JUDGES

All Regular & Non-Regular Classes: Espen Engh
Sweepstakes: Ms. Melanie Richard
Futurity: Mrs. Karen Mays
Obedience: Mr. James Thompson
Rally Obedience: Mr. Christopher Cornell
Junior Showmanship: Ms. Sandra Frei

Best of Breed/Best Veteran In Classes (Veteran Bitch 7-10 Years Class)
CH. SOYARA'S CHANTILLY LACE, JC
Breeders: Prudence Hlatky and Sabrina Rhodes. By Ch. Rossak of Enfield – Ch. Soyara’s Misleading Lady Esar.
Owners: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky (Bitch)
Best of Winners/Award of Merit (Open Dog Class)

KENAI’S ENDLESS RING OF LITE
Owners: Nancy E. Thurston, Virginia P. Graff, Michelle Luckey and Kathleen Kapaun

Best of Opposite Sex

CH. LAUREATE ADRIENNE LUMINARY
Breeders: Monica Barry and Janis Leikam. By Ch. Petrikov Tiber – Ch. Adrienne Serenade in Blue.
Owner: Janis A. Leikam (Dog)
Winners Bitch/Best Bred By Exhibitor/Award of Merit (Bred By Exhibitor Bitch)

**SYLVAN VITRINA FINIAN’S RAINBOW**

**Breeders:** Valori Vig Trantanella and Christopher and Patti Neale. By DC Sylvan Seabury Virago, SC – Ch. Vitrina Zoetrope, CD.

**Owners:** Christopher and Patti Neale

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Best Puppy In Classes (9-12 Dog Class)

**GOLIGHTLY YANNICK**

**Breeders:** Kerstin Brolin and Marcella Zobel. By Ch. Perchotin’s Ivor, JC – DC Brolin’s Golightly Hurricane, SC.

**Owners:** Marcella Zobel and Kerstin Brolin
Dogs, 6 months and under 9
WIND 'N SATIN FLEDGE V COBURN
Breeder: M. Childs, D. McDonald, P. Shaw. By DC Wind 'n Satin Ty Slezi of Zemny, SC – Ch. Coburn’s Silhouette, JC.
Owner: M. Childs

Dogs, 12 months and under 18
PHAEDRA DRACUL

Dogs, Novice
GRRFYN’S REYRIE BLADE RUNNER

Dogs, Bred By Exhibitor
GRRFYN’S IT’S ALL ABOUT

Dogs, American Bred
SOYARA GANDALF AT DANA DAN
Breeder: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky. By Ch. Soyara’s Titan of Blackmoor, JC – Ch. Soyara’s Chantilly Lace, JC.
Owner: Dana Thompson, Prudence Hlatky and Ardieta Thompson

Reserve Winners Bitch (Open Bitch)
VALESKA WE ALL SHINE ON
Owner: Yvonne and Rey McGehee
Bitches, 6 months and under 9
WIND ’N SATIN JADUS V COBURN
Breeders: M. Childs, D. McDonald and P. and S. Shaw. By DC Wind ’n Satin Ty Sleci of Zemny, SC – Ch. Coburn’s Silhouette, JC.
Owner: M. Childs

Bitches, 9 months and under 12
GOLIGHTLY BROLIN OOMA
Breeders: Kerstin Brolin and Marcella Zobel. By Ch. Perchotin’s Ivor, JC – DC Brolin’s Golightly Hurricane, SC.
Owners: Marcella Zobel and Kerstin Brolin

Bitches, American Bred
ELDOMAR STERLING MELINA
By Ch. Sterling Lionheart – Ch. Mariza Celebration.
Owners: Phyllis M. Potter and Patricia Wiseman

Dogs, Veterans 10 yrs & older / Award of Merit
CH. TRUHAVENS MIDAS RUN
Breeders: Phyllis Potter and Jim and Dottie Trulock. By Ch. Morozova’s Stillwater Massai – Truhavens My Fair Lady, CD.
Owners: Cindi Tellefsen, Bev Peck and Jim and Dottie Trulock

Bitches, Veterans 10 years and older
CH. DAR MOREV’S HINTERLAND XENA
Breeder: Barb Solga.
By Dar Morev’s Tailor Made – Ch. Dar Morev Hinterland Caprice.
Owner: Barbara Solga

Award of Merit
DC SYLVAN SEABURY VIRAGO, SC
Breeders: Christopher and Patti Neale and James Sillers, DVM. By Ch. Seabury’s Celtic Warrior – Ch. J.A.Y. Seabury JP Affectionately.
Owners: Christopher and Patti Neale and James Sillers, DVM (Dog)
Award of Merit

CH. JUBILEE MISTS OF EDEN, CGC
Owners: Kay McMillin and Cynthia Gredys (Bitch)

Award of Merit

DC GOLIGHTLY GLACIS LEREAU, SC
Breeder: Marcella Zobel and Ruth Herrmann. By Ch. Kyrov’s Confetti Fiz LeReau – Ch. Golightly Chatelaine, SC.
Owners: Marcella and Phillip Zobel (Bitch)

Award of Merit

CH. RISING STAR’S LIBERTY BELLE
Breeder: Nadine Johnson.
By Ch. Attaway Kyrov Star Kissed, JC – Ch. Rising Star’s Nofretary.
Owner: Nadine Johnson (Bitch)

Award of Merit

CH. IRISHBROOK LOVELY LADY
Owners: Michael L and Vicki L. Savage (Bitch)

Award of Merit

CH. MOROZOVA’S ROCKWELL
Breeder: Janet Y. Adams and Jerry Moore. By Ch. Morozova’s Crazy in Love – Ch. Morozova’s Stella By Starlight, SC.
Owner: Janet Y. Adams
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Reserve Winners Dog (Open Dog)
GLADKII VETER NEW YEAR
Owners: Roy Silguero and Curtis Judd

Bitches, 12 months and under 18
BUCKSILVER PAINTED LADY
Owners: Kenneth E. & Virginia P. Graff, Kathleen L. Kapaun & Michelle Luckey

Bitches, Novice
AVALON VICTORIA CROSS, JC
Breeders: Sandra Moore and Suzanne Liggett.
By Zharkov Quest For Fire – Avalon Polychromatic.
Owner: Sandra Moore

Best Stud Dog
CH. VALESKA WILDER SHORES OF LOVE
Breeders: Rey and Yvonne McGehee. By Valeska Black Granite – Ch. New Moon Rusakovite Revealed.
Owners: Carol Enz, Rey McGehee and Linda Turner

Best Brood Bitch
CH. VALESKA AFTERGLOW
Owner: Carol Enz

Placements:

Dogs, 6 months and under 9
4 L’BJORZOI’S RED THUNDER. Breeders: Susan Lundebjerg and Garnett Thompson. By Ch. V’Indra’s Oracle of Sunburst – Ch. L’Bjorzoir’s Reflection of Lilly. Owner: Susan Lundebjerg and Beth Hernandez

Dogs, 9 months and under 12
4 DAVMOOR VISION KEEPER. Breeder: Diane Davis. By Kenai’s Spirit of North Woods – DC Meadowcreek Light In The Sky. Owner: Diane Davis and Heather Osborn

Dogs, 12 months and under 18
2 SOYARA’S THE FORCE OF DESTINY. Breeders: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky. By Ch. Soyara’s Titan of Blackmoor, JC – Ch. Soyara’s Chantilly Lace, JC. Owners: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky

Dogs, Novice
3 FIREBIRD JULS RUN LIKE HELL, JC, CGC. Breeders: C. Miller and

**Dogs, Bred By Exhibitor**


4 **STEPPESS’ AZIJA TUHAJBEJOWIC.** Breeders: Jonnie Bradley and Monika Stachon. By Ch. Steppes Wars Piquant – Ch. V’Indra’s Steppes Silhouette. Owner: Monika Stachon

**Dogs, American Bred**


3 **TRUHAVEN APOLLO OF THE ISLES.** Breeders: Dottie Trulock and Gerald Vallem. By Ch. Karistan’s Zeus of Voltoff – Ch. Truhaven’s Silk Stockings. Owner: Phyllis M. Potter

4 **ZHORA’S SVESDA-REGIUS ALCHEMY.** JC. Breeders: Doreen Carlstad and Carol McHugh. By Ch. Regius The Soul of Osiris — Perchotin’s Czarina Catherina. Owner: Carol McHugh

**Dogs, Open**


3 **SVORA’S GHOSTAKOVICH.** Breeder: Shirley A. Garrett. By Ch. Chataqua’s Valimir of Kyrov, SC – Ch. Babotjka’s Fantaziya, JC. Owners: Lisa and Allan Durand

4 **GREYHAVEN A GLORIOUS ENIGMA.** Breeder: Marilyn Polsfuss. By Ch. Greyhaven Stalking Moon – Ch. Greyhaven Eden Burning. Owner: Barbara Solga

**Bitches, 6 months and under 9**

2 **RISING STAR YASMIN.** Breeder: Nadine Johnson. By Ch. Rising Star Kajai Priam – Ch. Rising Star’s Liberty Belle. Owner: Nadine Johnson

3 **RISING STAR YASHKA.** Breeder: Nadine Johnson. By Ch. Rising Star Kajai Priam – Ch. Rising Star’s Liberty Belle. Owner: Janet N. Browne

4 **ZOOROPA LAUREATE FONTANA FRONT STRETCH.** Breeders: Patty Hull and Monica Barry. By Ch. Zooropa’s Singular Sensation – Ch. Laureate Adrienne Taking Flight. Owner: Patty Hull

**Bitches, 9 months and under 12**


3 **AFANASII AVALON AVERIA.** Breeders: Rebecca and Tim Neal and Sandra Moore. By DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, SC, RN, TT – Avalon Highland Mary, CGC, TT. Owner: Diana Embry

4 **AVALON AFANASII TRIM AND PROPER.** Breeders: Rebecca and Tim Neal and Sandra Moore. By DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, SC, RN, TT – Avalon Highland Mary, CGC, TT. Owners: Rebecca and Tim Neal

**Bitches, 12 months and under 18**

2 **GLADKII VETER MATTER OF TASTE.** Breeders: Roy Silguero, Mary Childs and Dora McDonald. By Ch. Yegorov Sea of Change, CD – DC Wind ‘n Satin Ty Kaa, SC, MC. Owners: Roy Silguero and Curtis Judd


4 **LAUREATE ADRIENNE FLYING FIRST CLASS.** Breeders: Monica E. Barry and Janis A. Leikam. By Ch. Laureate Gavril Gallant Fox – Ch. Laureate Adrienne Learning to Fly. Owner: Janis A. Leikam

**Bitches, Novice**

2 **FIREBIRD JULS BIDING MY TIME.** Breeders: C. Miller and Julia C. Hislop. By Ch. Firebird Mirthful Flight, JC, CGC – Yah-Borick Iskra, CGC. Owners: Julia C. Hislop and Corrine Miller


4 **ELANCE MYSTIC RISQUE BLUE.** Breeders: Cherie Hunchak and Laura Van Diest. By Ch. Elance Mystic El Cid – Ch. Elance Romanza. Owner: Cherie Hunchak

**Bitches, Bred By Exhibitor**

2 **VITRINA SYLVAN ONE FROM THE HEART.** Breeders: Valori Trantanello and Chris and Patti Neale. By DC Sylvan Virago, SC – Ch. Vitrina Zoetore, CD, JC. Owner: Valori Vir Trantanello

3 **BONSAI LOST CREEK CHICORY.** JC. Breeders: Nancy DeChant, Sara Lyons-Goss and H. Brettell. By Ch. Laureate Adrienne Luminary – Bonsai Colors of the Wind, SC. Owner: Helen Brettell

4 **SUNBURST HEAVEN ‘LEE SPLENDOR.** Breeders: Garnett Thompson and Michele Carter. By Ch. That’s A Heavenly Hound – Ch. Sunburst Amazinagrace at Troybikho. Owner: Garnett Thompson

**Bitches, American Bred**

2 **RISING STAR DIPAILS TZEITEL.** JC. Breeders: Nadine A. Johnson and Paul and Diane Spohn. By Ch. Rising Star Conquistador – Ch. Rising Star Octavia De Nikolaiiev. Owner: Janet N. Browne


4 **FIREBIRD JULS HIGH HOPES.** JC. Breeders: C. Miller and Julia C. Hislop. By Ch. Firebird Mirthful Flight, JC, CGC – Yah-Borick Iskra, CGC. Owners: Julia C. Hislop and Corrine Miller

**Bitches, Open**

2 **KACHINA-VALESKA WIND DANCER.** Breeder: Carol Enz. By Ch. Valeska Wilder Shores of Love – Ch. Valeska Afterglow. Owner: Carol Enz (Agent: Robert Churchey)

3 **FC GLADKII VETER JOSEPHINE.** SC, H: D. McDonald, R. Silguero, C, Taylor and M. Childs. By Ch. Wind ‘n Satin Just a Moment – Ch. Wind ‘n Satin Over the Edge, JC. Owners: D. McDonald, R. Silguero and C. Judd

It was a great privilege being invited to judge the Borzoi Club of America 2006 National Specialty in Olympia, Washington. I have been lucky to be invited to judge US National or Parent Club specialties in six Sighthound breeds and for me there is hardly anything that can be as interesting and challenging; the size of the entries and more often than not the depth of quality make each appointment a unique experience. Thanks to the breeders and the exhibitors, to the able ring stewards and to the organizers for making it all happen.

In Scandinavia we write critiques for every dog at every show. For the purpose of writing this I wrote down notes similar to the critiques I am used to writing. When writing out the notes afterwards I realize that you in the US are probably not used to totally candid, open-minded critiques like this one. I am afraid that some of you may not be ready for it. However, I accepted the appointment on the condition that I would write a critique – and this is exactly what I have done. To me even the word critique itself indicates that you will offer comments about both virtues and imperfections. Of course, when judging, major consideration will always have to be put on the virtues of the dog but it does not make much sense to turn a blind eye to the imperfections either. I have mentioned both in the following critique. It may not be suitable reading for the feeble minded.

A few words about general impressions:

Most of the Borzoi shown possessed a pleasing combination of substance and elegance. Heads and expressions were overall, with a few exceptions, from good to excellent. As always there was a big variety of head types but in my assessment most were within what I interpret as acceptable and quite a few were truly outstanding. The US standards state that missing teeth should be penalized. Although not much of a tooth fairy, I must admit that I was surprised with both the number of dogs with missing teeth, especially in the younger dogs as well as with the number of teeth that some dogs were missing – up to five or six teeth in some cases. Approximately 50% of the puppies were missing teeth, which I think is a lot for a breed where this is to be penalized according to the standard. Missing teeth were less widespread among the older dogs but was unfortunately replaced by some very narrow underjaw, not at all suitable for the breed’s work.

Necks varied; a strong and well-set on neck is a major asset to a good Borzoi. The winners had it, many of the others did not.

The majority had nicely bladed bones. Feet varied to the extreme from completely flat “duck feet” via correctly hare-shaped feet to very short cat feet. Front angulation as usual also varied a lot; although a moderate lay-back of upper arm is typical of the breed, complete lack of lay-back is not functional nor acceptable, even if not explicitly mentioned in your standard.

There were a number of dogs that were very shallow in their bodies, more often than not combined with being presented in far too skinny condition. This may not always be apparent from the ringside but I am sorry to say that I have never in my life judged so many dogs badly lacking in condition, more so in their bodies than in their muscular developments. There were plenty of dogs lacking width of loin – the very power station of a Sighthound.

So much of a Borzois type is in its outline. There were a number of dogs with pleasing proportions and toplines, still there were many shades of grey and balance and flow of outline was frequently a major deciding factor. What wonderfully beautiful dogs Borzoi are when they have those stunning flowing graceful curves – I cannot think of any other breed more beautiful!

Movement – or frequently lack of good movement – was easily the most worrying aspect. There were far too few dogs that impressed in this department and you definitely have a lot of room for improvement in both the effortless, powerful, smooth and graceful side movement required of the breed but perhaps even more so in soundness coming and going. Very few dogs excelled in movement from all angles and the few that did just had to be recognized and rewarded. There were plenty of dogs with restricted side-gait, lack of timing and balance, hackney, mincing, very loose fronts - at times crossing over, unstable and narrow hindquarters – and I am not talking about single tracking, which I believe is correct for this and other Sighthound breeds. No; I am talking about wobbly, hocking in, converging towards the center line with one leg but not the other. The really good movers usually stood out in the classes and had to win on this most important aspect, including both Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.

Coats were overall from acceptable to excellent. A beautiful coat may be the icing of the cake but can also hide a multitude of sins and icing without the cake is not attractive at all. I would much rather award a well-constructed, well-balanced, sound Borzoi than one that is just dripping in coat and so I did on a number of occasions during this show.

6-9 months dogs: reasonable class with some very good puppies


2) Rising Star Yanni: big, powerful, masculine dog, very well developed for his age with a strong body, well angulated in front. I would like his head more refined and his ears higher set. Balanced angulation. Deep and capacious body. Excellent coat. Moved well from the side but tended to crab coming and going.

3) L’Bjorzoi’s Gypsy Fire of Sunburst: instantly attractive brindle and white dog with elegance and plenty of quality. Beautiful head but prefer more width of underjaw. Elegant neck. Moderate but balanced angulation front and rear. Unfortunately he tends to roach his back which also restricts his side movement and I would like him to cover more ground both standing and moving.

4) L’Bjorzoi’s Red Thunder: masculine red and white dog, attractive standing still. Well developed body, well angulated both ends. Does not need to gain any more bone. Deep and capacious body. Would prefer complete dentition. Not very coordinated in movement, crabbing coming and going and tucking himself up. If he can get control over his legs, this dog has very good potential.

9-12 months dogs: reasonable class with outstanding winner

1) Golightly Yannick Brolin: Very handsome dog of excellent type and quality. He has come a long way already. Masculine head that still needs to finish but has excellent potential. Correct bite. Long neck. Balanced angulation in front. Excellent topline. He has a deep body with correct spring of rib. Strong, wide thighs. Would have preferred somewhat longer hare feet. One of the soundest movers in the whole show. An excellent dog to go over, not in full coat which makes him look not quite as attractive from a distance as he really is. A dog with an excellent future and Best Puppy in Show.

2) Rajaljnim Hallis: powerful, very sound dog and a very good mover but not nearly as generous and shapely as the winner. Well-shaped, masculine head, excellent small ears. Strong neck. Rather straight in pasterns and short
Best Junior Showman (Open Senior) - AMELIA GREDSYS
CH. JUBILEE BREATH OF LIFE, CD, CGC.
Breeder: Cindi and Paul Gredys.
By Ch. Renaissance General Patton, CD, JC, CGC – Ch. Kyrov’s Jubilante Hallelujah, CGC.
Owner: Cindi Gredys

OPEN INTERMEDIATE - JORDAN DAVIS
DC MEADOWCREEK LIGHT IN THE SKY, SC.
Breeder: Robin Clifford and Lesley Clifford.
By Ch. Oaklara Meadowcreek Blackout, JC – DC Renai Kiss The Girl, SC.
Owner: Diane Davis

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NOVICE SENIOR - TIFFANY ZAGULA
MYSTIC ELANCE CINQUEPACE.
Breeder: Laura Van Diest and Cherie Hunchak.
By Ch. Elance Mystic El Cid, JC – Ch. Elance Romanza.
Owners: Laura Van Diest and Tiffany Zagula

OPEN INTERMEDIATE - JORDAN DAVIS
DC MEADOWCREEK LIGHT IN THE SKY, SC.
Breeder: Robin Clifford and Lesley Clifford.
By Ch. Oaklara Meadowcreek Blackout, JC – DC Renai Kiss The Girl, SC.
Owner: Diane Davis

Novice Senior

Open Intermediate

Open Senior
High in Obedience Trial (Open Class B, score 192.5)

**CH. NICKOLAI SOVAS PREKHOTE, UD.**

Owner: Karen Haberkorn

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**NOVICE CLASS ‘B’, Score 185**

**CH. JUBILEE BREATH OF LIFE, CD, CGC.**

Breeders: Cindi and Paul Gredys. By Ch. Renaissance General Patton, CD, JC, CGC – Ch. Kyrov’s Jubilante Hallelujah, CGC. Owner: Cindi Gredys

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**PRE-NOVICE CLASS, Score 147**

**CARS IVANS FERDINAND.**

Breeder: H. Urtane.

By Velikij Bonapart Iz Razdolia – Borscana Ragdoll. Owner: M.H. Dobrus

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**BRACE CLASS, Score 94**

**VERA ‘N STERLINGS FLYING EAGLE**

Owners: J. and L. Brauner and L. Cole

**VERA’S MY STERLING TREASURE, CD, RA, CGC**

Owners: J. and L. Brauner and L. Cole

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**Award of Merit (Open B)**

**CH. VIRSHINA ROSE OF PARADISE, CDX, SC, CGC**

Breeder: Chris Bradley. By Ch. Virshina Renaissance Korbel, JC, Ch. Virshina Fireside Glow, CDX, NAJ, CGC. Owners: Todd and Toby Brandtman and Chris Bradley

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**NOVICE CLASS ‘B’, Score 185**

**CH. JUBILEE BREATH OF LIFE, CD, CGC.**

Breeders: Cindi and Paul Gredys. By Ch. Renaissance General Patton, CD, JC, CGC – Ch. Kyrov’s Jubilante Hallelujah, CGC. Owner: Cindi Gredys

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**VERA ‘N STERLINGS FLYING EAGLE**

Owners: J. and L. Brauner and L. Cole

**VERA’S MY STERLING TREASURE, CD, RA, CGC**

Owners: J. and L. Brauner and L. Cole

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**Award of Merit (Open A)**

**DC AVALON JUNGLE FEVER, CD, SC**

Breeders: Sandra Moore, Paula Moore and Diana Embry. By FC Silkenswift Camus Dark Realm, SC – Ch. Willowwind’s Love at First Site, JC. Owners: Sandra Moore and Paula Moore

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**Novice B**

182 **WINDOR LIQUID DIAMONDS V EIDOLON.** Breeders: D. McDonald, M. Childs, R. Silguero and C. Taylor. By Ch. Wind ‘n Satin Just a Moment – Ch. Wind ‘n Satin Over the Edge, JC. Owners: Dora and Gene McDonald and Mary Childs

177 **IOURY KALINOW.** Breeder: Robert Kalinowski. By Kuskaya’s Arak – Starborough Fait Accompli. Owner: Pamela Jo Leichtnam

176.5 **NICKOLAI PAVLIP ZHIVAIA VODA.** Breeder: Bonnie E. Nichols. By Nickolai Born Free Clairidge – Nickolai Yenoky Corsesca, JC. Owner: Sunny Grant

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**Pre-Novice Class**

145 **BUCKSILVER’S ZARA’S SONG.** Breeders: Kenneth E. and Virginia P. Graff, Kathleen L. Kapaun and Michelle Luckey. By Kenai Endless Ring of Lite – Ch. Bucksilvers Touch the Sky. Owners: Sunny Grant

Davmoor Vision Keeper: pleasing tricolor dog with a good balance between the front and the rear. Nice head, if a little short. Very good ears. Tendency to ewe neck. Correct feet. Has a nice enough topline standing but looses it on the move and lacks a tuck-up to his underline. Tends to crab coming and going.

Dogs 12-18 months: a class with some very decent males.


2) Soyara's The Force of Destiny: white and dark sable dog who combines substance and elegance. Masculine high-quality head with beautiful eyes and expression but a little wide in back skull. Excellent neck, well-angulated in front. Not the depth of the winner. Excellent underline but tends to slope a bit in topline standing still but evens out on the move. Correct bone. Well angulated behind. Hare feet. Moved soundly from all angles.

3) Virshina Windsor of Vaschka: big, masculine white and red male with a beautiful silhouette. Long, strong and masculine head, needs to refine with age. Beautiful, long and strong neck. Acceptable front angulation. He scored in depth of chest and topline, excellent coat. Would prefer more bladed bone. Moved narrow behind, otherwise a nice enough mover.

4) Taugo's Gucci: white and crème male, masculine and well balanced. His head is nice enough but his ears are too low set. Moderate neck. Would prefer a better layback of upper arm which is also reflected in his movement. Very nice top- and underline. Strong thighs. Unstable and a bit restricted in front action but moved very well from behind.

Novice: surprisingly good class, all three of them were very good representaives of the breed.

1) Gryffyn's Aeyrie Blade Runner: black and silver dog of excellent type and instantly attractive. Would prefer a little more self-confidence but did not back away. Refined, well-chiseled head, somewhat red-eyed today. Long neck. Moderate angulation in front and would prefer some more spring of pastern. Excellent outline. Strong and wide thighs, well angulated behind. A nice mover from the side but not great, clean coming and going.

2) Symbiont Exemplar: white and black male, very handsome and with excellent curves. Well-chiseled head, also somewhat red-eyed. Excellent neck and beautiful outline. Would prefer some more weight. Well angulated behind. Very unstable in front action but attractive from the side.

3) Firebird Juls Run Like Hell, JC, CGC: Another attractive dog with a very pleasing silhouette. His head is masculine enough. Good neck, correct topline. Straight upper arms and needs to develop more depth of chest. Balanced angulation behind. Very good legs and feet. Moved reasonably soundly from the side and from behind but needs to stabilize in front and was too proud of his tail today.

Bred by Exhibitor: this is usually a much stronger class than what I was presented with today.

1) Gryffyn's It's All About Me: typey white and black dog, very attractive. When standing he has just about everything you can ask for but unfortunately he is less impressive in movement. Beautiful head, excellent neck. Moderate but balanced angulation both ends. Very shapely topline, deep chest. Quite sound in movement coming and going but rather restricted from the side.

2) Nonsuch Prairie Smoke: youthful looking white and red. He attracts attention and moved well from the side. Needs to gain some more masculinity with age. Refined head, his bite is bordering on the acceptable. Long neck. Excellent topline. Straight upper arm but stands very well on his legs and moved with plenty of suppleness from the side. Narrow behind.


4) Steppes' Azja Tuhałżejowicz: elegant black & brindle. Very refined head, excellent expression, great ears. Long neck. Too straight in upper arms and would prefer significantly more weight and muscles, which would improve his overall appearance. Nice topline, moderately angulated behind. Moved light on his feet, unstable in front.

American Bred: overall a class with some pleasing dogs but most of them with some glaring imperfections.

1) Soyara Gandalf at Dana Dan: masculine dog, combining substance with elegance. Powerful, masculine head, excellent expression. Strong neck. Moderately angulated in front. Attractive topline adding a lot to his overall appearance. Deep chest. Excellent croup. Well angulated behind. Good feet. He moved reasonably sound coming and going, acceptable from the side but rather lazy, would have liked to see him spending more energy.

2) Bucksilver Night Flyer Qamyo: a very attractive dog with a smashing expression stemming from a beautiful head and excellent pigmentation. Long neck. Very good layback of upper arm. Very pleasing coat. Correct feet. Attractive topline, except for the croup which is sloping too much, cuts him off rather abruptly behind and restricts his ability to extend his hindquarters. Sound enough coming and going.

3) Truhaven Apollo of the Isles: big and strong male, on first sight I thought he would win the class. A bit too strong in head. Strong neck. Excellent depth and width of chest and body. Well angulated behind. Strong bone. Excellent coat. Moved quite well from the side but unacceptable in front, toeing in badly and giving away in pastern to such

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Best in Puppy Sweeps (Dog, 15-18 Months)

**PHAEDRA DRACUL**


Owners: C. Kubiak-Zamora and Kevin T. Shimel, DVM

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Best Opposite Sex In Puppy Sweeps (Bitch, 6-9 Months)

**WIND 'N SATIN JADUS V COBURN.**

Breeders: M. Childs, D. McDonald and P. and S. Shaw. By DC Wind ‘n Satin Ty Slezi of Zemny, SC – Ch. Coburn’s Silhouette, JC.

Owner: M. Childs
PUPPY Sweepstakes Dogs, 6 months & under 9
WIND ‘N SATIN FLEDGE V COBURN
Breeders: M. Childs, D. McDonald and P. and S. Shaw. By DC Wind ‘n Satin Ty Slezi of Zemny, SC – Ch. Coburn’s Silhouette, JC.
Owner: M. Childs

PUPPY Sweepstakes Dogs, 9 months & under 12
RAJALINJAN HALIS

PUPPY Sweepstakes Dogs, 12 mos & under 15
GUZZI STEPPES MOONDANZ PARADO

PUPPY Sweepstakes Bitches, 9 mos & under 12
GOLIGHTLY BROLIN OOMA FRANKA
Breeders: Kerstin Brobin and Marcella Zobel. By Ch. Perchotin’s Ivor, JC – DC Brolin’s Golightly Hurricane, SC. Owners: Marcella Zobel and Kerstin Brobin

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PUPPY Sweepstakes Bitches, 15 mos & under 19
AASHTORIA IRISHBROOK LA ROCHELLE

PUPPY Sweepstakes Bitches, 12 mos & under 15
RODINA SHINING THROUGH LEREAU
PUPPY Sweepstakes Dogs, 6 months and under 9
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PUPPY Sweepstakes Dogs, 6 months and under 12
2 GOLIGHTLY YANNICK BROLIN. Breeders: Kerstin Brolin and Marcella Zobel. By Ch. Perchotin’s Ivor, JC – DC Brolin’s Golightly Hurricane. SC. Owners: Marcella Zobel and Kerstin Brolin
4 DAVMOOR VISION KEEPER. Breeder: Diane Davis. By Kenai’s Spirit of North Woods – DC Meadowcreek Light In The Sky, SC. Owners: Diane Davis and Heather Osborn

PUPPY Sweepstakes Dogs, 12 months and under 15
3 SUNBURST HEAVEN REIGNS. Breeders: Garnett Thompson and Michele Carter. By Ch. That’s A Heavenly Hound – Ch. Sunburst Amazingrace at Troyhiko. Owner: Garnett Thompson

PUPPY Sweepstakes Dogs, 15 months and under 19
2 SOYARA’S THE FORCE OF DESTINY. Breeders: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky. By Ch. Soyara’s Titan of Blackmoor, JC – Ch. Soyara’s Chantilly Lace, JC. Owners: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky
4 SOYARA GANDALF AT DANA DAN. Breeders: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky. By Ch. Soyara’s Titan of Blackmoor, JC – Ch. Soyara’s Chantilly Lace, JC. Owners: Dana Thompson, Prudence Hlatky and Ardidetta Thompson

PUPPY Sweepstakes Bitches, 6 months and under 9
2 RISING STAR YASMINE. Breeder: Nadine Johnson, By Ch. Rising Star Kajai Priam – Ch. Rising Star’s Liberty Belle. Owner: Nadine Johnson
4 RISING STAR YASHKA. Breeder: Nadine Johnson, By Ch. Rising Star Kajai Priam – Ch. Rising Star’s Liberty Belle. Owner: Janet N. Browne

PUPPY Sweepstakes Bitches, 9 months and under 12
2 AFANASII AVALON EROEAN. Breeders: Rebecca and Tim Neal and Sandra Moore. By DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, SC, RN, TT – Avalon Highland Mary, CGC, TT. Owners: Rebecca and Tim Neal
3 AFANASII AVALON AVERIA. Breeders: Rebecca and Tim Neal and Sandra Moore. By DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, SC, RN, TT – Avalon Highland Mary, CGC, TT. Owner: Diana Embry (Agent: Rebecca Neal)
4 DAVMOOR BEYOND THE MISTS. Breeder: Diane Davis. By Kenai’s Spirit of North Woods – DC Meadowcreek Light In The Sky, SC. Owner: Diane Davis

PUPPY Sweepstakes Bitches, 12 months and under 15
4 MAJENKIR POLLYANA. Owners: Lauri Anderson, Barbara Todd and Karen Staudt-Cartabona
2 GLADKII VETER MATTER OF TASTE. Breeders: Roy Silguero, Mary Childs and Dora McDonald. By Ch. Yegorov Sea of Change, CD – DC Wind ’n Satin Ty Kaa, SC, MC. Owners: Roy Silguero and Curtis Judd
3 TAUGO’S GIORGIO ARMANI. Breeder: Merla Thomson. By Taugo’s B Flyte of Ryzzan – Elista’s Sahara Moon. Owner: Merla Thomson

PUPPY Sweepstakes Bitches, 15 months and under 19

BCOA National Sweeps Critique
By Ms. Melanie Richards

I was asked to write a critique of the sweepstakes entries and while I tried to write notes about each dog in a small notepad, needless to say, it was very difficult to read my scribbles done amidst the judging and the photo sessions. It proved a daunting task to critique each dog who placed, and in some cases I couldn’t read my writing. Hopefully, the following comments will help readers see the entry through my eyes.

I’ve often thought it would be interesting to hold a round robin type of sweeps against my understanding of the standard. In looking at Borzoi, I am always hoping for a dog that combines soundness and balance with good movement and the elegance and flowing lines that typify the breed at its best. Naturally, all these qualities do not necessarily occur in the same dog. I prefer a puppy with a very good front and nice movement. Very balanced. He got tired and was misbehaving by the time Best in Sweeps competition rolled around.

Puppy Dog 6 - 9
1 WIND ‘N SATIN FLEDEGEY COBURN - This was a very sound black puppy with a very good front and nice movement. Very balanced. He got tired and was misbehaving by the time Best in Sweeps competition rolled around.

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Best in Veteran Sweeps (Dog, 8 years and under 9)

CH. MOROZova'S ROCKWELL, JC

Breeders: Janet Y. Adams and Jerry Moore. By Ch. Morozova’s Crazy in Love – Ch. Morozova’s Stella By Starlight, SC.
Owner: Janet Y. Adams

Best Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweeps (Bitches, 8 years and under 9)

CH. SOYARA’S CHANTILLY LACE, JC

Breeders: Prudence Hlatky and Sabrina Rhodes. By Ch. Rossak of Enfield – Ch. Soyara’s Misleading Lady Esar.
Owners: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky

VETERAN Sweepstakes Dogs, 7 years & under 8

CH. MEADOWCREEK’S RULE THE NIGHT.

Breeders: Robin E Clifford and Lesley E. Clifford. By Ch. Oaklara Meadowcreek Blackout – Ch. Kenai Kiss The Girl, JC.
Owners: Jim and Lauri Anderson, R. Clifford and M. Rowton

VETERAN Sweepstakes Dogs, 10 years and older

CH. NONSUCH PRINCE CHARMING.

Owners: Kalen M. Dumke and Karen A. Dumke

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VETERAN Sweepstakes Bitches, 7 years & under 8

CH. MAJENKIR IMPRABELLA.
Breeder: Karen Staudt-Cartabona.
By Ch. Majenkir Impressive – Majenkir Mirabella.
Owners: Karen M. and William V. Ackerman

VETERAN Sweepstakes Bitches, 10 years & older

CH. DAR MOREV’S HINTERLAND XENA
Breeder: Barb Solga.
By Dar Morev’s Tailor Made – Ch. Dar Morev Hinterland Caprice. Owner: Barbara Solga

VETERAN Sweepstakes Bitches, 9 years & under 10

DC BROLIN’S GOLIGHTLY HURRICANE, SC.
Breeder: Marcella Zobel.
By Ch. V’Indra’s Irek, JC – Petrushka’s Anya.
Owners: Kerstin Brolin and Marcella Zobel

Puppy Dogs 12 - 15
1 GUZZI STEPPES MOONDANZ PARADO - A white and red male who looked a bit more teenage than the younger class winners. He had easy side gait and nice angulation with a pleasing topline.
2 TAUGO’S GUCCI - A more substantial male with good structure and angles. A close decision between first and second place.

Puppy Dogs 15 - 18
1 PHAEDRA DRACUL - A compact, substantial gold brindle male who was curvy and nicely angulated both front and rear. He had good reach and smooth side gait and many nice breed details such as a well - filled muzzle with nice Roman finish, low hocks, and that very desirable blend of substance and style. Clearly masculine yet still elegant. Nicely proportioned throughout. An excellent overall quality male. BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES
2 SOYARA’S THE FORCE OF DESTINY - A large, handsome white and sable male with a sweeping rear. Substantial and very mature - looking, with a pleasing expression and a nice combination of elegance and masculinity.
3 GLADKII VETER NEW YEAR - A very handsome, substantial white and tri male, sound and very mature - looking. A masculine dog with good angulation and attractive type.
4 SOYARA’S GANDALF AT DANA DAN - A large white and brindle/sable male, balanced, with good substance and pleasing proportions.

Puppy Dogs 6 - 9
1 WIND ’N SATIN JADUS V COBURN - A black puppy bitch with an excellent front assembly, with good long upper arm and balanced angles. She moved accordingly, with good reach and drive, and was very sound. BEST OF OPPOSITE IN SWEEPSTAKES
2 RISING STAR YASMINE - A taller, longer and much more mature - looking bitch, this girl looked ready to compete in Open even at this age. She was sound and balanced.

Puppy Bitches 9 - 12
1 GOLIGHTLY BROLIN OOMA FRANKA - An Irish - marked black bitch who was a very nice overall bitch: feminine and sound, she moved well and also flowed together nicely standing. She was very balanced for the usually awkward 9 - 12 class.
2 AFANSII A V ALON EROEAN - A smooth mover with nice angulation.
3 AFANSII A V ALON A VERIA - A large, flashy girl with good angles, littersister to #2.

12 - 15 Bitch
1 RODINA SHINING THROUGH LEREAU - A white and light red sable
girl with a beautiful head. She was very feminine yet had nice substance. Balanced and sound, she was a lovely girl with nice angulation.

2 GLADKII VETER MATTER OF TASTE - A black bitch with lovely shiny curls, this was a very well made girl with good angulation both front and rear. She was sound and moved well. Quite mature - looking for her age.

3 TAUGO’S GIORGIO ARMANI - A handsome, substantial white and gold bitch with nice angulation front and rear and an attractive silhouette. A sound mover.

4 MAJENKIR POLYANA - Another substantial girl who was well angulated both front and rear, but well balanced. Very maturing - looking.

Bitches 15 - 19
1 AASHTORIA IRISHBROOK LA ROCHELLE - This white and tri bitch had a beautiful head and a classic silhouette with lovely topline and good angulation both front and rear. She made a beautiful picture standing in the line - up with her excellent breed type.

2 JUBILEE - KATUSHKA EBEL - This white and gold/slightly sable bitch was sound and solid with nice rear angulation and smooth, moderate movement. Nicely proportioned overall.

3 AASHTORIA IRISHBROOK JOVE LES TOURS - A white and sable bitch with a lovely head. She was a good blend of elegance and substance. Sound and moderate, but her tail carriage detracted from her overall picture moving. Still, a very nice quality bitch.

4 AASHTORIA IRISHBROOK SEZANNE - A white and tri girl with a half - marked face, she was very nice bitch though not quite as sound as one of her littersisters (#3) and not as elegant as her other sister #1, she shared many of their virtues.

VETERAN SWEPTAKE

7 - 8 males
1 MEADOWCREEK RULE THE NIGHT - A dark brindle male with good proportions; he was more refined than many of the males entered but quite correct, with nice body and bone. This dog was a very good mover, very sound, with nice easy side gait. A very worthy Borzoi.

8 - 9 males
1 CH MOROZOV’S ROCKWELL - A very handsome white and sable male with good length of leg in proportion to his body, sound and a nice mover. He had a pleasing head, nice length of neck. Everything flowed together well in this male. He was in very nice condition and coat. Ultimately, he was my BEST IN VETERAN SWEETS based on his overall quality and his wonderful balance. An excellent example of a dog who did not sacrifice soundness for style. He had nice angulation and was balanced in angles. Definitely masculine without sacrificing elegance. I was very impressed with this lovely male.

10+ males
1 CH NONSUCH PRINCE CHARMING - A white and tri male with nice substance and an elegant head with a lot of fill and depth to the muzzle, masculine without sacrificing quality. Even at this age, he had a wonderful energetic, springy side gait and clearly enjoyed being back in the ring. He was pressed for this win by a very handsome white and red male, CH TRUHAVEN’S MIDAS RUN, who made a very attractive picture standing.

7 - 8 females
1 CH MAJENKIR MIRABELLA - This was a lovely bitch, who was also sound and had good movement. She had a pleasing head that flowed into a lovely neck and shoulders, with corresponding angles in the rear. A very quality Borzoi.

8 - 9 females
1 CH SOYARA’S CHANTILLY LACE - This white and brindle/sable bitch has a commanding presence. A large, substantial girl with a sweeping rear and good length of neck, she is sound and quite the showstopper. She self - stacks beautifully and is in absolute peak condition. She also has many nice details, like good feet, a pleasing head profile, and a long classic tail which she carries well. BEST OF OPPOSITE IN VETERAN SWEEPS

9 - 10 females
1 DC BROLIN’S GOLIGHTLY HURRICANE, SC There were five bitches in this class and they were all very nice Borzoi, which made this decision difficult. Ultimately, the winner, a black bitch who was quite sound, prevailed on her smooth movement and excellent condition. Balanced in angles, she felt very good to the hand.

10+ females
1 CH DAR MOREV HINTERLAND XENA I have admired this bitch since she was a puppy and it was great to see her as a beautiful over - ten veteran. She was in fabulous condition for her age, and looked like she barely belonged in veteran class at all. She is a very attractive, balanced, moderate girl with nice lines and pleasing type. She is still quite sound and good on her feet. A lovely girl!

I have to admit, I had never really understood the concept of picking only a first place in veterans until I actually judged this event. It would have been so difficult to have had to place these marvelous veterans beyond first place. I really appreciated only having to award first place. The Veterans sweepstakes is always my favorite at the national and it was really an honor to be able to judge this event.

My appreciation to those who brought their treasured veterans out. It was wonderful to see these old timers in great condition and enjoying their moment back in the limelight. The quality of the veterans was very impressive.

When reflecting back on the day’s judging, some things stand out in this entry that breeders may want to consider. One is that the overall quality of the veterans definitely outweighed the quality of the youngsters. While I realize that the puppies are only representing a one year time span, there were also three times as many puppies entered. I think a lot could be learned by really looking at some of our best veterans, and I mean looking at the dogs themselves rather than seeing them through the veil of their reputations. Early in the day, during the puppy sweeps, the thought flashed into my mind that it was easy to see why a plain dog that is only sound on the down and back can do well. This is because a sound down and back is not that common. Of course, hopefully we want more in our dogs than just that. When I placed my first veteran class winner, I thought to myself how he was clearly one of the best - moving dogs I had judged all day up to that point and that was only the start of the veterans judging. I did see some very odd movement, especially front movement, at various times throughout the day. Sometimes when certain qualities become entrenched in a region or a bloodline, it may be difficult for people to really “see” them any more. While soundness and movement are important, a Borzoi should also be graceful standing as well with elegance and flowing silhouette and those Borzoi with many of the finer points of type are also a genetic treasure. Seeing the virtues in dogs that differ from one’s own is an important part of understanding and preserving the breed.

I had a funny moment of synchronicity on my way home. I had to fly out of Vancouver, B.C. so I found a motel once I got up there and decided to go to the aquarium to see the Orcas, being a marine mammal devotee. When I got back, I went to the restaurant annexed to my motel, sat down, and looked up to see, in large blue neon letters: “Rockwell Lounge.” I really had to laugh after putting CH Morozova’s Rockwell Best in Veteran Sweeps. §
Specialty Judge’s Critique continued

degree that he had to pay the penalty.


Open: a class with several impressive individuals but still a comfortable winner and an easy second.

1) Kenai’s Endless Ring of Lite: the star of the first day and one of the stars of the show, very easily the best mover. White with slight brindle markings. Not a big dog but certainly both big and masculine enough. Noble head, moderate neck. Well angulated both ends. Very pleasing, balanced topline. Correct bone, excellent feet. Adequate body volume. A particularly attractive personality with a smile on his face. His side movement is a lesson; so easy, unstrained and balanced with plenty of energy and no apparent effort, good enough coming and going. Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Award of Merit.

2) Gladkii Veter New Year: very attractive male with particularly impressive silhouette. Beautiful head, pleasing expression. Excellent ears. Strong neck. Well-angulated front. Beautiful, balanced topline. Pleasing body volume. Well angulated behind. Excellent bone. Moved soundly coming and going, quite pleasing from the side but could not compete with the freedom and suppleness of the winner, still RWD.

3) Svoira’s Shostakovich: another very attractive dog of high quality and with a beautiful outline. Well-shaped, classical head, long neck. Deep chest. Needs some more volume and some more weight. Excellent feet. Not in optimal coat on the day. Moved nicely balanced from the side but not nearly as impressive coming and going.


Bitches 6-9 months: pleasing class

1) Wind’N Satin Jadus V. Coburn: black bitch, 6 ½ months old. Very well constructed, well angulated with an excellent balance between front and rear. Well chiselled head, correct bite and teeth. Neck needs to lengthen with age. Deep and capacious body with pleasing topline but would not like more arch then this. Excellent feet. Enough bone. Very pleasing coat. Moved soundly coming and going, balanced from the side.

2) Rising Star Yasmine: 8 months old and more mature then the winner and more up on the legs, well constructed and with a pleasing balance. Rather mediocre in head and expression. Long neck, moderate lay-back of upper arm. Deep chest for age. Very pleasing topline and underline. Strong, powerful thighs. Well-angulated behind. Would like somewhat longer feet. Moved with a pleasing balance from the side, acceptable coming and going.

3) Rising Star Yashka: a sister to the previous and in many ways similar, the same critique goes for her. Preferred her head to the sister but not quite as shapely and less stable in movement coming and going. She has balanced angulation both ends and was light on her feet when seen from the side.

4) Zooropa Laureate Fontana Front Stretch: very eye-catching bitch of high overall quality. Beautiful head and expression but needs to strengthen in underjaw and tighten up her bite. Deep chest, well angulated in front. Slightly overdone in topline but not dramatically so. She moved very light on her feet, elegant and efficient. Unfortunately her totally flat feet are both unfunctional and unsightly.

9-12 months: rather disappointing class, most of them were obviously in between stages.

1) Golightly Brolin Ooma Franka: black and white bitch, won the class mainly on her movement; very light and well-coordinated movement and very clean coming and going. Pleasing head profile but would prefer a more noble expression. Would prefer complete dentition. Elegant neck. Moderate but balanced angulation both ends. Well proportioned body with balanced topline. In excellent muscle condition but needs to gain some more bone and substance. Prefer longer feet. Not at all in coat today.

2) Tovaritch’s Barishnya: red bitch with white. Attractive in type and outline. Feminine head of nice quality. Moderate neck. Very pleasing top- and underline. Stands very well on her legs. Needs to develop more volume and width throughout. Could not compete with the winner in movement coming and going – loose in front and unstable in hocks. She presented a very nice side picture and has nice potential.

3) Afanasii Avalon Averia: upstanding white and brindle bitch of attractive quality but looks like she has grown very quickly and now needs to settle. Beautiful head but big and flat ears. Long neck. Straight upper arm. Needs to gain a lot more depth of chest with age. Nice topline. Good feet. Tended to crab but moved quite nicely from the side.

4) Avalon Afanasii Trim and Proper: another white and brindle bitch, elegant and feminine, like her sister in front of her she is also too up on legs at this time, very straight in upper arm and lacks depth. Roman head profile and very red third eyelids which spoiled the expression. Good topline. Excellent muscle condition with very strong and wide thighs. Reasonable mover from the side, unstable in front and behind.

12-18 months: reasonable class

1) Bucksilver Painted Lady: white and brindle bitch of excellent overall quality. Gorgeous head and beautiful eyes and very inviting, friendly expression – I see that she is a daughter of Winners Dog and is reminiscent of him in this respect. Strong neck. Moderately angulated in front. Deep chest, pleasing body shape but would have preferred just a little more length of body for a bitch. Well angulated behind. Excellent legs and feet. Moved cleanly coming and going, moderate but balanced from the side. Very pleasing coat in excellent condition.

2) Gladkii Veter Matter of Taste: solid black bitch. Very well constructed. Pleasing head, strong neck. Would prefer her a little more up on legs. Deep and capacious body, I would not like more than this. Strong topline with very beautiful curves in the right places. Very good feet. Moved with excellent coordination and timing from the side but toed in quite a lot in front which took a little away from that otherwise very sound impression. Abundant coat.

3) Aashthoria Irishbrook La Rochelle: very elegant, beautiful, upstanding tricolor bitch, noble head, would have preferred a stronger underjaw and full dentition. A tendency to ewe neck. Great body curves but needs some more weight and substance in body. Balanced angulation behind. Correct feet. Moved very well from the side, acceptably coming and going.

4) Laureate Adrienne Flying First Class: very feminine and attractive tricolor bitch, would prefer a little more of her even if she is well within the standard for size. Sweet head and expression. Moderate neck, which could be smoother set into withers, rather straight in shoulders but still quite balanced. Would like to add a little more length to her outline. Hare feet. Active mover with energy, acceptable coming and going.

Novice: mixed class

1) Avalon Victoria Cross: very elegant black bitch, refined and feminine. She is very light on her feet and very coordinated and unstrained in movement despite being rather straight in the upper arm. Beautiful head and expression, ears could be smaller. Long neck. Would prefer slightly more bone. Shapely enough to win this class on her good movement, including coming and going.

2) Firebird Juls Biding My Time: red bitch, another of very pleasing type. Excellent feminine head with very pleasing expression. Too wide in front and toes in in movement but moved very well from the side. Lacked a lot of teeth. Deep chest, excellent feet. Beautiful coat and colour.

3) Aashthoria Irishbrook Sophia: eye-catching and

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Best in Futurity (Dogs, 15 months and under 18 / Best Senior Dog)

**VIRSHINA WINDSOR OF VASCHKA**

Owners: Suzan and Kenneth Tintorri

Best Opposite Sex in Futurity (Bitches - 15 months and under 18 / Best Senior Bitch)

**JUBILEE-KATUSHKA EBEL**

Owner: Cindi Gredys
Best Junior Dog (6 mos and under 9 mos)
Zooropa Laureate High Banks of Bristol
Breeders: Patty Hull and Monica Barry. By Ch. Zooropa's Singular Sensation – Ch. Laureate Adrienne Taking Flight. Owner: Patty Hull

Futurity Dogs, 9 months and under 12 months
Davmoor Vision Keeper
Breeder: Diane Davis.
By Kenai's Spirit of North Woods – DC Meadowcreek Light In The Sky, SC. Owners: Diane Davis and Heather Osborn

Futurity Dogs, 12 months and under 15 months
Laureate Bella Luna Fly Me To The Moon
Breeders: Monica E. Barry and Janis A. Leikam. By Ch. Laureate Gavril Gallant Fox – Ch. Laureate Adrienne Learning to Fly. Owner: Elizabeth A. Moon

Futurity Dogs, 18 months and under 21
Kachina-Valeska Dream Dancer
Breeder: Carol Enz. By Ch. Valeska Wilder Shores of Love – Ch. Valeska Afterglow. Owner: Carol Enz

Futurity Dogs, 21 months and under 24
Kyrov’s Devonshire Cream

Best Junior Bitch (6 mos and under 9 mos)
Rising Star Yasmin
Bitches, 9 months and under 12
AFANASHII AVALON EROEAN
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By Ch. Yegorov Sea of Change, CD – DC Wind ‘n Satin Ty Kaa, SC, MC.
Owners: Roy Silguero and Curtis Judd

Bitches, 21 months and under 24
CH. KYROV’S CUP CAKE
Breeder: Amy Sorbie.
By Ch. Kyrov’s Fanfare of the Wild Hunt – Ch. Windlord’s Efnervesce of Kyrov.
Owner: Ruth Herrmann

Bitches, 18 months and under 21
CH. KANZAI’Z ALL THAT ATTITUDE
Breeder: Karen Murray. By Ch. Osdow av Fjascho, JC – Ch. Kansai’z Call To My Heart, JC.
Owners: Janice McMinn and Jean Patten

Best Stud Dog in Futurity
CH. JUBILEE BREATH OF LIFE, CD, CGC
Owner: Cynthia Gredys

Best Brood Bitch in Futurity
CH. SOYARA’S CHANTILLY LACE, JC
Breeder: Prudence Hlatky and Sabrina Rhodes.
By Ch. Rossak of Enfield – Ch. Soyara’s Misleading Lady Esar.
Owners: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky

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3. **GOLIGHTLY BROLIN SELLIECK.** Kerstin Brolin and Marcella Zobel. By Ch. Perchotin’s Ivor, JC – Ch. Zcerlov’s Golightly Hurricane. SC. Owners: Kerstin Brolin and Marcella Zobel

**Dogs, 15 months and under 18**
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4. **SOYARA GANDALF AT DANA DAN.** Breeders: Prudence and Dr. Gregory Hlatky. By Ch. Soyara’s Titan of Blackmoo, JC – Ch. Soyara’s Chantilly Lace, JC. Owners: Dana Thompson, Prudence Hlatky and Andrietta Thompson

**Dogs, 18 months and under 21**

**Dogs, 21 months and under 42**
4. **FOLLY QT’S DOBRO ROMUL.** J C. Breeder: Maggie Rice. By Ch. Astara’s Lasting Impressing Lido – Ch. Snowgriffin’s Zima Vissalka, SC. Owner: Maggie Rice

**Bitches, 6 months and under 9**
3. **ZOOOPRA LAUREATE FONTANA FRONT STRETCH.** Breeder: Patty Hull and Monica Barry. By Ch. Zooropa’s Singular Sensation – Ch. Laureate Adrienne Taking Flight. Owner: Patty Hull

**Bitches, 9 months and under 12**
2. **AFANASHII AVALON AVERIA.** Breeders: Rebecca and Tim Neal and Sandra Moore. By DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, SC, RN, TT – Avalon Highland Mary, CGC, TT. Owner: Diana Embry
3. **GOLIGHTLY BROLIN OOMA FRANKA.** Breeders: Kerstin Brolin and Marcella Zobel. By Ch. Perchotin’s Ivor, JC – DC Brolin’s Golightly Hurricane, SC. Owners: Marcella Zobel and Kerstin Brolin
4. **AVALON AFANASHII TRIM AND PROPER.** Breeders: Rebecca and Tim Neal and Sandra Moore. By DC Avalon Jungle Fever, CD, SC, RN, TT – Avalon Highland Mary, CGC, TT. Owners: Tim and Rebecca Neal

**Bitches, 12 months and under 15**
2. **LAUREATE ADRIENNE FLYING FIRST CLASS.** Monica E. Barry and Janis A. Leikam. By Ch. Laureate Gavril Gallant Fox – Ch. Laureate Adrienne Learning to Fly. Owner: Janis A. Leikam

**Bitches, 15 months and under 18**

**Bitches, 18 months and under 21**
2. **KACHINA-VALESA WIND DANCER.** Breeder: Carol Enz. By Ch. Valeska Wilder Shores of Love – Ch. Valeska Afterglow. Owner: Carol Enz
3. **KACHINA-VALESA RAINBOW DANCER.** Breeder: Carol Enz. By Ch. Valeska Wilder Shores of Love – Ch. Valeska Afterglow. Owner: Carol Enz

**Bitches, 21 months and under 24**
4. **FOLLY QT’S SVETLANA ZOYANOVNA.** Breeder: Maggie Rice. By Ch. Astara’s Lasting Impressing Lido – Ch. Snowgriffin’s Zima Vissalka, SC. Owner: Maggie Rice
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Best in Triathlon
WINDOR LIQUID DIAMONDS V EIDOLON

Breeders: D. McDonald, M. Childs, R. Silguero and C. Taylor. By Ch. Wind ‘n Satin Just a Moment – Ch. Wind ‘n Satin Over the Edge, JC.
Owners: Dora and Gene McDonald and Mary Childs

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attractive bitch, elegant and of excellent type but not at all comfortable in the ring which affected both her expression and her movement negatively; unconcentrated and rather erratic. Long neck, very attractive body shape. Moderate but balanced angulation front and rear. Not in coat condition.

4) Elance Mystic Risque Blue: very substantial bitch, would prefer her to be more feminine. Beautiful head but would fit a male. Strong neck. Well angulated in front but too wide. Long, strong and curvy body. Well angulated behind. Too much bone which is not bladed. Excellent depth. Moved well from the side but not stable coming and going, tending to toe in in front.

Bred by Exhibitor; a big class with several exciting bitches!
1) Sylvan Vitrina Finian’s Rainbow: a stunning, elegant, feminine brindle and white bitch who radiates quality. Refined but still with enough substance. Just the right curves in just the right places. Beautiful, classical head. Elegant neck but with a slight tendency to ewe neck. Excellent feet. Well angulated behind. Most importantly; her side movement is as good as it gets – she just flowed with great coordination and energy and looked like she could go all day, also better than most coming and going. From the moment I set my eyes on her, I knew she would be the one to beat. It turned out that none of the class bitches could and she won Winners Bitch, Best Bred by in Show and an Award of Merit.

2) Vitrina Sylvan One From The Heart: another stunning brindle and white bitch, litter sister to the winner and very much alike her, much of the same qualities and shape and again a stunning mover from the side. She needs to gain weight and can then trouble the best, including her sister.

3) Bonsai Lost Creek Chicory, JC: very attractive white and black bitch with a stunning head and expression from her well-shaped, beautiful eyes. Excellent ears. Strong neck, well angulated in front. Deep and capacious chest. Strong loin, in excellent condition. Attractive silhouette. Very pleasing feet and coat. Moved soundly coming and going but could not quite com-

4) Sunburst Heaven’Lee Splendor: very handsome but at just turned one year old looking youthful and a bit too up on legs for this class and needs to settle into her mature balance. Beautiful, long head. Long neck, straight in upper arm but moved surprisingly well in spite of this, probably because she is just moderately angulated behind as well. Reasonable coming and going. Very good legs and feet. Not in her best coat today.

American Bred; rather mediocre class with a very comfortable winner.
1) Eldomar Sterling Melina: Very useful, big, substantial bitch with a very attractive balance. Would not like any more of her but she is still feminine enough. Noble head, good ears. Strong neck, well angulated in front, deep chest. Moderate but pleasing curves. Strong bone but still bladed. Excellent body with hard musculature. Moved with balance and harmony from the side, very well from behind, toed in a bit in front.

2) Rising Star Dipauls Tzeitel, JC: quite different from the winner; much smaller, very feminine tricolor. Well made but still not fully developed. Would prefer some more bone. Attractive body shape. Somewhat straight in shoulder. Stands well on her legs and moved normally sound coming and going, also reasonable from the side when she decides to open up.

3) Jihad’s Katya Tete de Cuvee: strong and substantial white and red bitch who stands well over ground. Deep and capacious chest. Would prefer some more topline. Moved with good drive from the side and well from behind but rather highstepping and unstable in front. Flat feet that should be tighter.

4) Firebird Juls High Hopes, JC: red and white bitch, very feminine and elegant but too up on legs. Pleasing head, long neck. Straight upper arm. Not fully developed in body volume and shape, looking younger than her age. Good hindquarters. Moved soundly coming and going but raised her tail in action.

2) Kachina-Valeska Wind Dancer: another streamlined bitch, sable, in many ways similar to the winner, also very feminine and elegant. Noble head, moderate angulation in front. Excellent feet. Attractive topline but still not quite as outstanding in silhouette as the winner and would prefer some more angulation of stifles. She is still young and with the best to come. Moved very well from all angles.

3) FC Gladkii Veter Josephine, SC: another very attractive bitch, white and light fawn, with a beautiful silhouette. Beautiful quality head but rather narrow in underjaw. Very attractive neck, well angulated both ends. Curvy body covering good ground. Rather flat feet. Most attractive standing still, pleasing in movement too but not quite stable behind.

4) Zimistraija Savldai Soaring Velocity: another very attractive tricolor bitch with a beautiful quality head but rather narrow underjaw. Elegant neck, very good layback of upper arm, attractive curvy body. Very good legs and feet. Moved quite soundly coming and going and reasonable from the side but not quite the suppleness of those in front of her. Interesting to see in the catalogue that she is a Swedish import from a sire and a breeder that could teach the youngsters a thing or two about movement.

Veteran Dogs, 7-10: good class, only one placement was offered.

1) CH. Dar Morev’s Hinterland Xena: 10 year old bitch of excellent type and overall appearance and in superb form for her 10 years. Beautiful head but rather low set and large ears. Long neck. Balanced angulation front and read. Deep chest. Could carry some more topline but who can blame her at her age. Excellent legs, hare feet. Moved very well from all angles, again one who could teach the youngsters a thing or two about movement.

Veteran Dogs, 10+: great class with three outstanding dogs in surprisingly great condition for their age.


Veteran Bitch, 7-10: very good class but the winner truly stood out.

1) CH. Soyara’s Chantilly Lace, JC: truly outstanding white and brindle bitch of optimal type, balance, construction, shape and quality. Strong and powerful, still elegant and feminine enough. Embodies the standard and so hard to seriously criticize. She is just beautiful and knows it very well herself. I would like to change just one thing about her but her great qualities are so readily apparent and overwhelming and her imperfections so minor that they shall remain unmentioned. BOB.

Veteran Bitch, 10+: very good class but the winner truly stood out.

1) CH. Jubilee Mists of Eden, CGC: attractive bitch of excellent type and excellent substance. Beautiful head but rather low set and large ears. Long neck. Balanced angulation front and rear. Deep chest. Could carry some more topline but who can blame her at her age. Excellent legs, hare feet. Moved very well from all angles, again one who could teach the youngsters a thing or two about movement.

Stud Dog:

1) CH. Valeska Wilder Shores of Love: white and black dog with a group of similar and very attractive offspring; racy and with very attractive, curvy outlines, refined but substantial enough, excellent legs and feet, coordinated movers, very light on their feet. The sire is stronger than his offspring and not as elegant and I actually find the get more attractive then their sire. Breeding should be about improving and here was a dog that gives his good qualities but not his imperfections to his offspring.

2) CH. Valeska Sailor Ripley: almost white male with some crème with two beautiful daughters. He has left much of himself in his offspring; excellent outlines, long necks, impressive side movement. He himself and one of the daughters could be improved in front action, the other daughter is truly outstanding.

3) CH. Perchotin’s Ivar: sound dog white with black&d brindle markings, very sound mover. He has given a lot of his sound movement to his two class-winning offspring. His son is a better version of his father but even if the daughter has inherited many of her sires qualities, she is not up to the brother and father – at least not yet.

4) CH. Rising Star Kajai Priam: big, strong dog, covering plenty of ground with a group of very youthful offspring. They have inherited his strong bone and body volume but also his less than average head to a degree. The group impresses with their no-nonsense soundness and strength and effective movement for their age.

Brood bitch:

1) CH. Valeska Afterglo: a brood bitch with very typey offspring, they are all somewhat more refined then their mother with beautiful outlines, excellent side movement and above average coming and going. The group is very comparable to the winning stud dog class.

2) CH. V’Indra’s Odessa of Sunburst: very big and strong tricolor bitch with offspring that have inherited their mothers bone, depth and width. They are all very similar standing but one dog tended to spoil the group in movement as he is overly exuberant and raises his tail.

3) CH. Rising Star’s Liberty Belle: very beautiful white and red bitch. Easily the most attractive of the dams, her offspring are very young and even though mature for their age, immature for this class but very sound and promising. Would have liked the offspring to have inherited the mothers head qualities (refer to 4th in stud dog)

4) DC Golightly Golightly Hurricane: big and strong, brood bitch-like dam with two young, attractive offspring but they have inherited more from their sire (3rd in stud dog) than from their dam.

BOS was won by CH. Laureate Adrienne Luminary: a most handsome, very high-quality stallion of a male. I was very particularly impressed with his overall balance and outline, which he kept at all times on the move. He represented the optimal balance between elegance and substance. He has a beautiful expression from dark, well-shaped eyes, strong and crested neck, balanced angulation both ends. He was an excellent mover; sound and typical from all angles. I was surprised to learn that he was already six years old as he looked like he still has the best to come. He made a stunning pair with BOB-winning veteran bitch.

I would also like to make a special mention of the recipients of the Awards of Merit that have not already been mentioned, however I did not take down any notes about them and thus cannot give an individual critique of each of them. I found them all very worthy of their champion titles and their AOMs:

DC Sylvan Seabury Virago
CH. Kansal’z Elsa
DC Golightly Glacis Lereau, SC
Ch. Rising Star’s Liberty Belle
CH. Irishbrook Lovely Lady
**Top Conformation Borzoi**

MBISS CH. RAYNBO'S WINTER ROSE

Owners: Roni & Jennifer Zucker

**Top Best Opposite Sex Borzoi**

CH. SUNBURST HUNTSMAN AT MECHTA

Owners: Garnett Thompson & Marilyn McGraw

**Breeders of the Top Borzoi**

Roni & Jennifer Zucker

**Top AKC Lure Coursing**

DC VENTO DANZA AUSTRI SC, MC, FCH.

Owners: Roy Silguero, Curtis Judd, & Mary Childs

**Top ASFA Lure Coursing**

PHENANTHREN'S ARWEN TSARYTSN RYHKA SC, LCM3

Owners: Ronny Blackstock & Kerie Hudson
Top Obedience Borzoi

Nickolai Rynard Aziza Riuju JC, NJP, CD, RN

Owners: Rich & June Mintchell

Top Open Field Coursing

Folly Qtrs' Svetlana Zoyanovna

Owner: Margaret Rice

Top Versatility Borzoi

Ch. Svora's Stonehenge SC, RN, FCH

Owner: Shirley McFadden

Top Junior Handler

Stuart Mcgraw