

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. AKC Gazette – Kristina Terra

Another one of my articles has been submitted to the Gazette for the February issue, entitled “Ochi Chernye [Dark Eyes]”, the article is talks about Borzoi eyes. The next article is already in the works.

2. Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas

The "2021 BCOA TOP JUNIOR Award seems to be missing? Lila's mother thinks maybe someone picked it up but haven't got it to Lila or her mother Kristie.

I think it might have NOT been picked up. But got packed away with our "Specialty" items/material. We're looking for someone who would be interested in chairing this committee. If interested, contact the president.

3. Annual Versatility Award & Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny

Reporting year: 2022

I would like to report that 1 dog has been submitted for a life-time achievement versatility award. The dog is:

CH GCH Aldemoor's Fashionista, RN, SC, GRC, Owners Peri Neill and Sandra Simmons-Gamble

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

4. Aristocrat – Helen Lee

Over the past year there have been a lot of “volunteer” articles, which is good. As always, KC Artley has sent an Archives column for each issue with an amazing amount of information in each one and Nancy Hopkins has sent interesting health articles for each issue. I do wish more people would send reports on their TSEs and specialties.

Gwen Post wrote and suggested including her old articles about collectibles, so the first one appeared in the Fall issue and I'll continue to include them going forward.

I'm wondering if it would be appropriate to offer a slight discount (like the memorial ads) for Christmas greetings. Each year I forget to ask about it but with the November deadline approaching I actually remembered this time. :>)

5. BCOA Archivist – KC Artley

- Thanks to Cindy Michalak for donating Aristocrats from 1957-58, a 1949 MBC Bulletin and Bulletin from the 1960s and 70s. On the BCOA website, under History are two new topics: "Borzoi Registration 1890-2021" and "BCOA Officers/Board 1903-2022", which also includes the Aristocrat editors, Gazette columnists, show chairpersons, yearbooks committees. More BCOA show results have been added to the BCOA website from the 1950s and 60s. Each issue of the Aristocrat this year has included an article from the series "Showing Borzoi In 19—".

6. BCOA Shop – Kari McCloskey

- Since the last meeting, I have communicated with Betsy Tolley for the 2023 National sales. I am waiting to hear back from Betsy as to pricing and arrangements with the embroidery company that her local kennel club uses. This company made up the

samples that were shown at the 2022 National in Texas, during the presentation of the 2023 host hotel to the membership.

- Shirley McFadden and I have corresponded about the current stock that is in the Pod. She accessed the Pod to inventory the 2022 logo items. She took some to sell at the Lone Star Borzoi Club specialty. She and I have talked about online options to creating a store front or fundraising sites, to eliminate the inventory issues that plague this club. The use of websites such as Bonfire and Custom Ink as used by several parent and regional clubs to fund raise for their organizations. I need some input from the board as to which company to use. Shirley and I would like to get this going before the holiday season as we feel that our club could generate some income over the holiday season.

7. BCOA Web Site – Helen Lee

I would like to ask, once again, that the Regional Governors ask their members to take a look at the results from previous nationals and send me any photos which are missing. It would be great if the site could picture every single entry which placed. I've tried asking in the Aristocrat itself, in the notices I send out when each issue is finished, and even on Facebook but haven't received one single photo. :(I have managed, though, to fill in a few spots with pictures from the old Borzoi Connections and Aristocrats if I have a shot from the same year as the national and KC Artley sends me any she finds. It's a continuing work in progress.

I've recently added some results from the 1950s and 1960s which KC has sent. There are quite a few more which I'm working on as time permits. I've managed to find a few pictures for each of the "old" years but again, member input would be very helpful.

I'm hoping that information on the 2023 national will be forthcoming soon, as that page is pretty sparse at the moment.

8. Bev Taylor Trust – Barbara O'Neill

Greetings BCOA BoD, BTRC Members & Support Staff,

2022 rescue distribution checks were authorized by Ron Williams & Barbara O'Neill and sent out the 1st week in July to **NBRF** and the **Borzoi Club of America**. No additional investment purchases have been made since the last report to both boards and the accounts are continuing to sit tight on all un-invested cash waiting to see if the economy will finally do some form of a correction in the near future. The markets are very scary right now when a 2-year treasury bond is paying the very same amount of interest as if you had purchased a 10-year treasury bond making the future of the economy appear to be in very critical territory.

BTRC is keeping funds that are currently in un-invested cash liquid in case the bottom drops completely out and the Country does go into a deep depression to the level of the past two depressions. The cash reserves will help preserve the continuance of the rescue fund for some time into the future, but even trying to preserve these accounts through higher levels of reserved cash is being offset by the current 9% inflation rates.

Attached for your records are two zip files containing the Schwab account statements for the months **May-August 2022** covering the **BCOA-BTRC Rescue Accounts #1 & #2**.

As you can likely surmised by the current state of the economy that the BCOA-BTRC accounts have not generated the income this year any where near the levels that have been achieved in past years. The projection for the end of this year's earned interest & dividends (as of 9/16/22) may be close to **\$22,495.12**. As of this date the current income actually received so far in 2022 is **\$15,239.88**.

ResAcct #1 (as of 9/16/22) (year-to-date unrealized gain/loss **-2.87% = -\$18,364.55**)

Account value	\$920,130.79
Cash-on-hand	\$298,779.10
Invested funds	\$621,351.69

ResAcct#2 (as of 9/16/22) (year-to-date unrealized gain/loss **-2.96% = -\$ 4,590.77**)

Account value	\$177,047.75
Cash-on-hand	\$ 26,557.19
Invested funds	\$150,490.56

9. Borzoi Welfare – Danielle Steenkamp

A couple of weeks ago, I was contacted by a BCOA member/breeder and asked if I had contacts to help rehome a very feral borzoi. While I did reach out to my contacts, I let the breeder know it is difficult to rehome a borzoi that cannot be handled. Because the dog has never been indoors, leash broken, or is able to live with dogs other than borzoi, none of my contacts panned out. I recommended NBRF, but they do not want to work with them. I have reached back out to see if they would like me to share the dog on my personal Facebook.

This month, a senior male borzoi was returned from the June 2020 large rescue in TX. I received 40 applications for him in a week, and fortunately he was adopted into a loving home.

It can be difficult to rehome a senior dog, and it is even more difficult to do it when the breeder wants to remain private, but I do think my recent experience exposes just how much social media networking can open up home opportunities. BCOA may consider discussing a welfare social media page that I can use to post "courtesy posts" for breeders looking to rehome adults.

Over the course of 2022, received 3 emails citing they were coming from the BCOA website looking for sighthound savvy veterinarian referrals in various parts of the US. I may work on compiling a list to have ready so I don't have to do such an extensive search every time.

No one signed up for the microchip clinic at the 2022 BCOA National in Mesquite, TX.

Shirley contacted me about doing a fundraiser for BCOA Health and Welfare. As these are separate committees (I am BCOA Welfare Chair and Nancy is BCOA Health Chair), I am unsure how that would work. I can get with Nancy if the idea is for a singular fundraiser to be split between BCOA Health and BCOA Welfare. Shirley mentioned that I raise lots of money for BHWF fundraisers - which is true - I have been very successful. BHWF is a 501c3

with a registered charity PayPal address, we are able to connect to Facebook charities/ fundraisers, and Amazon Smile. The simplicity is due to the 501c3 status. It would need to be discussed if I did a fundraiser for BCOA (for welfare and/or health funds) how money would be collected - either Lyn would need to watch donations through BCOAs PayPal and separate them or someone would need to offer their personal PayPal. I cannot as I use it for business and have too many transactions coming and going.

Fortunately, that's about it for 2022. I hope you all had a fabulous year!

10. Canine Ambassador – Susanne Cecere

Unfortunately the Borzoi Ambassador Program is somewhat stalled. I only have one person that is being able to continue in one of the programs. I have been recently contacted by our library to continue with the Read To The Dog program. Covid regulations continue to stop nursing homes and senior living facilities from any visitations.

11. Championship Medals

- Performance & Companion – Amy Balthrop

Now that I have formally taken over this responsibility, I have been busy this year moving myself and all nine dogs into a new home, so haven't had the ability to actually begin to go through the spreadsheet Leo sent to me to see where she left off. I also haven't received a new title report from KC Artley in a couple months, but haven't had the chance to reach out to her to see if that was because we didn't have any performance or companion titlists.

Apologies that I have not been able to move this committee forward at all at this point, but am hoping that once I get through some personal issues, I will finally have the chance to delve into figuring out the backlog of who hasn't been sent medallions since Leo was chair.

- Open Field – Linda Turner
- Conformation – Chris Danker

As of the end of September, 124 Borzoi completed their Championships. Of these, 82 are BCOA members and are eligible for a medal.

Barbara O'Neil sent me a box of medals she had remaining. I'm not sure who is doing the other tallies, but if they need medals they should reach out to me.

12. Club Inventory & Medals – Barbara O'Neill

The Board has approved the continuance of this program for 2023. Below are all clubs that have been updated and sent the medallions for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex

13 Clubs:

January - Lone Star Borzoi Club – 2023 Sent (D. Rogstad)
April – Borzoi Club of California – 2022 Sent (J. Rigtrup)
May – Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley – 2022 Sent (A. Duncan)
May - Borzoi Club of Greater New York – 2022 Sent (E. Szymanski)
May - Midwest Borzoi Club – 2022 Sent (A. Sikula)
May – Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club x 2 – 2022 Sent (L. Abordo)
June - Borzoi Club of Northern California – 2022 Sent (M. Stachon)
July - Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club x 2 – 2022 Sent (J. Law)
August - Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club x 2 – 2022 Sent (M. Polsfuss)
September - Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club – 2022 Sent (J. Law)
September - Puget Sound Borzoi Club x 2 – 2022 Sent (D. Carlstad)
September - Midwest Borzoi Club – 2022 Sent (A. Balthrop)
September - Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey – 2022 No medallions needed (L. Connolly)
October - Lone Star Borzoi Club x 2 – 2022 Sent (G. Gideon)
October - Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha x 2 – 2022 Sent (C. Dumaine)
October - Borzoi Club of Northern California x 2 – 2022 Sent (M. Stachon)
October – Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club – 2022 Sent (L. Abordo)
November - Potomac Valley Borzoi Club – 2022 Sent (R. McCartin)

13. Futurity Event – Cindi Gredys

Right now, I'm working on concepts and designs for trophies. I have the four class trophies started and hope I can get successful firing completed on them. If the firing is successful, they will be artistic bronze borzoi head sculptures. My goal is to have them completed before Thanksgiving so I can move and then complete the other 5 trophies after Christmas.

I have not talked to anyone about the menu for the event. I'm not sure that is even part of my job, but I am happy to give input if desired.

14. Futurity – Rebecca Neal & Lydia Pruett

- The Futurity Secretary position has been transitioned from Rebecca Neal to Lydia Pruett. Thank you, Lydia, for taking on this position. Rebecca will continue to assist Lydia through the 2023 Futurity (answering questions, converting forms to fillable PDF, etc.)
- Puppies carried forward to 2023: 13 (from 6 litters)
- 2023 Futurity (to date): 25 Bitches nominated
- 22 Litters nominated
- 55 Puppies nominated (includes the 13 from #2 above)
- Total collected to date: \$1,120
- Lydia mailed out the judge's nomination forms to all eligible nominator/breeders on 31 October 2022. Nominations are due back to Lydia on 14 November 2022. Futurity Judge selection will be complete by 20 December 2022.
- Updates to the Futurity Secretary Guide are ongoing.

15. Health – Nancy Hopkins

Borzoi Heart Research

After many years of work by Ginger Jones, the outpouring of willingness of Borzoi breeders and owners to Holter their Borzoi and share their results, and the willingness of Texas Borzoi breeders and owners to take repeated long drives to Texas A&M, finally, we have a researcher with a research proposal for a Borzoi specific cardiac study.

The Board made the historic decision to approve the first Borzoi specific research study, the TAMU cardiac research proposal, right before the National in Mesquite, TX. Unfortunately, because Dr. Wesselowski needed the funding for the National Specialty cardiac clinic in Mesquite and all the extra testing she was doing there with all the extra people she needed for those tests, she had to get creative and find funding from other sources. That creative funding search paid off and Dr. Wesselowski was able to find funding for the extra testing being done at the cardiac clinic and had the money to run some of her target biomarkers without having to use the AKC CHF money.

This is a great benefit for the BCOA as it puts her research further along before the need to dip into our Borzoi Donor Advised Fund is required. Dr Wesselowski stated that she has already been able to complete a sizable portion of what she originally laid out with regard to the scope and budget previously proposed. At the time of my communication with Dr. Wesselowski, just after the last board meeting, her plan was to submit an updated proposal to the AKC-CHF once the current batch of genetic sequencing is completed and she has the results. At that time, she will know the next step her research will need to take and she will submit a new proposal.

I must reemphasize that studies of this sort will take many years unless we are very lucky. The genetics of a properly functioning heart is very complex. Human medicine is much further along than is veterinary medicine in its understanding of the different genetic errors that can lead to different types of cardiomyopathies (primary heart muscle disorders) and channelopathies (primary heart rhythm disorders). Multiple different types of channelopathies are already identified with more being discovered in humans. The cardiomyopathies found in humans are probably better known as they have been a recognized clinical entity for longer. Veterinary cardiology is just now beginning to recognize channelopathies in dogs. What makes these cardiac ailments more complicated is that in some cases they are finding that one gene can cause more than one kind of channelopathy and a cardiomyopathy. In these cases, a family can have one genetic mutation yet the disease will manifest itself differently in different family members. So, not only do some of these diseases have incomplete penetrance (affected individuals do not always succumb to the disease yet can pass it on and produce affected offspring that do become ill) but they also have variable expression (some will die of DCM, some will die in their sleep, some will die during exercise, some will die when young, others in old age, etc.).

We don't yet know the characteristics of the nature of how the disease that causes Borzoi to drop dead manifests within our dogs. But Dr. Wesselowski is doggedly focused on finding out.

Dr. Wesselowski is also currently finishing two Borzoi focused research articles and preparing them for submission this fall. The submission process is long so these articles will not be available for some time.

Dr. Gelzer had mentioned to me at one point that she would write an article but she has not communicated any more with me on the subject. I will share any research that becomes available with the membership assuming her plans did not change.

I want to again thank everyone who has submitted Holters and continue to do so for our research. I also want to thank all the people who continue to make periodic treks to the Texas A & M University Vet School for the TAMU Borzoi cardiac study. This research could not be happening without any one of you. Our Borzoi and all of us who love Borzoi owe you a debt of gratitude. I personally hold you in the highest regard. Thank you.

2023 National Specialty Health Clinics.

Yet again we are confronted with state laws that are very restrictive when it comes to who can conduct health testing. The last time this happened was in Maryland. Virginia’s laws are equally restrictive. As of this date, we know we will have a Thyroid clinic as we have a member vet who is willing to donate her time and a vet from Maryland who is also licensed in Virginia who is willing to provide us with their expertise.

Leonore Abordo is running down some last minute leads in her attempts to find a cardiologist who can do a mid-week cardiac clinic. So far, her search and Betsy Tolley’s search have not proven fruitful.

There was a possibility of an eye clinic, however, this possibility is still not confirmed, but Leo is still working on that contact.

Again, the laws of Virginia restrict our options, but we are working on all possibilities.

Current Recommendations on Holter Interpretation

Based on our conversations with Dr Wesselowski and Dr. Sykes, we have adopted the European Society of Veterinary Cardiology Doberman Holter Guidelines until we get more Borzoi breed specific information. It is important for breeders to understand that there is a significant possibility that the normal range may end up being much lower than what is considered normal in Dobermans. Below is a summary of the Doberman Holter Guidelines:

Doberman Guidelines (from study by European Society of Veterinary Cardiology)

Grade	Feature	Classification	Follow-up
1	<50 VPCs/24 hours	Normal	Any ectopic beats should be concerning.
2	50 -300 VPCs/24 hours	Indeterminant	Repeat Holter in 6 months
3a	50 - 300 VPCs/24 hours found on two successive Holter tests	Diagnostic for occult DCM	This diagnosis holds even if the Echo is normal
3b	>300 VPCs/24 hours	Diagnostic for occult DCM	This diagnosis holds even if the Echo is normal

Dogs with complexities such as rapid pairs, ventricular tachycardia, R-on-T, or multiform ventricular arrhythmias on their Holter should get an echo and seek consultation with a cardiologist as the dog may well need antiarrhythmics. You will not necessarily see some of these itemized on the Holter report. I have seen several instances where R-on-T was not mentioned on the report, but was seen on the summary traces found on the following pages. I have also seen R-on-T missed completely on the report only to be picked up by a cardiologist. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Danielle Steenkamp or myself and we will help you.

I want to stress, that when I say we do not have an established Holter “normal” in Borzoi, this does not mean that there is also no abnormal established for Borzoi. What is abnormal on a Holter for any dog WILL be abnormal for a Borzoi. If a cardiologist looks at your Borzoi’s Holter and states that they believe your Borzoi is in need of antiarrhythmic drugs, please listen to the cardiologist as he/she has your dog’s best health in mind when making that recommendation.

Due to some questions about the importance of pairs Danielle and I have gotten, we have both asked several cardiologists and each of them have stated that pairs are never “normal.” Some pairs require that the dog be put on medications, while the slower pairs do not. We do see a lot of pairs in Borzoi Holters.

Dr Wesselowski did state that she has been seeing slow ventricular runs or slow pairs in Borzoi. She thinks that while these arrhythmias are not life threatening, she believes they may be a red flag that the dog is at risk of developing worsening arrhythmias. She recommends repeating the Holter in 6-12 months. From the Holters we have received on dogs who have been Holtered numerous times over their life times, we have seen this occur, where a dog had pairs, but only slow pairs, only to develop dangerous fast pairs later in life.

Remember, I am not recommending that Borzoi with questionable Holters be removed from breeding at this time. I do this trusting the good judgement of Borzoi breeders. We still have much to learn about this and I realize how frustrating it is to breed without more definitive information. For those who do not send Holter results to me, please, keep detailed records of the Holters of the parents and all offspring of Borzoi (especially those with questionable Holters) so that trends are identified before a problem becomes entrenched. It is imperative to remember that when dealing with something with a lot of unknowns, the breadth of the pedigree is as important as the depth of the pedigree.

We all know that it is not prudent to breed two Borzoi with cow hocks together if one expects to have a litter of puppies that are sound in the rear. Please do not breed two Borzoi together who have questionable or abnormal Holters.

16. Health Foundations – Virginia Jones

I was just able to get in touch with Andrea Fiumefreddo and advised her of my new email address (rivervueborzoi@outlook.com) as the last time I had contacted her just before the Ford axe swung, I had used my ford email address and she had been trying to reach me but was receiving notification that the address was no longer valid.

Now I’m trying to reach Sonya as well to get a status at her end.

I'm a little confused and uncomfortable with where things got left off when I last spoke to Nancy Hopkins and she indicated briefly that Sonya was now looking at some different options.

I need some specific clarification on just what this means before I can actually provide the board with a status and yearend report.

When we spoke, Nancy was trying to set up a meeting with the whole health committee and was inquiring about my availability.

We haven't met as of yet and looks like we will not be meeting prior to today's deadline.

So at this point, I would say my report is in limbo until I can get some information from all three of these sources.

I hope to have all of my questions and concerns addressed before the end of this year and would like to follow up with the board once this is complete.

17. Judges Education – Patti Neale

The National Specialty Judges Study Group in Mesquite drew three student judges of the six that signed up. Amy Sorbie assisted by running the hands-on workshop.

Notice of the 2023 Judges Study Group in Virginia Beach on April 29 has been submitted to AKC and will be on their Seminar listing on the website.

Responded to request from Ken Cook for PowerPoint material to adapt to the Canadian standard for presentation in May 2022.

Quick Reference for Judges Brochure printed and mailed to about 730 Borzoi and Best in Show judges in September. It has been well-received with positive comments on social media and some email communication. I will be sending one in November to each AKC Field Representative, and to the Judges Department so that AKC is on the same page with our parent club material.

The AKC/DJAA Advanced Institute seminar/workshops in Orlando will feature the Hound Group again. Borzoi are scheduled for 8:00 AM on Friday, December 16, the day before the AKC National Championship show. Volunteers to bring dogs for the hands-on workshop starting at 9:30 are needed. We've had a dwindling number of Borzoi participating in the show events that weekend, and I am concerned about having dogs available

American Dog Show Judges Association will be holding their Hound event in Louisville in March 2023. Borzoi are Scheduled for Friday, March 17th at 8:00 AM. Dogs will also be needed for the workshop there. Since this is in conjunction with the popular Louisville shows, there should be a pool of good dogs and willing handlers to draw on for that event. It is disappointing that the AKC and ADSJ events both feature hounds only a few months apart, as it will dilute attendance, but the ADSJ event is a re-scheduling from the COVID cancellation of two years ago. The AKC and ADSJ principals have "all agreed that it would be a positive thing to go ahead and offer both programs since it allows a judge to study the whole group by taking scent hounds at AKC and sight hounds at ADSJ or taking some of each depending on their needs" We shall see.

AKC's educational Canine College course featuring Borzoi is back in production. They will be filming dogs again in Portland in January, and Louisville in March. Depending on their needs beyond what filmed in Orlando before three years ago, Borzoi may be needed for filming at those venues to illustrate specific points.

- Certifying Judges education Presentation/adding history – Amy will update

18. Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler Lord

NOTE: See i.o. Supporting Documents for Jr Showmanship Income & Expense report from Lyn

BCOA 2022 Junior Statistics

As per Canine Chronicle

(January 1, 2022, up to and including September 30, 2022)

Please note that for the statistics portion of the report this is NOT the end of the year statistics! I am expecting at least one more tabulation total for our juniors to cover date: October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022 from the Canine Chronicle.

Raina McCloskey - 199 points (junior member)

Lila Holberg – 21 points (junior member)

Natasha Burtch – 9 points

Sophia Chestnut – 8 points

Kendall Parker – 7 points (junior member)

Audrey Boyer – 4 points

Kirbie Allen – 4 points

Leah Graham – 3 points (junior member)

Addison Patti – 2 points (junior member)

Liam Gonzalez – 1 point

Hannah McCloskey – 1 point (junior member)

Logan Parker – 1 point (junior member)

James Alan Gibson – zero points (junior member)

Samantha Kadinger – zero points (junior member)

Sophia Linck – zero points (junior member)

Jaqueline Nachmias – zero points (junior member)

Elise Patti – zero points (junior member)

Deborah Strieby = zero points (junior member)

Stella Piper – zero points (junior member)

Note to **ALL BCOA Club Members**: Please reach out to me privately with any contact information you may have for any of the above listed Juniors currently not listed as BCOA junior members. I will use this information to reach out to these juniors handling Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition and invite them as well their families to join the Borzoi Club of America.

Note to **ALL Junior Members**: Please feel free to contact me at: warwindfarm@gmail.com with any questions, additions, or comments regarding points earned and/or the current statistics.

19. Legislative Issues – Lyn Holfin

- July 8, 2022 Illinois - The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is considering amendments to the regulations that carry out the state’s Animal Welfare Act.
- July 14, 2022 Oregon - Voters in Oregon are urged to not sign a petition for Initiative Petition 3 because this animal rights measure will criminalize all hunting, many breeding practices – and even many humane forms of dog training.
- July 24, 2022 New Jersey - Mullica Township, New Jersey, is scheduled to consider [extensive changes to its animal ordinance](#) at its meeting *on Monday, July 26*. The proposal includes breeder licensing requirements, dog ownership limits, and restrictions on debarking.
- July 28, 2022 Virginia - Even though the Commonwealth of Virginia Code Section 3.2-6500 provides the following definition: “*Commercial dog breeder*” means any person who, during any 12-month period, maintains 30 or more adult female dogs for the primary purpose of the sale of their offspring..., under the Rockingham County proposal, commercial breeding kennels would include some hobbyists and small kennels. The proposal limits kennels to no more than four adult breeding females on the premises during any rolling 12-month period and limits the kennels to zoned parcels containing no less than five acres.
- September 1, 2022 California - On August 31st, the California State Legislature adjourned, signifying several important victories including the defeat of the bill formerly known as the “Dog and Cat Bill of Rights” and the passage of a bill requiring disclosures for dog trainers that included AKC’s amendments.
- September 22, 2022 Nationwide - The American Kennel Club (AKC) is deeply concerned about language in the recently-passed [House version of the FY 2023 Agricultural Appropriations bill](#) that would reduce opportunities for collaboration and education between USDA and breeders regulated by the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and urges fanciers to contact their US Senators to express their concerns.

- September 27, 2022 Nationwide - With election day right around the corner, now is the time to find out where the candidates stand on important canine legislative issues. To help, AKC GR has updated the [Canine Legislation Candidate Survey](#).
- September 28, 2022 Virginia - On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 6:00pm, the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing and possible vote on a proposed Dog Kennel Ordinance that could impact local hobby kennels.
- September 29, 2022 California - California Governor Newsom signed additional bills relating to animal welfare into law, including the following: Assembly Bill 1648 – Emergency Preparedness for Kennels and Assembly Bill 2723 – Microchipping Regulations for Dogs Claimed from Shelters or Rescues

20. Meet the Breeds (NYC) – Ron Williams

The nationwide AKC Meet the Breeds® Tour is scheduled to kick-off this January 28th and 29 in New York City at the Jacob K. Javits Center before traveling to several other cities. I'm working with Kari to secure volunteers for the NYC event. There's a form to submit prior to the DEADLINE of NOVEMBER 21, 2022 to register advising the AKC that our club will participate in the New York City AKC Meet the Breeds. I will complete and submit the form.

21. Members Education – Prudence Hlatky

Lots of plan and activities are being developed for the BCOA Member/Breeder Development Committee. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you wish to be involved in one or more of these activities.

- [Breeder Education Coordinator](#) – it's a new official position for all AKC Parent Clubs, with the Coordinator being listed with the Parent Club Officers. This will be the same as having the Juniors Coordinator and the Purebred Preservation Bank (PPB) Coordinator listed. The BCOA Board will be asked to select a BCOA member to be the Coordinator.

- [Aristocrat](#)

A new section called Member Education is being created. Currently the plan is to ask Borzoi breeder judges who have judged the BCOA National to submit articles. Amy Sorbie has offered two articles that she wrote for her Regional Governor Report as our first two articles. I will be sending out a mailing to all Borzoi breeder National judges asking if they would be willing to submit articles to the Aristocrat.

- [EDDY Award](#)

The BCOA Board has created a committee led by Ginger Jones and including Prudence Hlatky to pursue options to strengthen BCOA's position to qualify for the AKC EDDY Award. Currently I'm reviewing other breeds websites for ideas on their Member Education.

- Iconic Breeder Interviews

I have received the recommended breeder interview questions from the AKC to share with the Board. The BCOA Board will be asked to develop a list of breeders to be interviewed and individual to conduct the interviews. The list of questions and interview strategy are attached to this report. NOTE: THE QUESTIONS TAKE UP 22 PAGES OF PRINTING. PLEASE BE AWARE BEFORE YOU START. Interview Questions

- Trifold

The Trifold has been very well received and I'd like to make it available to all BCOA Members, fanciers and potential Borzoi owners. This could be accomplished by having it available in numerous locations on our website.

- Website

Under the Member Education tab, update it to include the BCOA Borzoi Trifold, interviews from Iconic breeders, Aristocrat articles, AKC BCOA Gazette Articles and links. Develop an educational tab with links to other BCOA/AKC educational, health sites etc. Incorporate educational resources such as the AKC Breeder Education site.

- Breeder Mentors –

Members who are willing to guide new breeders, owners in multiple areas which could include Borzoi temperament, health and nutrition, grooming, breeding. Involvement in Borzoi activities, conformation for show and/or performance

Mentor Pool – willing to be available for the “silly questions”

Available at the National

- National Member/Fancier Education Seminar –The 2023 National the Member/Fancier Education seminar will be a review of our AKC JEC (Judge's Education) presentation. If you have a seminar that you would like to see presented at our National, please let me know. I'm looking for ideas for the 2024 seminar.

Outreach to BCOA Juniors Committee – the AKC strongly recommends that the Member/Breeder Education reach out to and include our Juniors. The AKC is developing a program for mentoring Juniors as breeders. Other Parent clubs are developing educational programs for their Juniors that go far beyond just taking a dog for a few laps around the ring. These courses include information about their breeds, developing a whelping program etc. Introduce them to the wider world of what they can do with dogs. I'll keep you informed as this program develops.

- PUPDATES and the AKC Breed Flyer Program. These AKC programs reach out to new Borzoi owners and breeders. In the PUPDATES emails the BCOA can add brief information about our club to the email that are sent to all Borzoi puppy owners. The Breed Flyer Program sends our brochure out to the owners of all newly registered Borzoi.

BCOA has elected to join the PUPDATES program and information about the BCOA will now be included. For the AKC Breed Flyer Program, the AKC contacted all Parent Clubs in January 2022 asking them to review their flyer. I'll check on the status of this, but I believe that it was decided to continue with the Borzoi flyer the AKC currently is using

22. National Specialty – Kim Horn Janek

- 2023 – Virginia Beach, VA

Our 2023 Facility Chair, Betsy Tolley, has been working tirelessly on the 2023 National Specialty at Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, VA. She will be providing a full update to the Board at our Fall Face-To-Face Meeting.

Here are some of the areas I have been involved with:

- As of September 2, the initial room reservation count is 383 room nights.
 - BCOA Webmistress, H. Lee, deleted the old Facebook National Specialty Page and replaced it with a more interactive Group page which we have used to post updates and important Specialty information.
 - Participated in two phone conference calls with Nancy Hopkins, B. Tolley and B. Danieli re: feasibility of conducting Health Clinics at the National. We set an action plan in motion. Details are still being worked out.
 - Received an email from Nancy Katsarelas requesting information on locating the missing Top Junior award Plaque (note: it still has not been found)
 - Received email from Bernard Shuster requesting information on the 2023 lure coursing field and forwarded it to B Tolley.
 - Updated the 2023 Trophy Pledge Book with the addition of new classes (as determined by the National Poll) and forwarded it to H. Lee and B. Tolley.
 - Clarified the trophy dedication wording with the AKC and H. Lee and forwarded my findings to the BCOA Board.
 - Received and responded to an email from Futurity Secretary, Lydia Pruett requesting dates required for Futurity Judge's name to be included in the Premium List.
 - Received and replied to Lorene Connolly re: National Hotel reservation telephone number and best airport to use.
 - Caryl Dumaine will be working on an online auction to raise monies to offset Specialty expenses.
 - Participated in a conference call with B. Tolley and B. Danieli after B. Tolley's experiences at the Bearded Collie National Specialty which took place at the Founders Inn. We discussed many options and B. Tolley was advised to follow up with the Board at our Face-To-Face.
 - We are still in need of some key committee chairs, the most urgent being the Trophy Chairperson.
- 2024 – Olympia, WA

23. Registry of Merit – KC Artley

- No ROM applications this quarter. For the year, 15 dogs got ROM titles. The updated ROM listing is on the BCOA website.