

January 24, 2021

To the Members and the Board of Directors of the Borzoi Club of America,

Listed below please find the list of BCOA junior members and non-members exhibiting Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition throughout the United States in the 2020 calendar year.

*(January 1, 2020 up to and including December 31, 2020 as per the Canine Chronicle):*

Lila Holberg – 65 points (member)  
Raina McCloskey – 24 points (member)  
Logan Yankowski - 10 points (member)  
Emma Lloyd – 8 points

Congratulations to BCOA Junior member Lila Holberg, the Borzoi Club of America's 2020 BCOA Top Junior Showman. On behalf of the BCOA membership, best wishes for continued success in life, Lila!

I would also like to congratulate the following juniors who are the recipients of our 2020 BCOA Top Five Junior Showman Certificates:

1. Lila Holberg
2. Raina McCloskey
3. Logan Yankowski
4. Emma Lloyd (need mailing address)

AKC News (as presented by BCOA AKC delegate Prudence Hlatky):

The AKC Board approved at the January 2021 Meeting a proposal submitted by the Delegate Junior Sub-Committee and AKC Staff, to allow Canine Partners to be exhibited in Junior Showmanship. This will be an 18-month pilot program. The dog must have an AKC Canine Partner number and meet the ownership eligibility criteria. The Junior will include the breed the dog is being exhibited as on the entry form in the breed designation space. This is the same approach that has been successfully used by 4-H participants. Eligibility of Canine Partners to be entered in Conformation Junior Showmanship is limited to all-breed shows or events holding all-breed Junior Showmanship. The Judging Operations Department will be providing procedural information to all breed Junior Showmanship Judges.

The implementation of allowing Juniors to handle AKC Canine Partners is consistent with the purpose of the junior showmanship competition to introduce and encourage Juniors to participate in the sport of dogs; and to provide Juniors with a meaningful competition in which they can learn, practice, and improve in all areas of handling skill and sportsmanship. Further, it will allow new young people and their families the opportunity to participate in an AKC Conformation Event, supporting the future of clubs and events. This will present clubs the opportunity to recruit new members and provide mentoring to the Junior and their family.

The effective date is July 1, 2021. The impact of the pilot program will be assessed in 2022.

BCOA Junior Scholarship Opportunities: 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, <https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/programs/programs-juniors.php> 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.

I would appreciate club members sharing with me privately any contact information for the above listed youngster currently not a member 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 an AKC conformation event. I just ask that you provide me their names and contact information. In addition, when speaking with them please encourage the junior handler to visit our BCOA website. 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.

In closing, I thank those individuals who over the past year 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 be

good citizens, as well as valued guardians of our breed. After all, the future of our breed rests with the young people involved with our Borzoi today!

Respectfully submitted,

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