash and supplies already donated to shelters in the disaster zone including Harris County Animal Services, the Humane Society of Southeast Texas, the Humane Society of Aransas County and Brazoria County SPCA.

Earlier this week, Tom Sharp, President and CEO of AKC Reunite, presented an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer to Harris County Animal Services in Houston and saw the destruction firsthand. "I'm glad we were able to donate the equipment to help the animal services department in Houston. They are doing a great job handling a huge number of pets found in the storm. The shelter has committed to keeping these displaced pets at least thirty days for their owners to claim them, knowing that many owners remain in shelters or evacuated. Shelter personnel are showing up to help even as many of their own homes have piles of

sheetrock and furniture piled 6 feet high on the front yard. The devastation and mountains of belongings being disposed of went on-and-on as I drove through Houston.”

While we are making more grants to help with the Harvey aftermath, we are preparing for the US landfall of Hurricane Irma, plus monitoring a plague of wildfires in the western states. Therefore, we are asking that going forward, donors target funds to our general Pet Disaster Relief Fund. Through this effort, just as the Hurricane Harvey campaign, AKC Reunite pledges that 100% of the funds received will be used to help pets in need, with zero administrative or overhead expenses charged against those donations.

AKC Reunite thanks the pet lovers, the AKC clubs and delegates, The American Kennel Club, the AKC Humane Fund, the AKC Canine Health Foundation, and all who have responded to help take care of pets displaced by Hurricane Harvey. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all affected by and still within the path of Hurricane Irma. Remember, the safest place for your pets is with you!

Brandi Hunter

Vice President of Public Relations and Communications