

## Standing Committees

### Spring 2019

#### AKC Canine Health Foundation (Barbara O'Neill)

\*Borzoi Club of America, Inc. Donor Advised Fund\*

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018 Statement (1/1/2018-12/31/2018)

\*1/1/2018 Balance\* \*\$47,657.66\*

\*Contributions\* \$0.00

\*PPCPP Contribution\* \$868.91

\*Investment Earnings/(Losses)\* (\$2,992.08)

\*MOU Grant Support\*\$0.00

\*Management Fees\*\$0.00

\*Research Support\*\*\$2,272.55

\*12/31/2018 Balance\* \*\$43,261.94\*

about research areas in need of sponsorship, please email

[chfgrants@akcchf.org](mailto:chfgrants@akcchf.org) <<mailto:chfgrants@akcchf.org>>

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for your support of good health for dogs by working with the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF). Your donations, memberships and club fundraisers, and your regular participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program <<http://www.akcchf.org/how-to-help/purina-parent-club.html>> (PPCP)

enable CHF to award research grants that make a true impact on the lives CHF Donor Advised Fund statement dated \*12/31/18.\* / For 2019, the AKC is again providing dollar-for-dollar donations to canine cancer (up to \$250K), any donations from new and lapsed donors (last donation prior to 1/1/18) up to \$400,000, and for any \*Donor Advised Fund disbursements \*to /any / CHF research program area of /your choice/ (up to \$350,000). the 2019 Research Grants Portfolio and updated addendum of new grants.

<<http://www.akcchf.org/research/our-research/>> You can also search active grants by research program area on our website <<http://www.akcchf.org/research/research-portfolio/>>. Please contact us

<<mailto:chfgrants@akcchf.org>> or visit [akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org) <<http://www.akcchf.org>> to learn more about specific grants, research program areas, or to receive a list of projects of special interest to your breed or organization. \_\_

You can also demonstrate your compassion and commitment to canine health by honoring or memorializing a special dog or person <<http://www.akcchf.org/how-to-help/tribute/>> with an AKC Canine Health Foundation tribute card. We will send a card announcing your gift and your donation will help support canine health research and provide educational resources to dog lovers everywhere.

Lastly, please consider joining CHF by becoming a member club <<http://www.akcchf.org/how-to-help/membership/>>. With your membership, other events, or a wall plaque suitable for hanging indoors.

Plus, latest advancements in CHF-funded research. dogs live longer, healthier lives. We appreciate your partnership, and we are stronger working together toward our common goal for healthy dogs.

Sincerely,

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/Notice regarding AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Funds: Per Foundation policy, a minimum 5% annual distribution of your fund balance is a recommended standard for each donor advised fund to meet IRS regulations. Thank you for your help in keeping the Foundation compliant with these regulations.

### **Annual Awards (Nancy G Katsarelas)**

Mr. President, Board Members,

I have made the order for our annual Top Borzoi awards and have attached my final list of awards. The awards are expected to be shipped directly by the end of April to Joy Windle, our club Secretary. This new procedure was so they are not lost or misplaced at the Host Hotel. Thank you Joy for your suggestion and would you please notify me when you do receive the shipment.

I had to change the list a little from the previous list I sent to the Board. There might have been a desire to Award the Top Sire and Dam but I was unable to do order without any information. I was not notified of any winners in these categories' and was unable to determine if the methods of computation for these two awards had every been developed. Maybe next year.

Re-reading the Standing rules again, I continued an error that I made last year by preparing two awards for the two breeders of the Top Conformation Borzoi. I have also notified the company that prepares the awards not to bill the club for the extra Top Breeder award, I will pay for it.

To make sure that every recipient knows who prepares the awards I have requested that Larry Cushion Trophies business card be included with each award so that if there are other names on the Borzoi ownership that wish their own copy of an award the company can be contacted regarding requests for extra awards or requests for replacement of engraved plates. Of course, I can also be contacted to help with any type of duplication of an award upon the requester's payment agreement.

Any corrections after awards are presented can be addressed to the club and/or to me, with a solution to be determined.

I hope that the awards once again meet the high Standards of our great club.

### **Top awards for 2018**

#### **2018 BCOA Top Conformation Borzoi**

GCH Ch Konza-Plun Creek Bugatti at Elance  
Owners: Cherie Hunchak, Kay Cassella, Robert Bates

2018 BCOA Top Best of Opposite Sex Borzoi  
GCH Ch Crown Jewel Valentina of Majenkir CA  
Owners: Jean Durdin

2018 BCOA Breeders of the Top Conformation Borzoi  
Kay Cassella, Robert Bates

2018 BCOA Top Breeder-Owner-Handled Borzoi  
Kay Cassella

2018 BCOA Top AKC NOHS Borzoi  
GCHS Ch Aashtoria's My Secret Agenda  
Owners: Kenneth Porter, Robin Riel

2018 BCOA Top AKC Lure Courser

**FC Perlova Avalon Indy Go Zoiboyz SC****Owners: T Golcher, KC Thompson****2018 BCOA Top ASFA Lure Courser****Avalon Perlova Go Darkly LCM****Owners: Susan Van De Water, Sandra Moore****2018 BCOA Top LGRA Racer****Mielikki Gett Off SGRC****Owner: Renee McCartin****2018 BCOA Top NOTRA Racer****GCH DC Avalon Druid Dance Willowind SC SOR SORC2 CGRC TKN BCAT CGCA CGCU TKN TDN****Owners: Susanne Cecere, Sandra Moore****2018 BCOA Top Open Field Courser****Ch Kachina All For Love CC, CM****Owners: Linda Trurner, Carol Enz****2018 BCOA Top Obedience Borzoi****FC Teine Mirage at Riju SC, DC, GO, BN, RA, SHDN****Owner: June Mintchell****2018 BCOA Top Versatility Borzoi****GCH Hemlock Hollow Aruzia Journey toTahoe BN CGC RN SC FCh****Owners: Steven Artley, K.C. Artley****2018 BCOA Top Agility Borzoi****Ch Hemlock Hollow Journey to Rule Sixty-Two BN RN JC MX MXB MXJ MJB DJ DN CGCA CGCU TKA****Owners: Lou Avant, Colleen Allen****2018 BCOA Top High-Scoring Rally Borzoi****FC Teine Mirage at Riju SC, DC, GO, BN, RA, SHDN****Owner: June Mintchell****2018 BCOA Top Junior Handler****Elise Patti****Health (Nancy Hopkins)**

Donations:

Jenni Steele auctioned off several lovely pieces to raise funds for the BCOA Borzoi Health Fund. Her auction raised \$210 for health. This effort is greatly appreciated. Some of you will reap the benefits of Jenni's efforts through the discounted rates being offered at the National Health Clinics this year. If you see Jenni, please take the time to thank her for her efforts on behalf of our breed. Thank you, Jenni Steele!

Research:

- General: Ginger received the final summary for the Osteosarcoma vaccine study supported by BCOA Health—this summary is attached. The study sought to increase survival times in dogs with osteosarcoma using a vaccine and chemotherapy. The investigators feel they have met this goal. Osteosarcoma is a devastating

health issue many of us have had to deal with in our dogs. This study is one example of what your generous contributions to BCOA Health can do to help our Borzoi. Thank you.

-Borzoi Arrhythmia Project: Ginger has been in contact with Drs. Gelzer and Meurs and the CHF grants administrators to confirm if the results of the Sudden Death survey provided a large enough response for them to pursue a more detailed analysis of this disease in borzoi. CHF will be arranging a follow up conference call to discuss the survey results and next steps shortly.

BCOA Health Committee Addition: I would like to welcome Danielle Snyder Steenkamp, DVM as a new member of the BCOA Health Committee team. She is another resource on our committee who has experience putting a Holter on a Borzoi. She is also willing to help members with questions regarding their Holter results. Please remember that she cannot diagnose your dog over the phone, but she can help you to better understand what the information on the Holter report might mean.

BCOA Health Website: The new BCOA Health website pages are excellent. There is a “News” page that is updated frequently with such things as recall notices, health news information, updates on studies, and related items. We hope this can be a resource for members who want to keep up with information or who need to find something BCOA Health posted on a news list or the Health Facebook page.

Those who have rented one of our Holter monitors are no doubt familiar with the contents of BCOA Health’s Holter page. Please look at these pages again because we now have the Holter rental forms as fillable PDF’s. We hope this helps to simplify the rental process. Please let us know how we can further improve this process. <https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/health-holter.php>

### **Junior Showmen (Barbara Tyler Lord)**

Listed below please find the complete list of BCOA junior members and non-members exhibiting Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition throughout the United States in the 2018 calendar year.

*(January 1, 2018 up to and including December 31, 2018 as per the Canine Chronicle and following the current BCOA application protocol for junior showmen)*

Elise Patti – 97 points (member)	Mason Shriver – 1 point
Molly Forsyth – 71 points (member)	Gianna Bertsch – 0 points (member)
Shannon Piquet – 39 points (member)	James Alan Gibson – 0 points (member)
Logan Yankowski - 13 points	Madison Gilbert – 0 points (member)
Genevieve Cruickshank - 8 points (member)	Sierra Marvin – 0 points (member)
Adison Patti – 7 points (member)	Jaqueline Nachmias – 0 points (member)
Isabella Morgan – 6 points	Kendall Parker – 0 points (member)
Kayellen Maden – 4 points	Logan Parker – 0 points (member)
Niya Burks – 2 points	Brenna Sorbie – 0 points (member)
Robbie Jo Lucero – 1 point	

Congratulations to BCOA Junior member Elise Patti, the Borzoi Club of America's 2018 BCOA Top Junior Showman. On behalf of the BCOA membership, best wishes for continued success, Elise! I would also like to congratulate the following juniors who are the recipients of our 2018 BCOA Top Five Junior Showman Certificates:

1. Elise Patti
2. Molly Forsyth
3. Shannon Piquet
4. Logan Yankowski (need mailing address)
5. Genevieve Cruickshank

I would appreciate club members sharing with me privately at: [warwindfarm@gmail.com](mailto:warwindfarm@gmail.com), any contact information for the above listed youngsters currently not members of our club (either via family or junior membership). Please also share with me the names of any junior showman handling a Borzoi that you might meet at a local AKC conformation event. I just ask that you please provide me their names, and when speaking with them encourage the junior handler to visit our BCOA website, or contact me. This

contact information would allow me to reach out to these young people as well as their parents/guardians to invite them to become junior and/or family members of the Borzoi Club of America.

Junior members, family and friends, remember that the Borzoi Club of America Junior Showman Scholarship is available to our junior members who meet the qualifications, as stated on the junior showmanship page, <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/programs-juniors.php>. This scholarship applies to the junior members who qualify for either Westminster or the National Championship show while handling a Borzoi. If a junior meets the requirements, this scholarship will help towards reimbursement of expenses incurred during their attendance at either or both events. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions you may have.

As the BCOA junior show chair (now for 25 years), I am proud to say that through the years, before and since taking over the junior showman chairmanship from Jackie Levin, our National Club has grown a great deal in their support of the young people involved in our breed. However, I believe we still have a way to go.

Those who have followed our BCOA junior showmanship program can attest to the fact that if I have said it once, I have said it a hundred times, "our juniors are the future guardians of our breed". The fact is, if we really care about our amazing breed of Borzoi, then we MUST show those in the younger generation friendship, guidance, support and encouragement - otherwise, who will be there to be the caretakers of this amazing breed after we are all gone from this earth?!

With this fact in mind, if our National Club's goal is to encourage juniors to join and take part in our club, I am asking that the Board of Directors of the Borzoi Club of America immediately consider my request for changes and updating of the rules and process for junior membership application and participation, to make membership more inviting and encouraging for our junior handlers.

As a reminder to the membership and the Board of Directors, the current Junior Membership Application Process is as follows:

After your application and check have been received,

1. Your application will be read at the next BCOA board meeting.
  2. Your name will be published in the Board meeting minutes.
  3. If no letters are received protesting your application, you will be approved as a member at the following Board meeting.
  4. The BCOA Recording Secretary will notify you when you are approved.
  5. Your privileges as a member, including counting the wins of your dogs for top awards, start on the date you are approved as a member. The application process may take 4-6 months.
- In addition, the club currently offers our junior members no voting rights and requires them to reapply for club membership once they turn 18 years of age.

With these requirements and the subsequent time wasted while these young people wait to be approved to qualify for Club awards, (not to mention be acknowledged as members) if the BCOA's goal is *truly* to encourage junior membership and participation, I believe this process needs to change! I request the following steps be taken:

- Immediately change the Junior Application and Membership Process to:
  1. The junior confirms the reading of and acceptance of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship by their signature on their application.
  2. The junior confirms the reading of and agreement to adhere to the BCOA Code of Ethics by their signature on their application.
  3. The membership application fee is eliminated.
  4. The junior applicant submits to the BCOA Recording Secretary a completed Junior Member Application signed by themselves, as well as their parent(s) and/or guardian.
  5. The junior's membership goes into effect *immediately* starting the date of receipt of the application by the BCOA Recording Secretary.

6. Upon receipt of the junior membership application, the BCOA Recording Secretary notifies the BCOA Board, the BCOA Junior Showmanship Chair, and the junior (whose application has been received) and welcomes the youngster as a junior member of the Borzoi Club of America.
7. Starting with the 2019 Junior Showman calendar year (for juniors handling a Borzoi in AKC Junior Showmanship competition):
  - Wins acquired in the calendar year of his/her application will count retroactively starting the 1st of January of that same calendar year towards any awards or scholarships offered by the Borzoi Club of America.

I ask that the Borzoi Club of America Board of Directors discuss and vote upon this matter *immediately, or as soon as possible*, and not drag this process out into months and/or years of board discussion. As a past junior mom, the current BCOA junior showman chair, as well as a breeder, owner, handler and lover of this amazing breed for 46 years, this immediate update to our Junior Membership application and process is a clear-cut no-brainer!

In closing, thank you to those BCOA members who have taken the time to get to know and support our junior member handlers. I believe it is imperative that we provide these youngsters with the encouragement and the tools to not only be good citizens, but valued guardians of our breed. After all, the future of our breed rests with the young people involved with our breed today!

### **Registry of Merit (KC Artley)**

Dam: Ch Kelcorov's Vashda Nirada – ROM-C

### **Versatility (Kay Novotny)**

February 3, 2019

**REVISED 5/29/2019. Please see revisions in RED.**

Reporting year: 2018

I am happy to report that BCOA had ~~6~~ **7** dogs submitted for consideration for the Annual Versatility Award.

The overall winner for 2018 was:

GCH Hemlock Hollow Aruzia Journey to Tahoe, BN CGC, RN, SC, FCh call name Joe. HP 48679408, for the second year in a row! Congratulations, K. C. and Joe!

Joe achieved a total score of 55.5 points! Hearty congratulations to owners Steven and K. C. Artley, breeders Christine Danker and Lorrie Scott!

The other applicants and their scores in order:

2. Score 53.4125: CH Avalon WW Dazzle In The Dark, SC, RN, RI, BN, CGC, FCh, HP 44574107, owned by Sunny Grant and Sandra Moore, bred by Sandra Moore, Susan Van de Water, Diane Embry and Shelby Bergstresser.
3. **Score 47.8665: GCHB DC Sylvan Pimlico CDX BN RA SC BCAT CGCA CGCU FCh, HP 45331301, owned by Christopher & Patti Neale, bred by Christopher & Patti Neale.**
4. Score 46.5: CH Wildhunt Quantum Singularity of Ryhka, RN, HP 51414701, owned and bred by G. Ariel Duncan and Diana Darling.
5. Score 39.05: CH Islehaven Sentinel, RN, CGCA, CGCU, TKP, TT, JSR, RATN HP 51081903, Owner Linda Beisswenger, breeder Phyllis Potter.
6. Score 36.5: FCh Kirov Windrift Fly Above Tahoe, SC, RN, CGCA, CGCU, HP 49909003, owned by K. C. Artley, bred by Barbara Ewing and Nancy Reimer

7. Score 32: Kirov Windrift Flying Ace O' Tahoe, SC, RN, CGCA, CGCU, FCh, HP 49909005, owners Steven and K. C. Artley, bred by Barbara Ewing and Nancy Reimer

Congratulations to all these wonderful dogs for having a great 2018!

Also, I would like to report that 5 dogs have been submitted for a lifetime achievement versatility award. Those dogs are:

1. DC, FC Gladki Vetr N'Vision Snowstag, LCX, CD; owned by Stephanie Parker and Roy Silguero, bred by Mary Childs, Roy Silguero, Curtis Judd, and Dora McDonald.
2. DC Wild Hunt Savoir-Faire, MC, LCX, FCH, RA, BN, TKN, CGCA, CGAU; bred and owned by G. Ariel Duncan
3. CH, CT Romanoc Gerhard's Gaze Of Coburn, GRC, CDX, BN, GN, VER, RAE, JC, RATO, CGCA, CGCU, TKP, TDI, TT, owner Linda Beisswenger, bred by Kris Woodall
4. DC RiverRun Avalon Whiskey In The Jar Oxota, RN, SC; owned by Kristen Suhrenbrock and Karla Smith, DVM, bred by Karla Smith, Lenore Abordo, and Sandra Moore.
5. DC Wildhunt Joie De Vivre At Highpoint, RN, MC; owned by Anne and Walter Ford, bred by G. Ariel Duncan

Congratulations to this dog and her owners for their lifetime achievements in many disciplines!